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**BizFed's Member Alliance**

AIA Los Angeles  
Alhambra Chamber  
American Beverage Association  
Antelope Valley Board of Trade  
Apartment Association, California Southern Cities  
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Arcadia Association of Realtors  
Asian American Business Women Association  
Asian American Economic Development Enterprise  
Asian Business Association  
Association of Independent Commercial Producers  
Azusa Chamber  
Bell Gardens Chamber  
Beverly Hills Chamber  
Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors  
Burbank Association of Realtors  
Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura Counties  
Building Owners & Managers Association, Greater LA  
Business & Industry Council for Emergency Planning & Preparedness  
CalAsian Chamber  
California Apartment Association, Los Angeles  
California Business Roundtable  
California Cannabis Industry Association  
California Construction Industry and Materials Association  
California Contract Cities Association  
California Consumer Finance Association  
California Fashion Association  
California Grocers Association  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Independent Oil Marketers Association  
California Independent Petroleum Association  
California Life Sciences Association  
California Metals Coalition  
California Restaurant Association  
California Small Business Alliance  
California Trucking Association  
CALInnovates  
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance  
Central City Association  
Cerritos Chamber  
Citrus Valley Association of Realtors  
Construction Industry Air and Water Quality Coalitions  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Council on Trade and Investment for Filipino Americans  
Culver City Chamber  
Downey Association of Realtors  
Downtown Long Beach Alliance  
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber  
Employers Group  
Engineering Contractor's Association  
Entrepreneurs Organization - Los Angeles  
F.A.S.T.-Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic  
FilmLA  
Foreign Trade Association  
FuturePorts  
Gateway to LA  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
Glendale Chamber  
Glendora Chamber  
Greater Lakewood Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association  
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce  
Harbor Trucking Association  
Hollywood Chamber  
Hospital Association of Southern California  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
Industry Manufacturers Council  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Inglewood Airport Area Chamber  
Investing in Place  
Irvine Chamber  
Japan Business Association of Southern California  
La Canada Flintridge Chamber  
LAX Coastal Area Chamber  
Leadership for Urban Renewal Network  
League of California Cities  
Local Search Association  
Long Beach Area Chamber  
Los Angeles Area Chamber  
Los Angeles Black MBA Association  
Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator  
Los Angeles County Board of Commerce  
Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs  
Los Angeles County Waste Management Association  
Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Latino Chamber  
Los Angeles Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber  
Los Angeles Parking Association  
Los Angeles Urban League  
Pacific Palisades Chamber  
Pasadena Chamber  
Pomona Chamber  
Maple Business Council  
Motion Picture Association of America  
MoveLA  
NAIOP Southern California Chapter  
National Alliance for Jobs and Innovation  
National Association of Women Business Owners, LA  
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors  
Planned Parenthood Southern California Affiliates  
Recording Industry Association of America  
Regional Black - San Fernando Valley Chamber  
Regional Hispanic Chamber  
Regional San Gabriel Valley Chamber  
Resemead Chamber  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
San Gabriel Chamber  
San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.  
San Pedro Peninsula Chamber  
Santa Monica Chamber  
Santa Monica Junior Chamber  
Small Business Action Committee  
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Los Angeles  
South Asian Business Alliance Network  
South Bay Association of Chambers  
South Bay Association of Realtors  
Southern California Golf Association  
Southern California Grantmakers  
Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council  
Inc.  
Southern California Water Committee  
Southland Regional Association of Realtors  
Toluca Lake Chamber  
Torrance Area Chamber  
Town Hall Los Angeles  
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors  
United Chambers San Fernando Valley  
United States-Mexico Chamber  
Valley Economic Alliance  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Vernon Chamber  
Vietnamese American Chamber  
West Hollywood Chamber  
West Los Angeles Chamber  
West San Gabriel Valley Association  
Western Manufactured Housing Association  
Westside Council of Chambers  
Western States Petroleum Association  
West Valley/Warner Center Chamber  
Westwood Village Improvement Association  
Wilmington Chamber  
Young Professionals in Energy - LA Chapter  
Youth Business Alliance  
Warner Center Association

City of Los Angeles Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee  
Attn: Nury Martinez, Chair  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairwoman Martinez:

We are writing on behalf of BizFed, a massive grassroots alliance of over a 165 business organizations that represent over 325,000 employers with over 3 million employees in Los Angeles County. **We would like to express our strong support for the California WaterFix.**

Our region is highly dependent on an outdated water distribution system that was built mid-century to deliver water supplies to millions of residents. Our members, which consists of a variety of industries including hospitals, restaurants, sports facilities, food processors, breweries, building associations etc. – are all highly dependent on a steady and cost-effective flow of water.

Water from the Delta ensures that cities throughout the region have clean water that might not be available from other sources. This has been especially important in dry years, with some cities relying on imported supplies for nearly all of their water. As much as 75% of water supplies for the city of Los Angeles and more than 50% of water supplies for the city of Long Beach come from the State Water Project.

BizFed supports desalination, water conservation and other measures that help Los Angeles County maintain a good water supply. While Los Angeles is doing its best to conserve, recycle and develop new local water resources, California desperately needs to invest in new infrastructure in the bay delta area – it is the only way to make local solutions work more effectively.

The proposed twin tunnels will maintain, not increase, imported water supplies that allow local basins to recycle water. The plan will also improve the ability to capture some of the state's major storms and store it in groundwater banks for Los Angeles County in years of drought, when local storm water is a limited supply.

It is for these reasons that we support the California WaterFix and we urge you and the rest of the board at the Metropolitan Water District to support this much-needed and overdue project.

Sincerely,



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BizFed Chair  
Senior VP,  
Construction Industry  
Water/Air Quality Coalitions



David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair



Tracy Hernandez  
BizFed Founding CEO  
Impower, Inc.

Cc: City of Los Angeles Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee councilmembers