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On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed), and the BizFed Political Action Committee (BizFed PAC), we are proud to present the 6th Annual BizFed Freshman Policymakers Reception! This year's reception goes virtual, and we are very excited to acknowledge the 2019-2020 Freshman Class of Policymakers.

BizFed 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 ten years we've helped elect 243 city council members, mayors, and county level electeds.

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.

As an alliance of more than 200 business groups in LA County representing 450,000 businesses employing 4 million people, BizFed serves as the bridge between government and business in Los Angeles County. We are committed to a having a prosperous economy. As our coalition grows, we are focused on creating a more inclusive economy, safely re-opening, and rebuilding business as we adapt to the impacts of COVID-19.

We thank our esteemed Honorary Host Committee, Sponsors, and Elected Officials for helping make this 1st ever virtual directory possible and bringing together newly elected policymakers with our region's dynamic and diverse alliance of business leaders.



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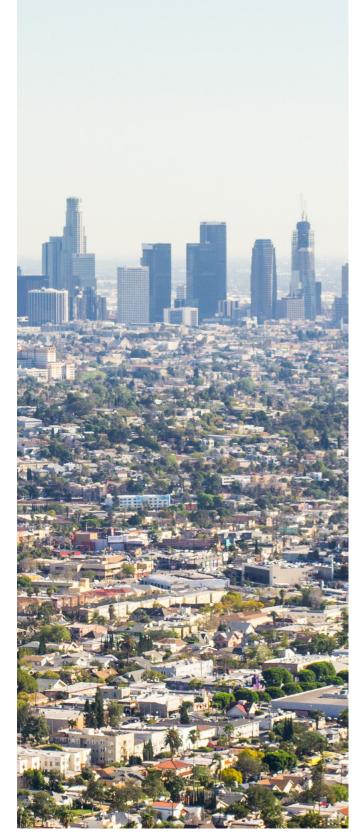
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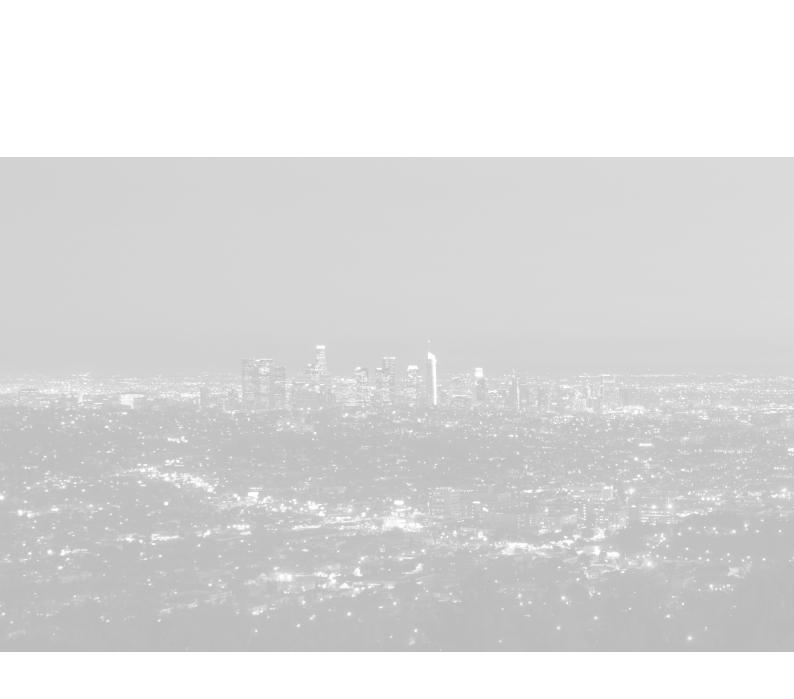
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Top BizFed Issues 2009-2019

