

## 2018 BizFed Leadership Roundtable Series

### Uduak-Joe Ntuk, LA City Petroleum Administrator

The first Leadership Roundtable for 2018 kicked off on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the City Club with Uduak-Joe Ntuk, Petroleum Administrator for the City of Los Angeles. Ntuk began his tenure in October 2016 with a Council directive to strengthen the City's oversight of petroleum and natural gas operations.

In April 2017, the City Council directed the Petroleum Administrator to collaborate with Los Angeles County Health Dept. that both "should identify and explore implementation



of meaningful long-term

measures to address these concerns." The concerns relate to development of oil and gas wells, storage facilities and active sites within urban areas, specifically nearby residents.



Ntuk discussed one his biggest challenges is to modernize the Office and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With 23 oil fields of which 18 remain active in LA County, it is

imperative that there be a systematic checking of inventory and thorough financial audits of all oil fields, which hasn't been conducted in years. Ntuk believes creating a new process and incorporating new technology will be valuable in conducting these financial audits to



accurately capture all the revenues that should be collected and track the expenditures.

Another challenge is to oversee all Pipeline Franchise Agreements, which all will expire in June of 2018. Working with his limited team, the goal would be to create a transparent and expedited



renewal process, ultimately making this a smooth transition.

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Other areas of focus for Ntuk and his team is to reduce the 30-year backlog of projects, continuing to provide details reports to the City Council and other City committees such as Health, Mental Health and Education, and to bring about a robust education platform aimed at

educating the public and other community groups.

**Participants:** Anthony Chica, Yair Crane, Geoffrey Danken, Hal Dash, Anthony Duarte, Roozbeh Farahaniapour, Steve Greig, Peter Gutierrez, Bryan Hardwick, Sarah Horvet, Haig Kartounian, Lara Larramendi, Frank Lopez, Hilary Norton, Diana Rodriguez, Mary Rosas, Patty Senecal, Elizabeth Shapiro, Brissa Sotelo-Vargas, Greg Spiker, DeAndre Valencia, Francesca Vega, Rich Venn, Scott Weaver, D.J. Moore, Chris Majesckie

