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Redlands Chamber sponsors Dutton's Senate Bill 783

After suffering countless attacks on small businesses, the Redlands Chamber of Commerce reached out to Senator Bob Dutton for assistance and protection from unprincipled attorneys who have attempted to extort money from unsuspecting businesses demanding payoffs from \$4500.00 to \$8,500.00 for small ADA non compliant infractions. Thousands of dollars have been garnered in what appears to be a rather lucrative cottage industry for these dodgy characters and the "shakedowns" continue not only in Redlands but throughout the region and the State.

But Senator Dutton has heard the plea and took action. He asked the Redlands Chamber of Commerce to sponsor and introduced Senate Bill 783. With hard work this bipartisan legislation will be passed that will help the small business owners as well as Americans with Disabilities.

"The Chamber will continue to work closely with Senator Dutton and others to insure that this legislation moves forward and will protect all parties making it impossible for future attacks of this nature to occur", said Chamber President

Peter Lehmann. "We are incredibly grateful to the Senator for his quick action and will stand with him to the end as he moves this bill forward."

In a move aimed at protecting small businesses throughout California and preserving the rights of disabled persons who choose to patronize those businesses, the emergency legislation intends to stop unscrupulous attorneys, using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), from extorting money from businesses for what amounts to be minor violations. Several businesses throughout the Inland Empire, including 14 in the City of Redlands alone, have been sent a letter from an attorney representing a client claiming that person's ADA rights have been violated, even though the business owner wasn't aware of any potential problem. The letter further states that to avoid a costly lawsuit, the business owner must pay the attorney and his client between \$5,000 and \$8,500.

"This is nothing more than extortion of our businesses community," Senator Dutton said. "It's clear from reviewing some of the letters these businesses have received, that this particular attorney and his client are doing nothing more than driving around looking for a potential minor violation and then strong-arming the small businesses into paying

them thousands of dollars to avoid a lawsuit."

"SB 783 will allow the business owner a reasonable amount of time to fix the violation before a lawsuit can be filed," Senator Dutton continued. "This will protect the small business owner and also the rights of the disabled community."

Specifically, the owner of the property must be notified of the ADA violation before a lawsuit can be filed. The property owner will have 120 days to fix the violation. If the violation(s) is not fixed within the 120 days, a lawsuit may then be filed.

"No one wants to see the rights of anyone, particularly the disabled, violated," Senator Dutton said. "SB 783 is a piece of common-sense legislation that continues to ensure the ADA is enforced without leading to this modern-day extortion of our business community."

-Unfortunately on July 5th the Judiciary Committee voted along party lines and did not move the bill forward. Senator Dutton has vowed to carry the bill to the next session.-





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July/August 2011

July 13 (Wednesday)
Executive Board Meeting
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

July 20 (Wednesday)
Board of Directors
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

July 20 (Wednesday)
**STATE OF THE
COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
ORTON CENTER – UNIVERSITY
OF REDLANDS**
12:00 Noon
**Reservations are needed
\$30.00**
793-2546 for Reservations

July 21 (Thursday)
Ambassador Committee Meeting
8:00 AM
Chamber Office

July 26 (Tuesday)
Business to Business Luncheon
11:30 AM – Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs
Available for sale
12:00 Noon
Chamber Office

July 29 (Friday)
**RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND
OPENING**
STATE STREET WINERY
404 E. State Street
Redlands
5:00 PM

August 3 (Wednesday)
Government Review Committee
4:00 PM
Chamber office

August 10 (Wednesday)
Executive Committee
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

August 17 (Wednesday)
Board of Directors
7:30 – 9:00 AM
Chamber Office

August 18 (Thursday)
Ambassador Committee Meeting
8:00 AM
Chamber Office

August 23 (Tuesday)
Business to Business Networking
12:00 Noon
Chamber Office



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**Business to Business
NETWORKING LUNCH**

Tuesday, July 26th

12:00 Chamber office

Reservations are Needed!

Call the Chamber office

TODAY 793-2546

**Chamber works with
Economic Development
sub committee**

The Chamber staff again met with the City's Economic Development sub committee comprised of Mayor Pete Aguilar, Mayor Pro Tem, Paul Foster, Development Services Director, Oscar Orci, and City Manager Enrique Martinez to review current project status and discuss the City of Redlands retail leakage analysis.

Through discussion a number of market areas were identified as critical missing components in the retail sector in the area and should be considered targets for recruitment. A list of those opportunities was

developed and a strategy determined to examine the requirements and the ability to meet the needs. A timeline and accountability to contact the most desirable on the list was assigned to Orci. Reporting on results will take place in September.

The 2011/12 City budget has allocated funds for Orci to hire an Economic Development Manager but until that position has been filled Orci and his department will continue press forward to fill the voids.

**Welcome New Chamber
Members**

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Grand Opening



Tim Evans, Director of the Unforgettables Foundation, celebrates with staff, Board Members, friends and Chamber Ambassadors at the grand opening of their new facilities at 345 W. Pearl Ave. Suite 230