	TEN-YEAR TREND									
	2009	2011*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Taxes and Fees	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Infrastructure (Roads, Rail, Bridges, Waterways, etc.)	5	15	7	12	3	9	5	2	4	2
Homelessness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	9	3
Government Regulation/ Compliance	-	2	2	2	5	2	3	3	2	4
Education	-	7	5	4	9	8	4	9	5	5
Transportation: Reduce Commute Time	5	13	8	10	8	4	2	5	8	6
Housing/ Land Use	-		-	-	-		-	10	3	7
Energy/ Fuel Costs	-	-	-	7	2	10	13	14	15	8
Local Permit Process	2	9	10	13	13	3	9	6	7	9
Legislative Gridlock (State and Federal)	-	6	4	5	7	12	10	4	6	10
Public Employee Pension	-	11	16	11	18	17	17	15	14	11
Curb Urban Crime and Gang Activity	-	14	9	9	13	6	7	12	10	12
State and Local Budgets	-	4	3	6	6	14	15	7	11	13
Workforce Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Water (Access & Reliability)	3	4	19	16	10	7	6	13	17	15

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

2020 Pulse Poll

& the COVID-19 Business Impact and Reopening Survey

Due to COVID-19, BizFed pivoted and pushed this year's Pulse Poll back in the year to identify the new business uncertainties.

Top findings for BizFed's COVID-19 Business Impact and Reopening Survey

• Nearly 90% of businesses state that the "Stay -at-Home" order has severely impacted their revenue, with 46% of those businesses losing 50% or more of their projected revenue for the year.

50% of employers state the new Paid Sick Leave, Family Leave, Unemployment Benefits, and Workers' Compensation Order further complicates the outlook and ability to reopen the business.

● 55% of businesses feel, despite budget issues, the state should increase the amount of funding for training programs to support the massive increase in displaced workers. Another 34% stated that employees had cited childcare challenges as a reason for potentially not being able to return to the workplace.



Preliminary results of BizFed's 2020 Pulse Poll For the first time since 2011, taxes and fees may no longer be the #1 concern.

Top 5 Business Concerns

- 1. Homelessness
- 2. Taxes & Fees

3. Crime

4. Legislative Gridlock5. Education





In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BizFed and the BizFed Institute have partnered with all 39 State Senators and Assemblymembers representing Los Angeles County,



the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Los Angeles Locals, and Los Angeles County to mass mobilize the collection and donation of much needed personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to protect frontline workers.





Much needed PPE has already been delivered throughout LA County – from Lancaster to Long Beach – but we must ensure we continue to protect our workers! Our beneficiaries to date include the DreamCenter, Shelter Partnership, Goodwill SoCal, SEIU Los Angeles Locals, Barlow Respiratory Hospital, California Hospital Medical Center, Watts HealthCare, the East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital, Maximum Care Hospice, and East Terrace Rehabilitation Center.



Combatting Poverty

According to the California Poverty Measure, Los Angeles County has the highest effective poverty rate in California at 22.3%.

With nearly 1 in 4 LA County residents living in poverty, we know more needs to be done to grow middle-class jobs. BizFed is committed to lifting 1 million Angelenos out of poverty by 2029.

Last years Pulse Poll (2019) identified the top 3 critical issues to combat poverty:

- 1. Career technical training and industry-specific apprenticeships.
- 2. Increase childcare options for working families.
- 3. Ensuring safety net services are efficient and effective.

Preliminary results from this year's Pulse Poll (2020) has shown our members want to be apart of the solution and is committed to doing the following:

- 1. Provide internal training opportunities and succession planning.
- 2. Partner with community colleges to help develop industry-specific short term-training programs.
- 3. Offer paid internships or entry-level positions that translate into full-time careers at their company.

We look forward to working with our members to combat poverty in Los Angeles County!

To join us in this fight against poverty, contact De'Andre Valencia, Chief Advocacy Officer, at <u>Deandre.Valencia@bizfed.org</u>





The Los Angeles County Business Federation, BizFed, is a grassroots alliance of more than 200 diverse business groups representing more than 450,000 businesses with nearly 4 million employees across all 88 cities in Los Angeles County. We respectfully urge you to govern based on the following principles:

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 solutions to problems, 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. Let's work together from the start so together we can build stronger and more successful communities.

