## LOS ANGELES – DRIVING OUR NATION’S ECONOMIC GROWTH

As a main point of entry for global markets, a hub for technology and innovation and a home to more than 20 million people, the greater Los Angeles region is a significant force that is a driver in the nation’s economic growth. A national leader in both job creation and innovation, the region represents the 15th largest economy in the world.

ACCESS Washington, D.C. is a bipartisan delegation of business and civic leaders that comes together to create a bolder future, not only for our region, but for the entire nation. In areas ranging from housing, trade and transportation, to health care, immigration and education, we know that through collaborating with national leaders, Congress and the president’s administration, we can help create a long-term plan for economic growth and success that will benefit the entire country.

### LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

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<th>Statistic</th>
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<td>The amount of trade the U.S. does with Canada and Mexico on a daily basis</td>
<td>$3.5 BILLION</td>
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<td>Goods imported through the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach</td>
<td>$23.5 BILLION</td>
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<td>The amount committed to permanent supportive housing through voter-approved measures</td>
<td>$1.1 BILLION</td>
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<td>The amount needed in 2020 to support affordable housing by maintaining existing rental assistance and public housing programs</td>
<td>$22.4 BILLION</td>
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<td>The amount provided to increase child care spaces for low-income families</td>
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<td>The number of states in the U.S. that have legalized the sale and consumption of cannabis — medicinal and/or recreational</td>
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<td>The number of DACA-eligible immigrant youth in L.A. County</td>
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TRADE
California’s economy is the fifth largest in the world, with an estimated $3.1 trillion, and is the largest of any U.S. state. Trade, and the accompanying logistics industry, is a major economic driver in Southern California, with about $400 billion in commercial exchange between the Los Angeles region and the world.

IMMIGRATION
Los Angeles County is home to 3.5 million immigrants. The region's economic success is intrinsically linked to its immigrant communities. Studies have demonstrated that 1 out of 6 business owners in California is an immigrant; in the Los Angeles area, 40.2 percent of business owners are immigrants. We need immigration policies that pave the way toward citizenship, encourage diversity in thought and talent, as well as ensure businesses have the workforce needed to compete in a 21st century global economy.

TRAVEL & TOURISM
The U.S. travel industry generates $2.4 trillion in economic output, supports 15.6 million American jobs and generates a $77 billion trade surplus for the United States.

2020 CENSUS
It is critical that the 2020 census be conducted as comprehensively and as accurately as possible to effectively allocate billions of dollars in federal, state and local funding. Local and state officials rely upon census data to show where new schools, roads and other public facilities should be built. Businesses also look to the census to help them determine where the necessary workforce or consumer base exists to support production and sales facilities.

SUSTAINABLE, SECURE WATER SUPPLY & DELIVERY
WATER SUPPLY, STORAGE & RESILIENCE
Water is an invaluable resource for life and is indispensable to a successful economic and business climate.

• Our delegation supports measures that ensure reliability of long-term water supplies, storage and drought resilience for California.

• A crucial part of our water supply is the Bay Delta; advancing the Bay Delta and state water project improvements will help ensure long-term water reliability and continue to diversify our water portfolio.

Our region is a leader in water conservation, which is an important component of our regional resiliency efforts.

• This delegation strongly urges legislators efforts to ensure that the water conservation tax parity that will encourage additional water savings.

Finally, safe drinking water is fundamental for healthy and prosperous communities.

• Our delegation strongly supports securing funding for monitoring and the remediation of constituents (including perfluoroalkyl substances) in drinking water.
Known as the nation’s “homeless capital,” the Los Angeles region is home to the largest homeless population in the country. California desperately needs an additional 1.4 million affordable housing units in order to meet the needs of our communities. The City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles have coordinated their efforts to combat the homelessness crisis and passed historic voter approved ballot measures that allocate approximately $715 million towards the creation of permanent supportive housing units, mental health services, prevention strategies and everything in between. The State of California followed with a $1.5 billion investment in addressing the housing and homelessness crisis through Gov. Newsom’s budget.

California is still in desperate need of continued collaboration and additional resources in order to face this challenge.

- Our delegation encourages the federal government to continue programs that have proven successful and continue the dialogue with local municipalities to ensure the highest effectiveness and efficiency in combating this humanitarian crisis.

**ENDING HOMELESSNESS ACT**

Programs such as the Ending Homelessness Act of 2019 (H.R. 1856), which provides 300,000 new housing vouchers nationwide, and programs aimed specifically towards incentivizing the construction of affordable housing are essential.

- To support affordable housing for low-income households, $24 billion is needed in FY 2020 in funding to maintain rental assistance and public housing programs. This includes providing 50,000 more housing vouchers for California, increasing the value of these vouchers to account for the high cost of rents in American cities and creating a program based on best practices to incentivize landlords to work with voucher holders.

**TRANSPORTATION & GOODS MOVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

High-quality transportation and goods movement infrastructure is the hallmark of a thriving economy. For years, the United States’ transportation network far exceeded that of any other nation. Today, our transportation system is rapidly aging and difficult to maintain and modernize. This delegation strongly urges:

- The federal government and legislators to authorize a long-term surface transportation bill that promotes innovative transportation policy, while increasing funding opportunities for transit and highway mobility programs.

