



CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

CHAMBER ACHIEVEMENT

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber is a catalyst to create business prosperity and improve the community. . .

1. By Creating a Strong Local Economy

Top Silicon Valley businesses began tackling pressing state and federal tax issues facing many businesses, including repatriation of overseas earnings.

Via the annual Study Mission to Portland, Oregon, 45 business and civic leaders learned best practices on how to expand and attract business in the Silicon Valley.

The chamber successfully supported creation of a new single point-of-contact with the state of California for businesses seeking to create new jobs or expand.

Chamber members successfully advocated for bringing nonstop passenger service between San Jose and Tokyo, Japan.

2. By Providing Business Connections & Business Exposure

Via the online directory, chamber businesses received 220 referrals on average per day from businesses and individuals around the world.

The weekly Business Referral Network meetings provided more than 6,000 business referrals.

Nearly 5,000 members of the business community were connected to leading Silicon Valley firms by attending the chamber's signature monthly and annual events.

Organized more than 70 free events that connect members with expert help, networking opportunities and business referrals.

3. By Representing the Interests of Business to Government

The chamber continued to strongly advocate for pension and benefit reform by the city of San Jose, developing 10 principles to guide the mayor and city council as they attempt to solve ongoing budget insolvency issues.

To further reduce San Jose City budget shortfalls and help the city move "at the speed of business," the chamber advocated for outsourcing of city services to the private sector.

4. By Promoting the Community

Partnering with the San Jose Unified School District, the chamber brought businesses together to provide input as the district creates a new strategy to improve graduation rates and provide 21st Century workforce skills.

The GoWell Health Summit demonstrated to nearly 100 businesses how to create and encourage a healthy workplace and workforce.

5. By Initiating Political and Community Action

The chamber's political action committee raised nearly \$270,000 to support business-friendly candidates in upcoming elections throughout Silicon Valley.

The ChamberPAC Candidate School briefed 17 Silicon Valley candidates and others on how to conduct a respected, ethical election campaign.

The new Access Silicon Valley events brought together nearly 50 member businesses and elected leaders across Santa Clara County each quarter.

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber speaks for the entire Silicon Valley business community. Our membership ranges from large Fortune 500 firms to small, family-owned businesses. They share a common understanding: Protecting and improving the Silicon Valley business climate is the key to our future prosperity.

With our members continued support, we can ensure that Silicon Valley remains the best choice for business and a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

SJSV Chamber's annual program of work is led by a 70-member board that consists of business leaders from our membership located across the entire Silicon Valley. Acting on behalf of nearly 1,500 members, the chamber creates programs and events for members that build a strong local economy and provide premier business connections and exposure to companies that represent nearly 250,000 employees throughout the region.

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