Make moving people out of poverty your top priority.

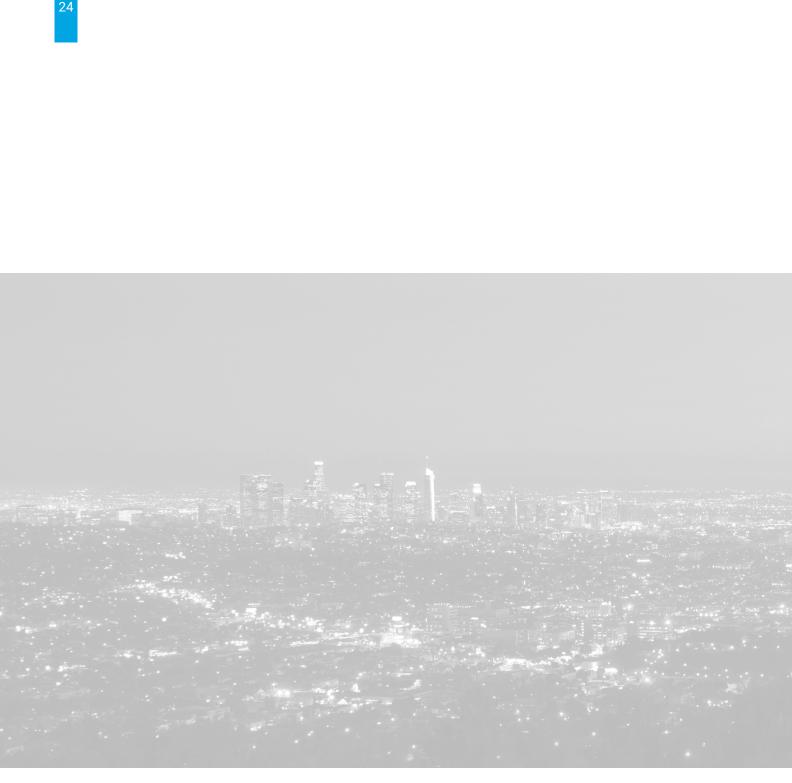
According to the California Poverty Measure, one in four children in Los Angeles County lives in poverty. While effective, accountable, fiscally responsible public programs are necessary short-term solutions to this crisis, the long-term solutions must focus on creating good-paying jobs for your constituents that grow and sustain the economic vitality of our region; bolstering public education at all levels to help people obtain those jobs; and building enough housing to meet current and future demand.

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

For the past nine years, our members have consistently identified new taxes, fees, and regulations as their top concerns. In isolation, individual new tax, fee, or regulatory proposals might seem reasonable. However, the cumulative costs have become a hindrance to California's economic success. We urge you to consider how each proposal that crosses your desk will add to or reduce the cumulative burden on the businesses that employ and sustain the quality of life for your constituents.more successful communities.

Don't pick winners and losers in our economy.

Innovation, technology evolution, and consumer demand moves faster than the speed of government. Regulators and policymakers should not give preferential treatment to one technology or business model over others. Regulators and policymakers should encourage the market to innovate while balancing affordability, reliability, cost-effectiveness, and available technology for consumers.



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In the last year,

We saw some **new trends** throughout **L.A. County** including

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Rise of women representation Emergence of millenniel voters and elected officials Effect of district elections Fall of incumbents

How did BizFed fare?

From 2010 to 2020...

Total PAC endorsed candidates: 346 Total successful endorsed candidates: 243 Success rate: 70% Total direct contributions: \$235,925 Successful IE candidates: 69 IE success rate: 68%

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Introduction

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



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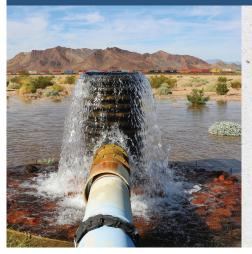


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