



THE FIGHT FOR WATER RIGHTS

The BIZFed Institute held a Water Resiliency Forum on March 24 to discuss California's gaps in water infrastructure, smart water management and the future of water innovation.

Community Build President Robert Sausedo spoke on behalf of Groundswell, a statewide movement of over 52 agencies who have come together to bring voice to the conversation about clean, safe drinking water and innovation.

"Today, a lizard and a fly have more water rights than people, moreover, people of color throughout California," Sausedo said.

"I'm here because Community Build does all this social service work, but if we're not at the table [in regards to water rights], we're certainly going to be on the menu," Sausedo said. "Groundswell wants to bring innovative thinking, out of the box conversations that aren't being had and bring voice from the community to this conversation in such a way that maybe we create additional thinkers to help the work that is being done."

COMMUNITY BUILD CALLS OUT 'A STATE OF FOOD INSECURITY EMERGENCY' IN SOUTH LA

Community Build President Robert Sausedo and community leaders held a press conference to call attention to a food insecurity emergency in South Los Angeles resulting from LAUSD school closures.

Pastor Robert Marshall, Earnest Williams, Deacon Doug Johnson, Alberta Moore, Kimlin Johnson, Tyrone Nance and Malik Owens stood before news cameras to discuss the issues of food insecurity and education.

Over the three-day strike, Community Build, Inc., with the help of community partners WISH and Grayson's Outreach, distributed over 3,300 meals.

Sausedo said many of these families rely upon the food sources of the school system because that's the first meal of the day for many children. "We have to make sure the economy of us doesn't interfere with the humanity of us," Sausedo said.



BLACK STUNT WORKERS HONOR LA CIVIL RIGHTS CHAMPION *Capri Maddox*



In a salute to Women's History Month, the Black Stuntmen and Women's Association (BSA), presented an honorary membership to Capri Maddox, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights). The presentation was hosted by Community Build, Inc.

Former Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Maddox to the newly created Department in February 2020 as its first Executive Director to address systemic racism and bias in the areas of commerce, education, employment, and housing.

"We're making her an honorary member of the Black Stuntmen and Woman's Association for her ability to defend the underserved and still land on her feet," said BSA President Alex Brown, a stuntman for over 30 years, who presented Maddox with a certificate.

The BSA also bestowed Community Build President Robert Sausedo with an honorary membership for his fight for equity and inclusion.

"Robert Sausedo has been taking the lead in the battle to make our community a better place," said Brown. "He may not be jumping out of burning buildings, but he and his team have been putting out fires in the community and we want to recognize him for that."