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# WELCOME

**O**n behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), and the BizFed Political Action Committee (BizFed PAC), we are proud to present the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual BizFed Freshman Policymakers 2017-2018.

As these policymakers begin their new roles, we must help them **keep a clear focus on policies and projects that create economic prosperity and jobs in LA County**. Elected officials must keep the local economy top of mind while making good policy decisions.

As an alliance of more than 170 business groups in LA County representing 390,000 businesses employing 3.5 million people, **BizFed continues to serve as the bridge between government and business in Los Angeles County**. This year we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At this milestone, we announced a commitment to lifting 1 million people out of poverty; businesses, philanthropists, and elected officials should all come together to solve the unacceptable level of poverty in our county.

We thank our esteemed Honorary Host Committee, Sponsors, and Elected Officials for helping make this directory possible, and bringing together newly elected policymakers with our region's dynamic and diverse alliance of business leaders.

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**B**izFed is a massive grassroots alliance of more than 170 business groups in LA County—chambers of commerce, industry associations, minority business groups, and business improvement districts—all working together to strengthen our regional economy. These associations represent 390,000 businesses employing nearly 3.5 million people.

Our diverse network of business networks mobilize at every level of government in support of projects and politics that are good for our regional economy. More than 140 premier companies and agencies invest directly in this collaborative work to strengthen the organized voice of business. BizFed’s leaders are the most civically engaged business people in California.

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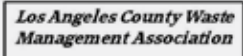
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## BizFed BASIC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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Airlines for America	CDC Small Business Finance
Alhambra Chamber	Central City Association
American Beverage Association	Century City Chamber of Commerce
American Hotel & Lodging Association	Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce
American Institute of Architects	Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition
–Los Angeles	Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality
Asian Business Association	Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Association of Independent Commercial Producers	Council on Trade and Investment for Filipino Americans
Azusa Chamber	Downey Association of Realtors
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Beverly Hills/Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors	Downtown Pomona Owners Association
BNI4SUCCESS	Engineering Contractor's Association
Burbank Association of Realtors	Foreign Trade Association
Burbank Chamber of Commerce	FuturePorts
Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness	Glendale Association of Realtors
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California Apartment Association	Greater Antelope Valley AOR
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California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA)	Inglewood Airport Area Chamber
California Life Sciences Association	Inland Empire Economic Partnership
California Manufacturers & Technology Association	International Warehouse Logistics Association
California Metals Coalition	Investing in Place
California Restaurant Association	Irwindale Chamber
California Small Business Alliance	Japanese Business Association of Southern California (JBA)
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–Los Angeles Chapter	
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League of California Cities	Santa Clarita Valley Chamber
Local Search Association	Santa Monica Chamber
Long Beach Area Chamber	ScaleLA
Los Angeles Area Chamber	Sherman Oaks Chamber
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition	South Bay Association of Realtors
Los Angeles County Board of Real Estate	Southern California Contractors Association
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce	Southern California Grantmakers
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National Association of Tobacco Outlets	Valley Industry & Commerce Association
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National Latina Business Women’s Association	Warner Center Association
Netherlands-America Foundation	West Hollywood Chamber
Orange County Business Council	West Valley/Warner Center Chamber
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association	Western Manufactured Housing Association
Pacific Palisades Chamber	Western States Petroleum Association
Panorama City Chamber of Commerce	Westside Council of Chambers
Pasadena Chamber	Westwood Community Council
PhRMA	Westwood Village Rotary Club
Pomona Chamber	World Trade Center
Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors	Young Professionals in Energy –LA Chapter
Recording Industry Association of America	
Regional Black Chamber –San Fernando Valley	
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# Congratulations

to the elected policymakers honored tonight.

We look forward to working collaboratively  
to support safer, healthier, happier communities.

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# Top BizFed Issues: 2008–2018

## Ten-Year Trend

	2008 <sup>^</sup>	2009	2011*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Taxes and Fees	16	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Government Regulation/ Compliance	13	-	2	2	2	5	2	3	3	2
Housing/ Land Use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3
Public Infrastructure (Roads, Rail, Bridges, Waterways, etc.)	14	5	15	7	12	3	9	5	2	4
Education	5	-	7	5	4	9	8	4	9	5
Legislative Gridlock (State and Federal)	-	-	6	4	5	7	12	10	4	6
Local Permit Process	4	2	9	10	13	13	3	9	6	7
Transportation: Reduce Commute Time	8	5	13	8	10	8	4	2	5	8
Homelessness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	9
Curb Urban Crime and Gang Activity	6	-	14	9	9	13	6	7	12	10
State and Local Budgets	2	-	4	3	6	6	14	15	7	11
Environmental Regulations	29	-	8	12	8	10	5	11	8	12
Immigration	-	-	-	17	17	17	18	18	16	13
Public Employee Pension	-	-	11	16	11	18	17	17	15	14
Energy/ Fuel Costs	-	-	-	-	7	2	10	13	14	15

\* Poll conducted in early 2011 due to 2010 BizFed Election-year Poll

<sup>^</sup> In 2008, the #1 issue was Availability of Monetary Credit and the #3 issue was Controlling Workers' Compensation Wages



## Highlights from 2018 #BizFedPulsePoll



Concerns regarding Housing/Land Use jump significantly from #10 (2017) to #3 in 2018



Taxes and Fees remain the #1 concern for business owners since 2011



Government Regulation and Compliance moves from #3 (2017) to #2 in 2018;  
Top 10 concern since 2011



Public Infrastructure  
(Roads, Rail, Bridges, Waterways, etc.)  
drops from #2 (2017) to #4 in 2018



Education jumps from #9 (2017)  
to #5 in 2018

**Congratulations to Santa Clarita for  
being identified as the “Most Business Friendly”  
city in Los Angeles County!**

# COMBATING POVERTY



*Business is an essential partner in eliminating poverty in our communities.*

**T**his year BizFed is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. BizFed is committed to lifting 1 million Angelenos out of poverty in the next decade. According to the California Budget Project, Los Angeles County has the highest effective poverty rate in the state.

