

Help us Help your Company: Tell us your top issues

The world has changed. From the economy, to Washington D.C., to China and the rest of our region's big trading partners, to Sacramento, to the "facts on the ground" in the Bay Area – there is no doubt we have entered a new era. We figure this is a healthy time to ask our members and allies how the Bay Area Council can help you survive or succeed in the near - and long-term - through the public policy process. Please take 60 seconds (or as much time as you want) to tell us your top three issues you want the Council to focus on: [click here](#). As always, your response will be kept confidential.

Convention Summit Cracks Open Reform Trapdoor

From George Skelton, the *Los Angeles Times*' political columnist [interviewing Governor Schwarzenegger](#): "You know one thing, what you have now in place is not functional. The rest of the world is laughing at us...." Meanwhile, two blocks from the Capitol in a hotel banquet room, 400 business leaders, good-government types, policy wonks, and dissatisfied citizens were convening a "summit" to discuss a potential agenda for a constitutional convention. The event was a sellout that overflowed the hotel banquet hall. "I love that. I love that," Schwarzenegger said. "That just shows you what the interest is." Does he favor an actual convention? "Love it. Love it."



From a Bay Area Council member: "I wanted to let you know that I was very impressed with the program that you and your team put together to address the critical issues now facing our state.... the truth is that our government is broken. I admire your leadership to have these difficult conversations and look forward to the opportunity to support your efforts in finding solutions for these vexing problems. [Our Company] is proud to be a member of BAC."



One of the state's best known political watchers: "Congratulations on a wonderful event today. Now you've got a snowball rolling here."

By all accounts, the [Constitutional Convention Summit](#), did its job – granted, few things are ever truly perfect. Our army of reformers is growing, the media have bought in, leaders are getting on board and the wildfire seems to have been set. The effort is grueling – like pushing a loaded bus up a hill – and success is not guaranteed, but we will do our best.

Stories of the Week

Coverage of the Summit included the following: [Los Angeles Times](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [Associated Press](#), [The Oakland Tribune](#), [Santa Rosa Press Democrat](#), [Ventura County Star](#), [KQED](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#), [KCBS](#), [Capital Public Radio](#), [Victorville Daily Press](#), [Christian Science Monitor](#), [KCRA](#)