



2018 BizFed Leadership Roundtable Series Assemblymember Miguel Santiago (AD53)

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Hosted by the Beverly Hills/Greater Los Angeles Association of REALTORS, the eighth roundtable of the 2018 BizFed Roundtable Series guest was Assemblymember Miguel Santiago. Completing his second term in the Assembly, he's not a rookie anymore. Assemblymember Santiago represents the communities of Boyle Heights, Downtown Los Angeles, Koreatown, Pico Union and the surrounding areas. Prior to his 2014 election to the Assembly, he was a member and former President of the Los Angeles Community College District and he was District Director for Assembly Speaker John Perez.

Assemblymember Santiago had success with several of his legislative proposals last year. He came from an event in the Skid Row area with Assemblymember Laura Friedman. Signed by Governor Brown, AB210 created a multi-disciplinary personnel team that coordinates and provides services to homeless individuals and families.

Always thinking of ways to help individuals and families and create educational opportunities, Santiago had another legislative proposal, AB19 established the California College Promise, which guarantees free tuition for 1 academic year for all first time, full time college students, at a community college. Santiago said the studies have shown that if students can attend community college for at least one year, they are more likely to continue their education and graduate from college. And that, he said, "is good for the individual and it's good for California."



BizFed was a strong supporter of Santiago's AB246, also signed in 2017 by Governor Brown, extends for two years the expedited California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) judicial review procedures established by the 2011 Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act.

In 2018, BizFed called on the Assemblymember to assist the business community in our efforts to stop the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from implementing a moratorium that would prohibit natural gas connections for a period of time. Assemblymember Santiago introduced AB1879 that would prohibit the CPUC from doing just that, imposing a moratorium on new natural gas service connections.



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He sees the upcoming 2028 Olympics is a wonderful opportunity for the Los Angeles region to fully utilize the proceeds from Measure M and present to the visitors a much improved public transit system and decreased traffic congestion. Santiago has leveraged millions of dollars in state funds to renovate the 6th Street Bridge, create bike lanes and repair sidewalks in his district.

During the Question and Answer period,



Assemblymember Santiago remarked that the both the Senate and the Assembly have each created and funded Select Committees on the Census to ensure an accurate count that translates into millions of federal funds calculated by formulas and distributed per capita to the States. The Legislature is supportive of the law suits filed by the California Attorney General in collaboration with other states' attorney generals.

As Chair of the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee, he and his colleagues on the committee will have a front seat to the debates on the net neutrality and internet access. Our members expressed concerns with legislations that are working their way through the Senate process.



Assemblymember Santiago continues to monitor what he calls the worst environmental disaster in this area, the Exide Technologies Battery Recycling plant. His 53rd Assembly District is the 3rd poorest in California. He's not pleased with the long timeline to perform the clean-up of homes and other properties.

Participants attending the Roundtable with Assemblymember Santiago: Chris Bowen, Ted Cordova, Sharon Evans, Mark Guillen, Tracy Hernandez, Peter Hidalgo. Lara Larramendi, James Litz, Hilary Norton, Rick Otterstrom, Steve Samuelian, Melvin Sanchez, Nicole Shahenian, Samantha Waterman.