



JOE BUSCAINO

Los Angeles City Councilmember, 15th District
January 17, 2012 – Present, Third Term (Second Full Term)

Joe Buscaino is a member of the Los Angeles City Council, elected on January 17, 2012 to fill the vacancy left by Janice Hahn, following her successful bid for US Congress. He was re-elected to his first full four-year term on March 5, 2013.

Councilman Buscaino quickly won the respect of his City Council colleagues, and was appointed by the Council President to serve as Chairman of the powerful Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee. As Chair, Buscaino was tasked with oversight of the City's gang reduction efforts, and the Department of Public Works. Public Works is the City's third largest department and is comprised of a staff of more than 5,000 employees who are responsible for the construction, renovation, and operation of City facilities and infrastructure. The Department builds the City's streets, installs its sewers, and constructs storm drains as well as public buildings, rights-of-way, and service facilities. He serves as the Mayor's appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Prior to his election to the City Council, Buscaino served for 15 years as a police officer in the Los Angeles Police Department. His assignments included the Office of Chief of Police, West Traffic Division, Emergency Operations Division and, for the previous six years, Senior Lead Officer for the Harbor area, where he became a well-liked and well-respected leader in the community. He created the LAPD's first Teen Community Police Advisory Board, an organization that works with teens to problem solve and break the barriers between police and teenagers. His concept of bringing youths' perspectives to problem solving with the police department was implemented citywide in 2011.

Councilman Buscaino has lived in the 15th District his entire life, and is a first-generation Italian-American, whose parents emigrated from Italy over 40 years ago, in pursuit of the American dream.

Buscaino graduated Cum Laude, with a BA in Communication from California State University – Dominguez Hills.

He has served on Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Harbor Area, the San Pedro YWCA's Racial Justice Committee, and the Advisory Council for the Los Angeles Watts Summer Games and is active with Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church and various Italian-American organizations.

Joe and his wife, Geralyn, a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, are raising their two children in San Pedro.

COMMITTEES

1. Chair, Public Works & Gang Reduction
2. Vice Chair, Public Safety
3. Member, Entertainment & Facilities
4. Member, Health, Mental Health, & Education
5. Member, Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce, & Trade
6. Member, Ad Hoc Committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics

He has also worked to amend 56.11 which will require homeless individuals to take down their tents from 6AM to 9PM and allow LAPD to enforce this rule.

- **Medical Marijuana Dispensaries**

To address illegal medical marijuana dispensaries, Councilman Buscaino formed a partnership with the City Attorney and the LAPD to create an effective and sustainable enforcement model.

Councilman Buscaino also voted to close a loophole which allowed pot shops that are illegal under Prop D to obtain Business Certificates. Prop D, which was passed by voters, restricts the number of pot shops in LA and how close the shops can be to schools, parks, etc. Closing this loophole was a common sense solution which furthers the spirit of Prop D and makes both enforcement and closing of illegal pot shops easier.

- **Park Refurbishment**

This is why in the past four years Councilman Buscaino has worked with the Department of Recreation and Parks and its General Manager Mike Shull to build and refurbish a dozen parks in the 15th Council District.

Councilman Buscaino put \$2 Million into the Harbor Sports Complex in Wilmington; \$6 Million into Rosecrans Park in the Harbor Gateway, \$5 Million into Serenity Park in Watts, reconstructed the 109th St. Pool and Gaffey Street Pool, refurbished Leland Park in San Pedro, built Janet Shour Park, a new park across the street from the Drum Barracks in Wilmington and the skate park at Peck Park as well as putting \$117 million into the Machado Lake rehabilitation

- **CLEAN Initiatives**

Councilman Buscaino helped launch Clean San Pedro, Clean Watts and Clean Wilmington which have become a force in the community by cleaning streets and alleys every week and building community in the process.

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