



California State Senator

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

- The Department of Consumers Affairs protects California consumers by providing a safe and fair marketplace through oversight, enforcement, and licensure of professions.
- The DCA provides an online service, BreEZe, which is a new licensing and enforcement system for consumers, licensees and applicants.
 - Services provided by BreEZe include:
 - Apply for or renew a state license
 - Change of address
 - File a consumer complaint
 - Verify a professional license



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

- The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) administers the state's sales and use tax, and collects fees to fund and administer 37 specific state tax and fee programs. More than 1.3 million California businesses are registered with the department to engage in retail sales in the state.
- The CDTFA also offers taxpayer education in the form of seminars for small businesses and nonprofits, and classes and workshops that assist taxpayers in understanding and filing their sales and use tax returns.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION ONLINE SERVICES

- The CDTFA's online resources include videos and presentations that guide business owners through the registration, filing and record keeping process, many offered in languages other than English.
- Their website also includes a list of publications that cover CDTFA-administered taxes and fees, as well as guidance in matters such as Collection Procedures, Offers in Compromise or the Tax Appeals Assistance Program.



FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

- The California Franchise Tax Board's primary function is to administer the Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).
- **Online Services Include:**
 - Forms and publications
 - All filing information
 - Limited Liability Companies-Filing Requirements
 - Sole Proprietorship
 - Charities and Nonprofits
 - Tax rates and exemptions
 - How to revive a business
 - How to close a business
 - Access an entity status letter



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GO-BIZ)

- Go-Biz serves as the State of California's leader for job growth and economic development efforts.
- **GO-Biz programs include:**
 - Business Investment Services
 - Community Reinvestments Grants Program
 - California Competes Tax Credit
 - California Film Commission
 - California Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank)
 - CA Made
 - California Travel and Tourism
 - Permit Assistance
 - Small Business Assistance
 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - Zero Emission Vehicles



CALIFORNIA COMPETES TAX CREDIT

- An income tax credit available to businesses that want to come to California or stay and grow in California. Tax credit agreements are negotiated by GO-Biz and approved by a statutorily created “California Competes Tax Credit Committee,” consisting of the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of GO-Biz, and one appointee each by the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Committee on Rules.
- \$24 million in tax credits have been awarded to businesses in the district since 2014.

California Competes Tax Credit Next
Application Round:
March 4, 2019 through March 25, 2019



CA MADE



- CA Made is a state labeling program designed to encourage consumer awareness and to promote the purchase of products manufactured in California.
 - Products that are approved receive services which include:
 - A license to use the CA Made label
 - Website promotion of company and product
 - Information on services from program partners
 - Marketing via Go-Biz's social media sites



SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXPANSION PROGRAM

- **The 2018-2019 State Budget dedicated:**
 - \$23 million to establish a program to provide funding to augment existing small business services such as free or low-cost one-on-one consulting and low-cost training.
 - \$17 million to technical assistance centers with a focus on services to underserved business groups, including women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses and businesses in low-wealth, rural, and disaster-impacted communities.
 - \$3 million in local cash match funding for Small Business Development Centers.
 - \$3 million in local cash match funding targeted for other federal small business technical assistance centers.



Small Business Development Centers

- Entrepreneurial Proof of Concept and Innovation Center (EPIC), SBDC
- \$10 Million Highlander Fund. The first venture capital fund in the Riverside area, will provide seed capital to qualified applicants. The fund will target technologies that can be matched with a targeted vertical market such as healthcare, energy, the environment, and agriculture.
 - <https://www.ucreduotp.net/epic>
- Special services include consulting, training, and workshops.
- Assistance with Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer applications.



IBANK

- California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (Ibank) was created to finance public infrastructure and private development that promotes a healthy climate for jobs, contributes towards a strong economy and improves the quality of life in California communities.
- IBank encourages lenders to make small business loans to those businesses having difficulty obtaining access to capital.
- Financial institutions, credit unions, and Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFI's) may make small business loans directly to the small business with the State Guarantee to minimize their risk of capital.



IBANK PROGRAMS

- Loans up to: \$20,000,000
 - **Programs Include:**
 - ISRF, the Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program
 - CLEEN, the California Lending for Energy and Environmental Needs Center
 - SBFC, the Small Business Finance Center
 - <http://www.ibank.ca.gov/small-business-finance-center/>
 - Bond Financing Program



IS MY BUSINESS ADA COMPLIANT?

