



BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

XXXIII Border Legislative Conference

April 28-30, 2022
Riverside, California

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, April 28

- All Day Arrival of Members
The Mission Inn
3649 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 784-0300
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception
Location: Santa Barbara/Oriental Courtyard
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Remarks
- Assemblymember Jose Medina
Chair, Border Legislative Conference
California State Assembly
- Other state officials and special guests

Friday, April 29

- 7:00 – 7:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Location: Santa Barbara/Oriental Courtyard
- 8:00 – 8:25 a.m. **Welcome to the 33rd Border Legislative Conference**
Location: Grand Parisian Ballroom
- Assemblymember Jose Medina
California State Assembly
Chair, Border Legislative Conference
 - Diputado Roman Cota Muñoz
H. Congreso de Baja California
Vice-Chair Designee, Border Legislative Conference
 - Brief Legislators' Introductions



8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Cross Border Diplomacy**

- Marcela Celorio
Consul General
Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles

9:05 – 10:05 a.m. **Impacts of COVID-19 on the Binational Relationship**

On March 20, 2020, the United States and Mexico mutually agreed to temporarily shut down their shared border to all non-essential crossings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The shutdown lasted 20 months until November 8, 2021. What were the consequences? We will explore this question and how to better prepare against any future threat of repeating a shut down.

- Jason Wells
Chief Executive
San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce
- Dr. Maria Julia Marinissen, Ph.D., M.Sc. (*invited*)
Health Attaché
Acting Director, US Section – Border Health Commission
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
U.S. Embassy | Mexico City

10:10 – 11:55 a.m. **Movement of People & Goods in the Age of COVID**

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the importance of agile and efficient movement of people and goods as well as reliable supply chains. This discussion will focus on what we have learned and how we can improve reliability and resiliency while maintaining security.

- Elva Muneton
Acting Executive Director
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Jon Barela
CEO
The Borderplex Alliance

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet
Location: Santa Barbara/Oriental Courtyard

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1:15 – 2:55 p.m. **Environmental Challenges & Solutions to Our Shared Border Region**

Location: Grand Parisian Ballroom

Natural resources along the U.S. and Mexico border are shared and require cooperation for management just as environmental hazards do or pollution does. We will discuss current challenges facing border states and hear from those working to provide solutions.

- Dr. Calixto Mateos
Managing Director
North American Development Bank (NADBank)
- Senator Ben Hueso
Chair, Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation
California State Senate

3:00 – 3:25 p.m. Group Picture and Break

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Post Pandemic Economic Recovery & Growth**

The global economy took a hit from the pandemic. The U.S. and Mexico border economies are interdependent and were not spared. How do we recover from the impact and, more importantly, grow?

- *Speaker TBA*
- *Speaker TBA*
Riverside County Office of Economic Development

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7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet
Location: Galleria/Atrio

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Saturday, April 30

7:00 – 7:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Location: Santa Barbara/Oriental Courtyard

8:00 – 8:55 am **Update on USMCA**
Location: Grand Parisian Ballroom

The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). It went into effect on July 1, 2020. What has changed? What has improved? And where does work remain?

- Cesar Remis (*invited*)
Head, Implementation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)
Secretariat of Economy
Government of Mexico

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Preparing for our Future: Cooperation in Higher Education**

Learn about programs established with the goal of promoting a better understanding between the U.S. and Mexico through collaboration by scholars to strengthen and develop research, exchange programs, and teaching.

- Mariana Barberena
Program Manager
Office of Global Initiatives
Bi-National Center
Texas A&M International University
- Armando Vazquez-Ramos
President & CEO
The California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc.
California State University Long Beach

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10:35 – 11:05 a.m. **Title 42 Explained and What Comes Next?**

Title 42 is a clause of the 1944 Public Health Services Law that “allows the government to prevent the introduction of individuals during certain public health emergencies.” It was implemented in March 2020 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) restricting mobility and asylum access along the Southwest border. On April 1, the CDC announced the policy would end May 23.

- Ariel G. Ruiz Soto
Policy Analyst
U.S. Immigration Policy Program and the Latin America and Caribbean Initiative
Migration Policy Institute

11:10 – 11:55 a.m. Conclusions/Actions
Future Topics/Next Meeting

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch Boxes To-Go
Location: Grand Parisian Ballroom

Rest of Day Departures