

# PLANNING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: LONG BEACH'S GOALS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

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# PERSONAL BACKGROUND

MY HISTORY AND WHAT GUIDES ME



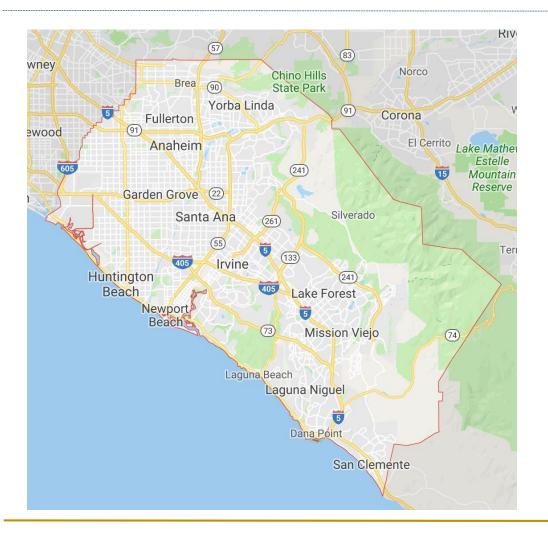
## SON OF IMMIGRANTS





















- FATHER OF ONE SOLIMAR
- SOON TO BE TWO CAMILO
- MARRIED FOR THREE YEARS



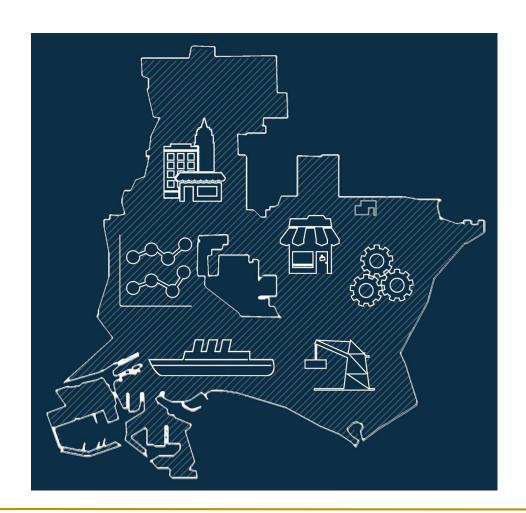
## LBC COMMUNITY MEMBER



### WHY I LOVE LONG BEACH



- DIVERSE COMMUNITY
- CULTURALLY RICH
- PROUD COMMUNITY
- CREATIVE COMMUNITY
- BIG CITY WITH SMALL TOWN FEEL
- IT'S LONG BEACH!!



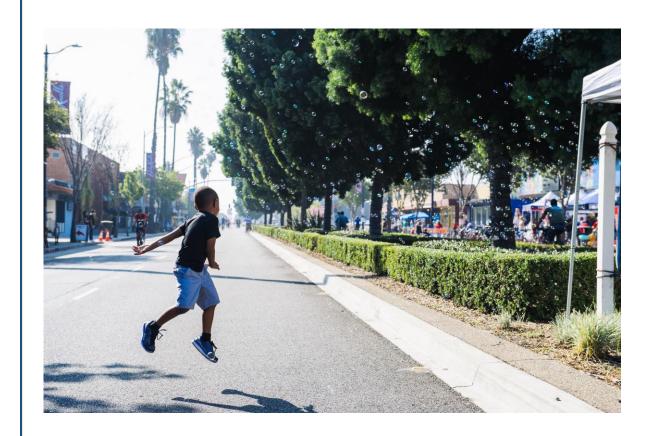
# JOURNEY TO BECOMING A PLANNER/ECONOMIC DEVLEOPER

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE





- COMMUNITY COLLEGE DROPOUT
- SELF-DISCOVERY/EXISTENTIAL CRISIS
- BACK TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- CSULB SOCIOLOGY
- SOCIAL JUSTICE/ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
- UCLA URBAN PLANNING
- CITY OF LONG BEACH



# WHAT IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?





- NO SINGLE DEFINITION
- NO SINGLE STRATEGY, POLICY, OR PROGRAM FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS
- UNIQUE TO EACH COMMUNITY
- A PROCESS THAT INFLUENCES
   GROWTH AND RESTRUCTURING
   OF AN ECONOMY TO ENHANCE
   ECONOMIC WELL BEING

"THE MAIN GOAL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF A COMMUNITY THROUGH JOB CREATION AND RETENTION, TAX BASE ENHANCEMENTS, AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE."

-INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFERENCE GUIDE





**NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS RETENTION REAL ESTATE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES** AND EXPANSION **DEVELOPMENT** DEVLEPOMENT **INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS** PRIVATE-PUBLIC **MARKETING PARTNERSHIPS TRANSPORTAION SMART GROWTH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT QUALITY OF LIFE ENTREPRENEURSHIP E-COMMERCE** INTERNATIONAL TRADE WORKFORCE **BUSINESS CLIMATE DEVELOPMENT** 

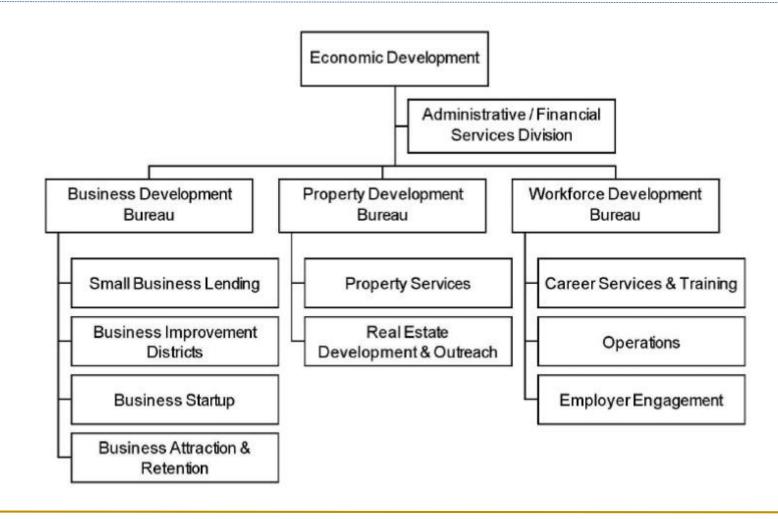
# QUESTION: WHY SHOULD EQUITY ISSUES BE CONSIDERED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

# LONG BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



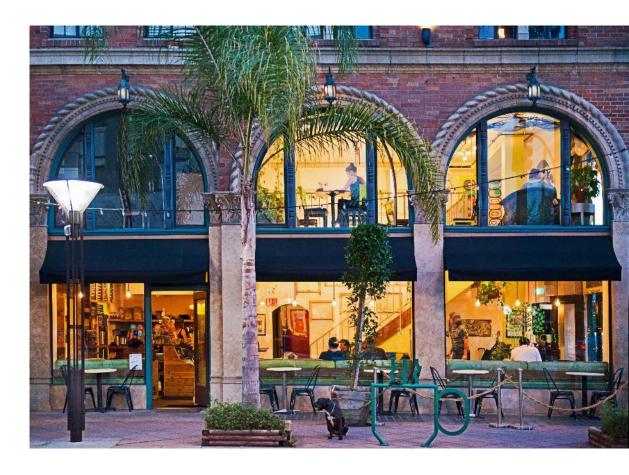




# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BUREAU







# LONG BEACH LAND USE ELEMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

# QUESTION: WHAT IS A LAND USE ELEMENT?



- GUIDES USE, FORM, AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LAND.
- DESIGNATES THE LOCATION, TYPES, AND INTENSITY OF HOUSING, BUSINESSES, INDUSTRIES, OPEN SPACES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AIRPORTS, PORTS, MARINAS, AND OTHER USES.
- FOCUSES ON THE URBAN FORM AND CHARACTER BY ADDRESSING HEIGHT AND MASSING OF BUILDINGS, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUILDING FACADES AND PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND STREETS, AND CHARACTER FEATURES SUCH AS COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES OR PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES.

