

# Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy

## *Policy and Legislative Priorities for 2017*

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the California State Capitol, Room 127, 9:30 to noon

### Preliminary AGENDA

The Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy is convening its first hearing of the 2017-18 Session. Supporting a business environment that encourages start-ups, supports new job creation, and provides for general economic growth requires both a commitment to sound economic policies and openness to update programs and services to address current market needs. Today's hearing will provide an opportunity for the Members to adopt committee rules and to engage with internal and external stakeholders on the 2017 issues and priorities.

#### **I. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Statements**

*Chair and Members of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy will give opening statements and frame the key issues to be examined during the hearing.*

#### **II. Adoption of the Committee Rules**

*The Committee will review and consider the operating rules for 2017-18. A draft of these rules has been posted on the committee website and copies were also available outside the Committee Office.*

#### **III. Priorities of the California Workforce Development Board**

- *Tim Rainey, Executive Director, California Workforce Development Board*

*The California Workforce Development Board (Board) is responsible for the state's implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Board also provides advice to the Governor and Legislature, and generally serves as the state's primary place where labor, business, industry, and education stakeholders come together. Mr. Rainey served as Director since 2011.*

#### **IV. Priorities of Businesses, Workers, and Entrepreneurs**

- *James Mayer, President and Chief Executive Officer, California Forward*
- *Dorothy Rothrock, President, California Manufacturers and Technology Association*
- *Bob Lanter, Executive Director, California Workforce Association*
- *Mark Hebert, California Director, Small Business Majority*

*California's economic dominance is supported through a range of robust business and industry sectors. California workers and owners produced \$2.4 trillion of economic value in 2015, ranking the state as the 6<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world. In this panel, Members will hold an open dialogue with stakeholders on their policy and legislative priorities for 2017. This panel is the first in a series of opportunities stakeholders will have to address the Committee on issues of general concern.*

#### **V. Priorities of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development**

- *Panorea Avdis, Director, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development*

*The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development serves as one of the state's primary point of contacts for business start-ups, expansions, and relocations. Since its inception in 2011, GO-Biz has developed a range of programs and serves, including an expanding internet platform (<http://businessportal.ca.gov/>) where business can find information on permitting, regulations, and resources for accessing to capital, business incentives, and a skilled workforce. Ms. Avdis has served as Director since 2015.*

#### **VI. Public Comment**

*Anyone interested in addressing the Committee may sign up to speak during the public comment period. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the hearing room. Written comments may also be submitted to the Committee Office.*

#### **VII. Closing Remarks**

*Assemblymembers will make closing remarks and offer recommendations on further actions by the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy.*