- Hiring a CASp inspector:
 - Know the date of original construction
 - Know the improvement history
 - Know the public accommodation areas of your facility
 - Read your lease agreements
 - Ask your landlord if the facility has had a CASp inspection
- Certified Access Specialist program (CASp) for inspections:
 - <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/programs/programcert/casp.aspx>
- CA Capital Access Program offers financing options for ADA improvements:
 - <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/sb/index.asp>



TEAM ROTH VICTORIES

- **Funding for UCR:** Secured funding for the UCR School of Medicine in 2013, training hundreds of new medical doctors for our underserved region.
- **City Funding:** Fought for over four years to secure the restoration of funding for California's four newest cities – Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, and Wildomar. Victory – up to \$19 million per year was secured for our cities in 2017.
- **Ensuring ADA Compliance:** Enacted legislation (SB 269) to help ensure individuals with disabilities have a full and fair opportunity to access facilities and services and further ensure that business owners have the education and training necessary to comply with Federal and State disability access laws and regulation. For the first time, created a “Notice and Right to Cure” for business ADA violations under specified conditions.



TEAM ROTH VICTORIES

- **Bringing Jobs to the Region:** Secured \$419 million for the new California Air Resources Board vehicle emissions testing facility under construction at UC Riverside, bringing over 400 new jobs to the Region.
- **Promoting Economic Development:** Collaborated with the Governor to enact the California Economic Development Initiative, providing new employment hiring tax credits, sales/use tax exemptions, and California Competes Tax Credits for business looking to move or expand in California. (As a result, Western Riverside County businesses were awarded over \$24 million in California Competes tax credits between 2014 and 2018!)



2018-2019 STATE BUDGET MAKES SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN SENATE DISTRICT 31

- **INVESTING IN MENTAL HEALTH** – \$40 million in new medical residency slots and more doctors in medically underserved areas like Riverside County, and \$15 million to establish an innovative tele-psychiatry program at the UCR School of Medicine. This tele-psychiatry program will provide mental health services to areas of Riverside County that are the most underserved through the use of mobile treatment units, new psychiatric residents and technology.



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- **STANDING FOR VETERANS** – \$1.7 million to expand the California Work for Warriors program, providing jobs for California's servicemembers, veterans, and their spouses. A portion of \$3.5 million (and \$3.3 million ongoing) will go to expand the California Military Institute in Perris, California, which serves over 1,000 students from 5th to 12th grade. Part of the California Cadet Corps Program, the California Military Institute is California's only school-based, applied leadership program conducted within a military framework, stressing leadership, citizenship, patriotism, and academic excellence.



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- **IMPROVING ACCESS TO JUSTICE** – Two new trial court judgeships for Riverside County – the first new trial judge positions in the state since 2007. One new Appellate Justice for the Fourth District Court of Appeal for Riverside/ San Bernardino Counties – the first new Appellate Justice in California in 18 years.



2018 LEGISLATION

- **SB 1087:** Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs can be useful financing tool, allowing California homeowners to make energy-efficiency upgrades to their homes. However, stronger consumer protections must be enacted to give control back to homeowners. This bill demands greater accountability and transparency of PACE financing by making important changes to the PACE program, cementing into law that a person must be clearly told what they can afford before signing a PACE contract. It also allows consumers to verify the person selling the product is in good standing with the state. Signed by Governor Brown September, 2018
- **SB 1071:** Many members of the military seek to further their education when returning to civilian life. When enrolling in the California Community College system, they often find it difficult to predict what coursework credits they may already be entitled to based off of their previous military training and experience. This bill streamlines that transitional process by requiring the California Community Colleges to develop, adopt, and implement a uniform policy to award credit to military personnel and veterans who have a Joint Services Transcript. Signed by Governor Brown September, 2018.



2018 LEGISLATION

- **SB 1080:** In California, there are approximately 190,000 active duty military members and thousands more of their immediate family members – on top of the 30,000 transitioning veterans and their own families returning or relocating to California each year. To help supplement their household income following relocation, driving for a Transportation Network Company (TNC) such as Lyft or Uber would ensure that our active duty military personnel and their families, who temporarily reside in California, have the same access to employment opportunities as every other Californian. Signed by Governor Brown September, 2018.
- **SB 1104:** This bill requires schools to share human trafficking prevention resources with parents and guardians. California leads the nation with the most reported cases of human trafficking. While state lawmakers have passed important bills over the years that require teachers and students be provided information related to this insidious crime, California has not included parents and guardians. SB 1104 fixes that missing link. Signed by Governor Brown September, 2018.



BILLS INTRODUCED FOR 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- **Greater Access to Justice for Inland Southern California:** Senator Roth introduced SB 16 to bring six new superior court judgeships to California and relieve an overwhelming pressure felt in the state's justice system.
- **Fighting Inland Southern California Health Care Crisis:** Senator Roth introduced SB 56 to appropriate \$80 million for the construction of a dedicated facility for the UCR School of Medicine and an additional \$25 million in operational support. This bill provides funding to double the number of its medical students to 500.



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