For more than 131 years, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce has been at the intersection of business and civic leadership, leading on matters of importance to a vibrant economy. We are a trusted partner, and our members represent a broad spectrum of enterprises from private, public, nonprofit and academia that all contribute to the economic vitality of Los Angeles.

With a vision of a thriving region for all, our mission is to design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is inclusive and globally competitive. Collaborating with government and other stakeholders is key as we move forward.

Our agenda for achieving a shared vision for our community in Los Angeles:

1. **FOSTERING POLICIES FOR BUSINESS GROWTH**
   
   Continued investment in our workforce is a critical component of a thriving economy. Recently, the Los Angeles City Council introduced motions requesting ordinances for fair work weeks as well as paid family leave. Businesses of all sizes face challenges implementing new regulations that are not consistent across the state, creating administrative burdens. Our member companies are proud to partner with policymakers and provide examples of best practices on predictive scheduling models that are unique to different industries. Through our small business procurement initiative, OneLA Regional Collaborative, we will continue to support our small, local and diverse business community to ensure full participation in procurement opportunities. We are committed to partnering with the City of Los Angeles in drafting a holistic policy that balances the needs of all stakeholders, to ensure success and a thriving economy.

2. **ENDING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH INCREASING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**
   
   The 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count showed an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community, indicating that we must not only prioritize creating housing at all levels, including Permanent Supportive Housing, but also fast-track the creation of much needed bridge housing for homeless individuals to be sheltered and receive essential services. While we work together on the site selection and approval processes of supportive housing in every district, the business community continues to stand with the Los Angeles City Council to support A Bridge Home. The Chamber will continue actively engaging in the development of the Community Plans and Transit Neighborhood Plans to help ensure the creation of affordable, workforce and market-rate housing near transit and employment centers through increased density, reforms to permit streamlining and minimizing costs to build homes.

3. **SUPPORT TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM - THE ECONOMIC DRIVERS OF OUR GLOBAL CITY**
   
   Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) has made major strides over the last few years breaking ground on the Automated People Mover and awarding the contract for the Consolidated Rent-a-Car facility. The Port of Los Angeles has partnered with GE Transportation, a Wabtec company, to implement game-changing efficiencies in the supply chain operations. The Los Angeles Convention Center, managed by AEG, became the first convention center in the country to permanently install a 5G wireless network. These are all examples of public-private partnerships intended to ensure that the facilities that serve as the foundation of our local economy are primed and competitive for decades to come. As the public sector lays the infrastructure groundwork for the private sector and the public to access L.A. (and the rest of the world) more efficiently, coordination will ensure that the L.A. region benefits from investments in our infrastructure.
COLLABORATE ON WATER AND ENERGY INITIATIVES FOR A SUSTAINABLE CITY

One of the winning messages from the 2028 Olympic bid was that L.A. was committed to the most sustainable Games ever. In aspiring toward the sustainable city we envision ourselves to be a decade from now, we must modernize our energy delivery systems, deploy cleaner fuels and vehicle technology and secure a reliable baseline water supply. Reliability and affordability are of paramount importance to any sustainability initiative. We must focus on the deployment of proven technologies and balance economic feasibility and environmental stewardship as we embark on these ambitious programs.

INCREASE PARTNERSHIPS TO ENSURE A QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM FROM CRADLE TO CAREER

By supporting high-quality early education, work-based learning in K-12 schools, and career pathways to in-demand industries and occupations, the City, in partnership with business and industry, can ensure that more young Angelenos have access to economic opportunity and social mobility. Through investments in HIRE LA’s Youth, L.A. Cash for College (Your Future LA: Beyond the Diploma), L.A. College Promise and the Partnership Performance Pilot initiative at Cal State Northridge’s Reconnecting Los Angeles Youth (ReLAY) Institute, which integrates education, workforce development and social service delivery to disconnected youth ages 16 to 24, we can connect our youth to the workforce opportunities of tomorrow.

Cultivating talent across industries is integral for our region’s continued growth. Together, we can support the expansion of 2,500 new early childhood education provider slots and develop a viable solution to expand Paid Family Leave to support working parents. We can engage employers through regional sector partnerships that align with workforce development strategies and career technical education programs with the needs of our region’s high-growth industry sectors.

Collectively, these efforts should address the holistic needs of our most vulnerable children and youth, including our homeless, immigrant and those existing out of our child welfare and probation systems.

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