

Senator Feinstein to Lead BAC Delegation to China in Nov.

Already serving as the Honorary Chair, this Wednesday, Senator Dianne Feinstein reached a vacationing Jim Wunderman at an unnamed large U.S. island in the Pacific, to confirm that she will indeed lead the delegation of Bay Area Council members and California political leaders to China this November 12-14 in Shanghai. As we have written about in the [San Jose Mercury News](#), China has one of the world's worst pollution problems but is also racing to fix those problems. They have asked for Bay Area-Silicon Valley help with pollution and energy efficiency issues and technology, and our [US | China Green Tech Summit](#) is a major step towards offering help – one that Chinese leaders are taking very seriously. Senator Feinstein will be joined on our trip by some of California's top political leaders, including San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, leaders from our state legislature and perhaps some of the state's constitutional officers. Mayor Newsom will be at the Summit, but he will also launch – with the Bay Area Council and the SF Chamber of Commerce – a comprehensive international business recruitment, expansion, and retention strategy that builds on the Bay Area's core strengths for international businesses and creates a systematic approach for converting business opportunities in China into tangible results for the Bay Area economy. The "China Desk" will be established with offices in San Francisco and Shanghai. The Shanghai office will focus on lead generation, marketing and identifying in-bound business opportunities. The Bay Area office will be responsible for successfully converting recruitment leads into decisions by Chinese companies to locate here, provide comprehensive business assistance to Chinese companies located in San Francisco and the Bay Area, and serve as a resource for Bay Area companies doing business in China.



Capacity for the trip is limited, so members and others interested in joining should sign up as quickly as possible at: www.bayareacouncil.org/greentech. Contact Kristen Durham at 415-946-8736 or kdurham@bayareacouncil.org with questions.

The US | China Green Tech Summit in Shanghai will be an historic, unparalleled gathering of the highest-level U.S. and Chinese business and government leaders working on clean technology and environmental issues. The goal is to foster urgently needed cross-Pacific collaboration, investment and business-to-business or business-to-government deals.

Article of the Week

[Matier and Ross column](#) on Mayor Newsom's plans to attend the Council's US | China Green Tech Summit in Shanghai.

Quote of the Week

"There is no discernible end in sight." - [Sacramento Bee story](#) on the latest ever state budget.

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