CORE POLICIES
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BUSINESS AND TAX POLICIES
Preserve SAIF and its reserve funds for the purpose of increasing worker safety and protecting injured workers’ benefits
Oppose gross receipts based taxes
Support pro-job-creating tax incentives

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS
Preserve Highway Trust Fund
Support infrastructure funding at the federal, state and local level (including water and sewer systems, education capital investments K–16)
Advocate for a comprehensive transportation funding package to meet growing statewide maintenance, preservation and expansion needs, and mitigate congestion, and support multi-modal transportation investments

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS
Advocate for full funding of Ballot Measure 98, in particular expansion of Career Technical Education
Support flexible/cooperative apprenticeship utilization model featuring slow phase-in, waivers, large projects only, non-craft specific, implementation committee comprised of equal numbers of contractors and labor representatives
Support comprehensive federal immigration reform featuring industry labor needs
(*Oppose attempts to undo Supreme Court medical marijuana ruling requiring no accommodation)

COMPETITIVE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTING LAWS
Support the use of CMGC, Design-Build, Public-Private Partnerships (P3) and other alternative contracting methods only when the public benefits have been verified and all contractors are able to compete on a level playing field
Preserve marketplace competition and construct-by-contract principles and oppose government-mandated material and/or contractor preferences
Support aspirational diversity efforts focused on strengthening contractors’ capacity to compete for work
Advocate for prevailing wage projects limited to true “public works” only
Oppose mandated project labor agreements

**INDUSTRY SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

Advocate an incentive-oriented approach that covers the full cost for emissions reduction equipment

Oppose California’s strict off-road emissions equipment rules

Advocate for a state-funded, comprehensive, data-driven inventory and analysis for all public and private off-road diesel fleets

Oppose new environmental regulations that will impose a financial burden on the industry and/or the broader economy

**INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES**

Licensure Standards: Preserve principle features of enhanced commercial licensure standards. Consider modifications aimed at reducing unnecessary costs for all contractors

Prompt Pay: Support strengthening existing laws to ensure prompt payment throughout chain of commerce—owner to General Contractor, to Specialty Contractor, to Supplier

Retention: Preserve retainage as industry practice to ensure accountability, predictability and stability throughout chain of commerce—owner to General, to Specialty Contractor, to Supplier

Preserve the Construction Contractors Board’s ability to effectively and efficiently serve our industry

**EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONSHIP**

Oppose unnecessary, “one-size-fits-all” government intrusions across business sectors

Oppose additional employer-paid mandates

Support a state preemption of local wage, hour and benefit mandates