-LONG BEACH LAND USE ELEMENT

# LONG BEACH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAND USE POLICIES

- IMPLEMENT LAND USE REGULATIONS AND <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES THAT</u> WILL HELP DIVERSIFY THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND EXPAND JOB GROWTH
- PROMOTE LAND USE POLICIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES THAT <u>EMBRACE THE DIVERSE POPULATION OF LONG BEACH</u>
- SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR FINANCE, REAL ESTATE, BUSINESS INCENTIVES, TECHNOLOGY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS A SERVICES THAT PROVIDES BUSINESSES WITH THE DATA AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
- CONTINUE TO OFFER BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAMS FOR NEW STARTUP BUSINESSES
- MAINTAIN <u>AND IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BLUEPRINT</u> TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES, SUPPORT PROSPERITY AND IMPROVE LONG-TERM FISCAL COMPETITIVENESS

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BLUEPRINT

STRATEGIC VISION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





- IN 2015, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TASKED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WITH DEVELOPING A BLUEPRINT
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 11 MEMBERS REPRESENTING DIVERSE INDUSTRIES AND SECTORS







- STRATEGIC VISION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT DEFINES OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CATALYZE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
- ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN 2017
- KEY DELIVERABLES
  - HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DOCUMENT
  - WORK PLAN FOR ONGOING SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT
  - ONLINE ECONOMIC DASHBOARD







## "CITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS, INVESTORS, AND ENTREPRENEURS"

- THE BLUEPRINT SHOULD:
  - SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR ACTION
  - CREATE HIGHER-WAGE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
  - SPUR INVESTMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY
  - BUILD AN ECOSYSTEM THAT LAYS A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS FOR BUSINESSES
  - PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO CREATE, THRIVE, AND POSITIVELY IMPACT WHERE THEY LIVE





- 1. ENGINES OF GROWTH
- 2. ECONOMIC INSLUSION
- 3. JOBS AND WORKFORCE DEVELPOMENT
- 4. BUSINESS ASSISTANCE
- 5. DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT
- 6. QUALITY OF LIFE
- 7. ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP AND COOPERATION



# POLICY AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

# WHO LIKES BEER?



# LONG BEACH TAPS INTO GROWING BREWERY INDUSTRY



- IN 2015, A ZONING CHANGE PERMITTED CRAFT BREWERIES, WINERIES, AND DISTILLERIES AND ACCESSORY TASTING ROOMS TO OPERATE WITHIN COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND CERTAIN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.
- ZONING CHANGE:
  - STREAMLINED THE APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROCESS
  - REDUCED THE TIME AND COST OF STARTING BUSINESSES
  - PROVIDES CONSICE DEVELPOMENT STANDARDS TO GUIDE NEW PROJECTS AND MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORS
- BEFORE THE CHANGE, SIMILAR USES WERE ALLOWED IN SPECIFIC ZONING DISTRICTS, SUCH AS INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND BEWPUBS IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAN AREA.

