



NAIOP SoCal to Honor CA State Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco with the Public Partner of the Year Award During its May 16 Industry Awards Gala

Santa Ana, CA (April 30, 2024) – NAIOP SoCal, the leading nonprofit association for owners, builders, brokers, developers and investors of industrial, office, retail and mixed-use real estate, will honor California State Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco (D-64) with its Public Partner of the Year award during its May 16 Awards Gala. Now in its third year, the NAIOP SoCal Industry Awards Gala recognizes excellence across the Southern California commercial real estate community. This year, the Awards Gala will be held on May 16 at the historic Vibiana in downtown Los Angeles.



NAIOP SoCal applauds Assemblymember Pacheco for her unwavering support and dedication in helping to foster an environment for quality job creation, business growth and innovation. Through her legislative actions, Assemblymember Pacheco has demonstrated a keen understanding of the needs and challenges facing businesses, earning her admiration and respect from entrepreneurs and industry leaders alike. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Assemblymember Pacheco for her invaluable contributions.

“The NAIOP SoCal Public Partner of the Year award recognizes a public servant or government agency demonstrating extraordinary leadership in advancing legislation and policies which promote the progress and growth of the commercial real estate industry across Southern California,” stated Timothy Jemal, CEO, NAIOP SoCal. “Assemblymember Pacheco’s leadership and her support of common-sense, pro-business legislation that protects local control makes her an outstanding choice for our Public Partner of the Year.”

Elected in 2022 to represent California Assembly District 64, Assemblymember Pacheco Chairs the powerful Assembly Rules Committee, and serves on the Local Government; Judiciary; and Governmental Organization Standing Committees. She also serves on key Select Committees, including on Retail Theft; Latina Inequities; and Workforce Development and Diversity in the Innovation Economy, among others. California Assembly District 64 encompasses parts of southwestern Los Angeles County, including the cities of Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Bell Gardens, Bell and Cudahy, the unincorporated communities of East Whittier and South Whittier, and the northern Orange County City of La Habra.

Before her service in the State Assembly, Pacheco was elected to the Downey City Council in 2016 and became the first Latina to serve as Mayor of Downey in 2020. Pacheco also served as President of the League of California Cities’ Los Angeles Division, where she chaired the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee, and held an at-large director position on the League’s State Board.

Raised in a working-class neighborhood as the daughter of a nurse and a public school bus driver, Pacheco’s upbringing instilled in her an appreciation for hard work and the importance of community. Assemblymember Pacheco is a proud alumna of UCLA, where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science with a specialization in Chicano/a Studies. She continued her education at Loyola Law School and was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2003.

In January 2024, Jemal interviewed Assemblymember Pacheco for his podcast series “CREative Talk with Tim Jemal.” To listen to the interview, [click here](#).

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