



## California Continues Scoring at the Bottom of the 'Business Class'

By Senator Mark Wyland (R-Carlsbad)

For the last 14 years the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council has released their "Small Business Survival Index." The study rates states on how friendly they are to small business. The factors range from taxes and various regulatory costs to government spending and property rights.

This year, California ranked 49th. This comes on the heels of numerous other business-friendly studies that also have our Golden State ranked toward the bottom. If this isn't a wake-up call for lawmakers to stop regulating and

start producing more business friendly policies, I don't know what is.

The Legislature must stop imposing unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions that encourage businesses to pack up and move out of California for a better deal elsewhere. Until that changes, we can't expect businesses—and most importantly the jobs they create—to stay put in California. It's time for the Legislature to match their actions to their rhetoric when it comes to supporting small business.

*Senator Mark Wyland represents the people of the 38th Senate District, which includes cities in north San Diego County and the south Orange County cities of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.*



## Our Education System Needs Real Reform

By: Assemblyman Martin Garrick

Last week, the Assembly had an opportunity to pass meaningful reform for our battered education system. Unfortunately, special interests and political power plays derailed those efforts.

California is in line to compete with the rest of the nation for federal "Race to the Top" funds, a program designed to provide vital resources to our schools provided they meet certain criteria. Several pieces of legislation emerged over the last few months that would have met the federal requirements and significantly reformed our education system. In fact, I was happy to co-author Senate Bill 5x

I that would have done just that.

Unfortunately, the Assembly Education Committee chose instead to bow to the pressures of the unions and special interest groups and introduce a watered down version of the bill – Assembly Bill x5 8. Instead of empowering parents, encouraging charter schools, and requiring accountability, the bill focused on creating new bureaucracies and restricting parental choice.

Should the Governor make good on his promise to veto the bill, I stand ready to readdress the situation and finally pass the reform our parents and children deserve.

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Dr. Gwynn uses her life experience to guide women striving to be successful. Carol LeBeau is a celebrated local icon who covered health news for nearly three decades and now pursues her passion of advocating for healthy lifestyles. Pat Reno has been in the financial industry since 1987; currently First Vice President-Financial Consultant of the Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management. She is a former teacher, frequent speaker, and longtime volunteer in the community.



L-R, Pat Reno, Dr. Alicia Gwynn, Carol LeBeau and Angelo Damante

The Women's Executive Forum and dinner was presented in Rancho Bernardo by the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce (SDNCC) and the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), moderated by Angelo Damante.

## Senator Mark Wyland to Speak at The Escondido Republican Club Meeting

On December 21, The Escondido Republican Club Meeting will be held, with social starting at 11:30am and lunch at 12noon, at Cocina del Charro, 525 No. Quince, Escondido. Senator Mark Wyland will be the speaker and will give an update on the happenings in Sacramento. He represents the people of the 38th Senate District; serves on seven committees, chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, and vice-chair of both the Senate

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Education Committee and the Senate Labor & Industrial Relations Committee. Mark grew up in Escondido, where he attended local schools.

A Mexican buffet lunch includes tostada bar, enchiladas, beans, rice, and salad. Cost is \$12/person; chips, salsa and beverages included. Reservations are now being handled online, and if you do not have Internet access, call Sharon Wood at 760.741.5060 by Friday, December 18. For this meeting, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting

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