## LONG BEACH TAPS INTO GROWING **BREWERY INDUSTRY**



### **WELCOME TO BREWERY KNOLLS!**









### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

BIDS OFFER THE CHANCE FOR PROPERTY AND
BUSINESS OWNERS TO POOL RESOURCES TO BE USED
FOR AGREED UPON IMPROVEMENTS

#### **EXAMPLES OF BID SERVICES:**



Biz retention and recruitment



Street and sidewalk cleaning

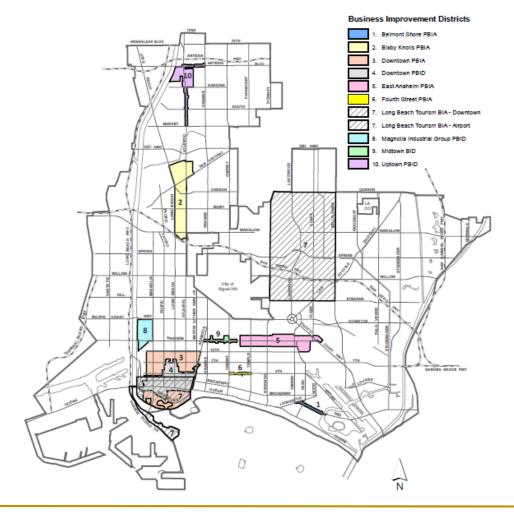


Decorations



Supplemental Security

- 10 BIDS CITYWIDE
- MANAGED BY 9 BUSINESS AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATIONS
- ANNUAL BID ASSESSMENTS RANGE BETWEEN \$18K
   AND \$5.8 MILLION







# kiva

Capital Deployed: \$157,000 Number of Businesses: 17 Number of Trustees: 13 Number of Lenders: 1,891





#### **Grow America Fund (GAF)**

City Investment: \$1,150,000 GAF loans made: \$8,494,800

# of loans made: 23

Total jobs: 460

Leverage of City Investment: \$10.13:\$1





# Microenterprise Loans

Total number of loans: 55

Minority & Women owned: 26

Amount: \$5,554,965

Jobs: 450









### **CITY ACCELERATOR PROGRAM**

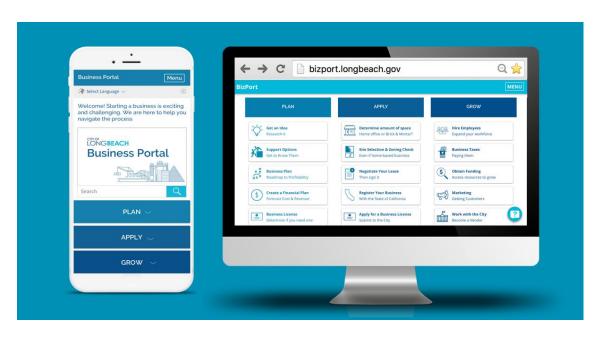


## DIVERSIFYING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN LONG BEACH

- ONE OF FIVE CITIES SELECTED NATIONALLY
- COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO MAKING ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT MORE ACCESIBLE
- MENTORSHIP AND SUPPORT TO SCALE BUSINESSES
- POP UP SHOP







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#### **GOALS**

- REDUSE CONFUSION AND CENTRALIZE RESOURCES
- REDUCE COST AND EXPEDITE STARTUP PROCESS
- INCREASE AWARENESS AND USE OF RESOURCES
- IMPROVE ACCESS TO RESOURCES
- USER-CENTERED DESIGN

#### **BIZPORT ANALYTICS**

37,979 USERS

**58,253 SESSIONS** 

2,400 DIRECT INQUIRIES

### **ECONOMIC INSIGHTS DASHBOARD**



**Household and Per Capita Income** 

#### **Median Household** Income

Long Beach, CA

\$55,151

USD

California

\$63,783

USD

#### **Per Capita Income**

Long Beach, CA

\$27,752

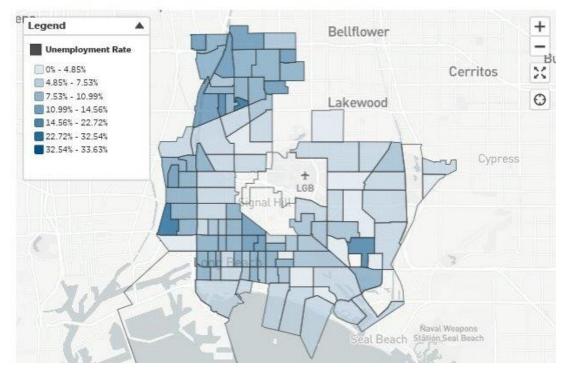
USD

California

\$31,458

USD

#### Map of Unemployment by Census Tract in Long Beach



### **SHAUN LUMACHI INNOVATION CENTER**







BEFORE AFTER INTERIOR

## QUESTIONS?