- Our federal partners to play a stronger role supporting the nation’s goods movement system by providing funding for logistic programs and the development of a national freight strategic plan.

Finally, investment in the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), as well as the United States Department of Transportation’s support and expedited approval for LAX’s $14 billion capital improvement program will support their planning and delivery timeline for Los Angeles to host international guests during the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.
STATE’S RIGHTS
More than 30 states in the United States have legalized the sale and consumption of cannabis and more than 46 states have laws decriminalizing cannabis or cannabis-related products. Many law-abiding businesses face uncertainty as regulators fail to enforce against illegal operators and continue to amend regulations.

- This delegation strongly urges legislators to protect states’ rights to exercise their regulatory rights in the cannabis industry.

FAIR TAX POLICIES
- We also strongly urge legislators to promote fair and consistent tax policies. As regulatory framework for the cannabis industry is developed, it is critical to amend basic business tax policies to include this new industry. The industry should be allowed to operate as any other business industry would in terms of payroll, business tax deductions, etc.

BANK REGULATIONS
Currently, federally insured banks are struggling to navigate the regulations in place surrounding the cannabis industry. Any bank that provides service to a legal cannabis business faces potential federal prosecution.

- The delegation supports adoption of safe regulations that amend existing policies and create opportunities for the banking industry to accept business relationships with the cannabis industry.

CRADLE TO CAREER EDUCATION
EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION
Education and the investment in our youth is a critical component to the success of our economy, communities and quality of life. The Los Angeles business community strongly supports efforts that enhance the lives of our future workforce and future leaders.

- Our delegation strongly urges Congress to provide robust funding for critical programs supporting children, including Head Start/Early Head Start, child care, Community Development Block Grant and Preschool Development Grant program, paid family leave engagement and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

- We also strongly endorse the Support the Rebuild America’s Schools Act (H.R. 865 / S.266) to invest $100 billion to address critical physical and digital infrastructure needs in schools. We urge Congress to include this program in any infrastructure package that may be considered.

HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE
Understanding the impact of education on the workforce and economy means the continued investment in higher education policy.

- This delegation strongly urges policies and programs for traditional, returning and immigrant students, in an effort to create pathways for higher education and high-demand careers.
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
The U.S. spends more than $3 trillion dollars per year on health care, and the industry accounts for one-sixth of the U.S. economy. With the repeal of the individual mandate component of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2017, and continued uncertainty of the future of this policy, the stakes are enormous – not only for the more than 20 million Americans who gained insurance through the ACA, but for those health practitioners, administrators, insurers, researchers and facilitators working to improve the health and quality of life in our communities every day.

• This delegation continues to promote and urge support for business-friendly health care policies that protect access to coverage and quality care, create health professional workforce opportunities, and generally improve the health of all individuals and businesses.

MEDICAID
• Our delegation strongly urges the continued protection of Medicaid, support for employer-based coverage, protection of Medicare advantage programs, development of strategies to combat mental health and substance abuse needs and the repeal of the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation adopted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

ENERGY SECURITY
RELIABILITY & AFFORDABILITY

MODERNIZING OUR ENERGY SYSTEM
Heading into 2020, it is more evident than ever that our modern economy depends heavily on our energy supply. By modernizing our energy system, we can ensure growing demands are met and new energy technologies and sources can be incorporated into the grid, while expanding consumer choice. This delegation supports:

• Technology-neutral, market-based policies and programs that promote energy security, reliability and affordability.

• Policies and regulations that take into account economic and technological realities as we move to lower emissions, which are the most effective way to minimize energy costs for both communities and businesses.

WILDFIRE
The catastrophic wildfire season California experienced in 2019 has now become the norm for our state and many others. The protection of our communities and the safety of our residents is threatened now more than ever.

• Our delegation hopes to continue strong bonds with federal legislators to ensure the highest level of coordination and continued support as we face yet another historic wildfire season.

• Our delegation, most importantly, urges continued and more aggressive coordinated efforts on wildfire recovery prevention.
### GENERAL SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

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| 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.| Delegation Breakfast  
**Keynote:** Dianne Feinstein  
**Housing:** Tackling Housing, Homelessness and Mental Health | The Mayflower Hotel 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036       |
| 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.| Delegation Photo                                                        | The Mayflower Hotel 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036       |
| 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Team Meetings/Briefings                                                | Capitol Hill                                                             |
| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Lunch Program  
**Global Competitiveness:** Trade as a Policy Weapon  
**USMCA:** Impacts California & What’s Next | Mexican Cultural Institute 2829 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009         |
| 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Verizon Delegation Reception  
**Technology and Policy Center** | Verizon Technology and Policy Center 1300 I St. NW, Suite 500 East Washington, DC 20005 |

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

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**People, Products & Goods:** The Changing Landscape of Transportation through Innovation | The Mayflower Hotel 1127 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036         |
| 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Team Meetings                                                        | Capitol Hill                                                             |
| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Delegation Lunch and Closing  
**Conversation with Congressional Leadership** | House Visitor Center                                                     |
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