

2018 BizFed Leadership Roundtable Series Assemblymember Blanca Rubio (AD48)

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Assemblymember Blanca Rubio's remarks at the fourth of the 2018 BizFed Leadership Roundtable Series, began with a self-disclosure, "I am a moderate Democrat!" "It's balancing business perspectives and progressive values." And the BizFed members present gave her an enthusiastic round of applause.

Beginning the second year of her first term in the Assembly, Blanca Rubio is balancing her Legislative responsibilities, taking care of her two children and managing adulthood. "Sacramento makes it easy for one to get caught up in the aura of it all, but it's so important to be grounded and relatable to my constituents", Rubio said. Her children live with her while in the Capital, come home with her on Fridays and return together on Sunday evenings. This, she says, keep her grounded.

Assemblymember Rubio spoke of her priorities when reviewing bills. "Is it good for my constituents and community? Our region? Our state? If not, let's have a conversation." This criteria was the basis for her February 20, 2018 Op-Ed in the Southern California Newspaper Group opposing the proposed Rule 1410 of AQMD which bans the use of modified hydrofluoric acid at California refineries. Her



moderate views on Rules 1410 have earned her the nickname of "BOB", Big Oil Blanca. Rubio's constituents, working families, and the State's consumers could be paying more than a 26 cents per gallon increase at the pump. In addition, the proposal could also eliminate hundreds of good paying, blue and white collar jobs for the region. "I recognize that we need businesses to remain in California and participate in the programs that make California successful", Rubio said.

Armed with an undergraduate business degree, Assemblymember Rubio worked for 10 year in "HR" human resources. After earning a Master's Degree in Education and a multiple subject teaching credential from Azusa Pacific, Rubio spent 16 years as a teacher. "Education is the key to our State's success", she said. She recently hosted a meeting with the superintendents of the school districts within the 48th Assembly District

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to emphasize the need for ROP Adult Education and CTE, Career Technical Education programs. "Businesses need a diversity of workers, those that are college graduates and those that are skilled in the trades."



BizFed's COO Elizabeth Shapiro discussed the 2017 Poll results. The Assemblymember was not surprised to hear that taxes and fees have ranked as top concerns for the past several years. Rubio reminded us that the San Gabriel Valley, where she is from, is moderate in its policies and politics.

Rubio invited all to stop by her office in the Capitol and say hi, have a cup of coffee or whatever, to discuss legislation. Personal relationships count and make it much easier to have meaningful conversations on legislations and policies that are important to her constituents, the region and the state.

The Assemblywoman also encouraged all to find new words for "affordable housing" as most folks incorrectly associate it with Section 8 housing. "Try affordable home ownership instead." Redevelopment, which the current governor disbanded early in his first term, was a valuable tool to improve communities and create housing (20% set aside). "Hopefully, the next governor will support a new version, call it reinvesting in our communities."



Participants: Joe Ahn, Javiera Cartagena, Martha Cox-Nitikman, Christine Frey, Ted Green, Randal Hernandez, Peter Hidalgo, Pilar Hoyos, Fran Inman, Lara Larramendi, Mark Lomeli, Diana Rodriguez, Mary Rosas, Schenae Rourk, Steve Samuelian, Sandy Sanchez, Lupita Sanchez-Cornejo, Elizabeth Shapiro, Brissa Sotelo-Vargas and Sarah Wiltfong.