



Los Angeles Area  
*Chamber of Commerce*

## **Southern California Industrial Land Policy**

### **L.A. Area Chamber Declaration of Principles**

- Industrial land, jobs, and a health industrial economy are essential to Southern California's economic prosperity.
- Good planning requires that the creation of industrial-use districts that are large, accessible, and flexible enough to function efficiently now and in the future. Small sections of land and "corridors" do not fit this role.
- Dividing industrial uses into several subcategories, ranging from heavy industry to lighter industry will accommodate a spectrum of modern business functions and in some cases, compatible mixed uses such as housing and retail.
- Central industrial locations are in the best position to attract and retain highly-skilled employees. While many industrial uses may be more efficiently accommodated on large sites at the growing fringe of the metropolitan region, some industries (i.e. refrigerated and fresh food) serve the community best from a central location.
- The City of Los Angeles should use the Community Plan update process (not Specific Plans, Overlay Zones or special "rezones") to identify appropriate areas for industrial land use and to bring individual property zoning designations into conformance with Community Plans. Planning agencies are overwhelmed with processing the extraordinary number of Specific Plans in addition to their other exceptional transactions. The City of Los Angeles has thirty-five Community Plans. These are updated on a regular cycle and provide the appropriate mechanisms for identifying industrial zones.
- Special attention must be paid to the specific development needs of the Los Angeles River and downtown Los Angeles.
- Ultimately, the availability of land for industrial use is region-wide issue. Long term solutions must include creating a regional industrial use plan that encompasses all local cities.