According to our most recent [#BizFedPulsePoll](#), business owners in LA County believe a sustainable solution to combating poverty should focus on housing affordability. Increasing supply of all kinds of housing is the only way to make housing more affordable. Job training, immigration reform, school performance, and regulatory reform were also identified as our best opportunities to solve this crisis. Our policy agenda reflects this renewed sense of purpose.

According to the County of Los Angeles, “If Los Angeles County were a nation, its economy would be the 19<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. It is home to more than 244,000 businesses, with more minority- and women-owned businesses than any other in the nation. It is the nation’s top international trade center and manufacturing center.” With these great economic assets, business is an essential partner in eliminating poverty in our communities. We look forward to working with philanthropists, labor leaders and policymakers to help combat poverty and to keep our regional economic growth as a top priority.

## Top 5 Critical Issues to Combat Poverty According to the 2018 #BizFedPulsePoll



Housing Affordability – 56% of respondents rank as the highest issue to combat to lift Angelenos out of poverty



Job Training – 38% of respondents rank as an issue to combat to lift Angelenos out of poverty



Immigration Reform – 34% of respondents rank as an issue to combat to lift Angelenos out of poverty



Improving School Performance – 38% of respondents rank as an issue to combat to lift Angelenos out of poverty



Regulatory Reform – 32% of respondents rank as an issue to combat to lift Angelenos out of poverty



Mobilizing the Voice of Business

**B**izFed PAC is the only business political action committee that is laser-focused on local elections in all 88 cities in LA County, supporting business-friendly candidates and job creators. **In the past seven years, we've helped elect 190 city council members, mayors, and county level electeds.**

BizFed PAC, a Project of Los Angeles County Business Federation, is a nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to strengthening and unifying the voice and influence of the broad business community in Los Angeles County. **We are committed to identifying, training, and electing business-supportive candidates for elected offices within LA County who are committed to economic progress, job creation, and strong, healthy communities.** We are a PAC of PACs, companies, and individuals seeking pro-jobs-driven agendas throughout our region.

**To join the BizFed PAC or to seek support for a candidate, please contact Tracy Hernandez at [thernandez@bizfed.org](mailto:thernandez@bizfed.org).**



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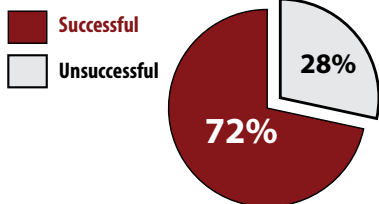
# What is the BizFed PAC?

BizFed PAC, a Project of Los Angeles County Business Federation, is a nonpartisan political action committee created to identify and support moderate, pro-business candidates who are committed to promoting meaningful change, economic progress, job creation and strong, healthy communities throughout Los Angeles County.

## Since its inception, BizFed PAC has:

- ★ Supported **190 successful city and county candidates** across Los Angeles County
- ★ Held a consistent **70% success rate** for endorsed candidates
- ★ Contributed more than **\$189,000 in direct contributions** to business friendly candidates
- ★ Conducted independent expenditure campaigns for **59 successful candidates in 34 cities**

Independent Expenditure  
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## BizFed PAC endorsed candidates represent 55 cities across L.A. County



Join the BizFed PAC and create an unparalleled ability to affect the outcomes of key elections across the County. By pooling our resources into a single voice, we increase our impact on the direction of L.A. County and its economic health.

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## BizFed Legislative Principles

**T**he Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), is a grassroots alliance of more than 170 diverse business groups representing more than 390,000 businesses employing nearly 3.5 million people across all 88 cities in Los Angeles County. Our massive diverse alliance advocates for policies and projects that strengthen our regional economy. We urge policymakers to keep the following principles in mind:

### ***Make job creation and economic growth your top priority.***

According to the California Budget Project, Los Angeles County has the highest effective poverty rate in the state of California. A sustainable solution must focus on creating good-paying jobs, adequate housing supply, and quality education.

### ***Consider the cumulative effects of taxes, fees, and regulations on job creation and economic growth.***

For the past seven years, our members have consistently identified taxes, fees, and regulations as their top concerns. In isolation, an individual new tax, fee, or regulatory proposals might seem reasonable. However, the cumulative costs have become a hindrance to California's economic success.

### ***Engage the business community as a partner.***

California's business community has always been a source of dynamic leadership, problem solving, and innovation. Before supporting or proposing new policy, we urge you to reach out to us so we can work together toward effective solutions. We are your constituents, we employ your constituents, and our collective success is a mutual proposition.

A map of Southern California, showing various cities and regions. A red pushpin is stuck into the map, pointing to the Los Angeles area. The map includes labels for cities like Simi Valley, Lancaster, Palmdale, Mt San Antonio, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Riverside, San Bernardino, Long Beach, and Huntington Beach. The word "California" is also visible in large letters across the map.

# **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FRESHMAN POLICYMAKERS 2017-2018 DIRECTORY**

# BizFed Freshman Policymakers Class of 2017-2018

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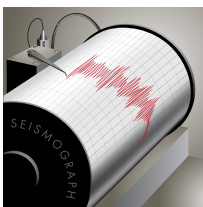
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