

Family Business Council and Executive Council

BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS DISCUSS HEALTHCARE REFORM

“California Healthcare Reform: How Will It Affect Business?” was the topic at a gathering of business and civic leaders organized by the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics’ Executive Council and the Family Business Council.

The January event began with an Executive Council breakfast program featuring a panel of industry experts discussing how healthcare reform could affect local businesses. Panelists included John Ramey, senior health policy consultant in the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; Lucy Dunn, CEO of the Orange County Business Council; Robert Fraschetti, president and CEO of St. Jude Medical Center; Steve Scott, vice president of Blue Cross of California; Neil Crosby, president of the California Association of Health



Pictured from the left are Blair Salisbury, El Cholo Restaurants; Neil Crosby, California Association of Health Underwriters; Steve Scott, Blue Cross of California; Robert Fraschetti, St. Jude Medical Center; Lucy Dunn '76, OC Business Council; and, John Ramey, Governor Schwarzenegger's Policy Advisor on healthcare reform.



Attendees included, from the left, Craig Sanberg, Union Bank; Greg Arbues, Client Advocate Network; Blair Salisbury, El Cholo Restaurants; State Senator Dick Ackerman; Assemblyman Mike Duvall; Andrew Kuykendall, Benefit Solutions; Ron Hill, Hill Brothers Chemical Company; Scott Summerfield, Cascade Pump; and Family Business Council Director Mike Trueblood.

Underwriters; and Blair Salisbury, president of El Cholo Restaurants. The discussion focused on the governor’s health-care proposal, including the strategy behind it, the funding sources, and the impact it would have on hospitals, insurance carriers and underwriters, and California business owners.

The Family Business Council then hosted a townhall meeting with speakers that included State Senator Dick Ackerman (R-Tustin), Assemblyman Michael Duvall (R-Brea), Mayela Montenegro, representing Assemblyman Jose Solorio (D-Anaheim), and John Ramey from the Office of the Governor. According to Mike Trueblood, director of the Family Business Council, the open forum discussion that followed was healthy and positive – but also provocative – and offered opinions from “both sides of the issues and both sides of the aisle in the legislature.” ■

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Following the forecast, guest speaker Mike Chrisman, California Secretary for Resources, addressed watershed issues in the state. The conference, presented in partnership with the Orange County Business Council, was sponsored by U.S. Bank (Title Sponsor), Southern California Edison (Industry Sponsor), and Capital Pacific Homes, Chevron and Client Advocate Network (Forecast Sponsors).

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At the conference, pictured below are Anil Puri, economist and dean of the College; Lucy Dunn '76, president and CEO, OC Business Council; Wallace Walrod, OC Business Council; Tom Phelps, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips and member of the Dean's Advisory Board; and Bill Cave, U.S. Bank market president and Title Sponsor of the Economic Forecast Conference.

