



ORANGE COUNTY
BUSINESS COUNCIL

AGENDA



Orange County Business Council
Sacramento Advocacy Trip

March 23-24, 2026

TRIP AGENDA

Advocacy Meetings

The Citizen Hotel
7th Floor Metropolitan Terrace,
926 J St., Sacramento, CA 95814

OC Legislative Reception & Dinner

Cafeteria 15L
1116 15th St.,
Sacramento, CA 95814

MONDAY, MARCH 23

The Citizen Hotel, 7th Floor Metropolitan Terrace

- 9:45 a.m.** Registration
- 10:20 a.m.** Welcome Remarks: Amanda Walsh, OCBC
Title Sponsor Remarks: Steve Finnegan,
Automobile Club of Southern California
- 10:30 a.m.** Durriya Syed, Deputy Commissioner, California Department of Insurance
- 10:50 a.m.** The Honorable Avelino Valencia, State Assembly, 68th District
- 11:05 a.m.** Toks Omishakin, Secretary of Transportation, State of California
- 11:25 a.m.** **Lunch – Hosted by American Career College/West Coast University**
Lunch Sponsor Remarks: Kristin Christophersen, DNP, MBA, RN,
West Coast University
- 12:00 p.m.** The Honorable Buffy Wicks, State Assembly, 14th District
- 12:30 p.m.** Gabe Petek, Legislative Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office
- 1:00 p.m.** Samantha Arthur, Deputy Secretary for Water,
California Natural Resources Agency
- 1:30 p.m.** The Honorable Tony Strickland, State Senate, 36th District
- 2:00 p.m.** QUICK BREAK
- 2:05 p.m.** Ben Golombek, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff for Policy,
CalChamber
- 2:30 p.m.** Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO,
California Building Industry Association
- 3:00 p.m.** The Honorable Josh Hoover, State Assembly, 7th District
- 3:30 p.m.** BREAK
- 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** **OC Legislative Reception & Dinner at Cafeteria 15L –
Hosted by Disneyland Resort**
Reception & Dinner Sponsor Remarks: Disneyland Resort

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

The Citizen Hotel, 7th Floor Metropolitan Terrace

- 7:30 a.m.** **Breakfast – Hosted by Chevron**
- 8:20 a.m.** Welcome Remarks: Amanda Walsh, OCBC
- 8:26 a.m.** Breakfast Sponsor Remarks: Jill Dunn, Chevron
- 8:30 a.m.** The Honorable Catherine Blakespear, State Senate, 38th District
- 9:00 a.m.** Jeremy Empol, President and CEO,
California’s Credit Unions and Nevada’s Credit Unions
- 9:30 a.m.** The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris, State Assembly, 73rd District
- 10:00 a.m.** The Honorable Heath Flora, State Assembly Minority Leader, 9th District
- 10:30 a.m.** Derek Kirk, Senior Advisor for Economic Policy
Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development
- 10:55 a.m.** **Lunch – Hosted by Municipal Water District of Orange County**
Lunch Sponsor Remarks: Larry Dick,
Municipal Water District of Orange County
- 11:05 a.m.** The Honorable Brian W. Jones, State Senate Minority Leader, 40th District
- 11:25 a.m.** Tia Boatman Patterson, President and CEO,
California Community Reinvestment Corporation
- 11:50 a.m.** Adjourn

Speakers and schedule subject to change.



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