

California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer Speaks at the BABRT Regarding Future of Green Business in California's Economy



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Oakland – California. On Thursday, April 30th, California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer will speak before the Bay Area Business RoundTable (BABRT) on the future of green business in California's strained economy. The BABRT meets monthly at the Homewood Suites Hotel in Oakland, California. Elected as State Treasurer in 2006, Lockyer has served as California Attorney General and President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate.

Having held elective office since 1973, Lockyer has arguably had more varied executive and legislature experience than any other current official of the State Government. Fifteen years before the Exxon-Valdez disaster, during 1974, Lockyer wrote the first environmental legislation to provide State funding for the detailed process of emergency oil spill decontamination.

His signature environmental achievement came in 1987 with a bill to create a Bay Trail, which he envisioned as an eventual 500-mile-long hiking and cycling path. Once completed, the Bay Trail will be a continuous recreational corridor, with adjacent bayshore parks and protected natural habitats that are intended to eventually encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays . To

date the Bay Trail encompasses over 290 miles of completed trail, including on- and off-street segments.

Under Lockyer's guidance, the Treasurer's Office is the first investor in the U.S. to buy green bonds from the World Bank (\$300 million to finance projects around the globe to fight global warming); sponsored successful legislation to make it cheaper for schools to build renewable energy projects; revived agency in his office that helps manufacturers build electric cars and make renewable energy products.

Executive Director for the Port of Oakland Omar Benjamin will also speak before the BABRT regarding Oakland 's port as the hub of the Northern California megaregion. During the March BABRT, Benjamin received a spotlight award for exemplary leadership and commitment to the economic health and vitality of Bay Area businesses and communities.

The BABRT meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. and along with the noted speakers, author, activist and attorney Christine Pelosi will be presented a spotlight award for her collaboration in working with the BABRT to offer the first Public Service Leadership Boot Camp at UC Berkeley Extension.

About the BABRT - The BABRT is a 501c3 organization focused on building community and fostering positive change, along with economic growth in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more details, visit our website at www.BABRT.org.

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