



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR HISTORY

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The Building Industry Association of Southern California has been the voice of Southern California's homebuilding industry for over 85 years.

**Organized in 1923 as the Building Contractors Association, the group first covered the local Los Angeles area.** Original members consisted of a small group of contractors, who paid \$5 dues annually. Their purpose was to improve the practices, raise the ethics of the construction industry and foster better understanding between the industry and the public.

The group incorporated 10 years later in 1933 as the Building Contractors Association of Southern California, Inc., with five officers and seven other directors. It reorganized in 1938 to become an organization with chapters in various communities.

**The group chartered the Los Angeles Chapter in 1938 and more than two dozen other chapters soon thereafter.** Some of these chapters included: Glendale-Burbank, Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley, Riverside County, Santa Barbara, Contractors Southeast, Builder-Developer, Ventura, Orange County, Bay Area, San Fernando Valley, Antelope Valley, Baldy View, Kern County, Whittier, Compton, Manhattan-Hermosa-Redondo, Palm Springs, Fresno, Imperial Valley, Laguna Beach, San Diego, Santa Maria, East Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Victor Valley.

In 1940, the group changed its name to the **Building Contractors Association of California, Inc.**

Then in 1942, the federal government issued Order L-41 that restricted building and the use of building materials during World War II. Construction halted throughout Southern California forcing some contractors out of business. Most joined the armed forces, moved into government jobs or left Southern California to build in places where they could get priorities from the War Production Board for construction essential to the war effort.

Because of these factors, 10 chapters went inactive during the 1940s and many more merged and re-organized after the war.

In 1946, the Builder-Developer Chapter withdrew from the Building Contractors Association (BCA) and formed a Home Builders Institute Chapter, which evolved into the **Home Builders Association of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties (HBA).**

The BCA and the HBA joined forces in 1967 and consolidated into the Building Industry Association of California, Inc. **It formally changed its name to the current Building Industry Association of Southern California in 1978.**

The initial Los Angeles Chapter remains, and today covers all of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and parts of Kern County. The Chapter is now called the Los Angeles Ventura Chapter.

Other chapters consolidated through the years into the current four chapters:

### **Baldy View**

This Chapter was originally chartered in 1938 as the Pomona Valley Chapter. The Ontario-Upland Chapter took over part of the jurisdiction of the Pomona Valley and San Bernardino Chapters and chartered in 1959.

The Pomona Valley and Ontario-Upland Chapters merged in 1963 to form the Baldy View Chapter, which assumed all of San Bernardino County in 1978.

### **Los Angeles Ventura**

The Los Angeles/Ventura (LAV) Chapter was formed on January 1, 2008, as a result of the merger between the Los Angeles County East Chapter (LACE) and the Greater Los Angeles Ventura (GLAV) Chapter. The GLAV Chapter was originally chartered in 1938 as the Los Angeles Chapter. In 1986, it merged with the San Fernando Valley Chapter, chartered in 1940, to form the Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter. The Ventura Chapter was originally chartered in 1938, but had its charter revoked in 1945 when it joined the HBA of Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties. When the HBA and BCA consolidated in 1967 to form the BIA, Ventura was once again chartered. It merged with the Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter in 1990 to form the GLAV Chapter.

The LACE Chapter covered an area originally chartered in 1938 as two separate Chapters – the Pasadena-San Marino Chapter and the Alhambra-San Gabriel Valley Chapter. They consolidated in 1971 to form the Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley Chapter, and then merged with the Southeast and Coastal Cities Chapter in 1989 to form the Los Angeles County East Chapter.

In October of 2007, the BIASC Board of Directors agreed to and adopted a merger proposal combining the GLAV with the LACE to form the new Los Angeles Ventura Chapter, which began its formal operations in January 2008.

In January 2011, the BIASC Board approved a resolution merging the LAV and Antelope Valley Chapters. The original Antelope Valley Chapter was chartered in 1952. Its territory includes the region previously covered by the Victor Valley Chapter, which was chartered in 1959, rendered inactive in 1975 and assumed by the Antelope Valley Chapter in 1976. The Chapter was reorganized in 1990 to cover most of the Antelope Valley and reorganized again in 2007, to include a portion of Kern County, so that today the Chapter represents the entire Antelope Valley.

### **Orange County**

Originally chartered in 1939, this Chapter had its charter revoked in 1956 when it was split into three separate Chapters: the Central Orange County Chapter, the North Orange County Chapter and the South Coast Chapter (previously called the Laguna Beach Chapter, which was originally chartered in 1939, became inactive in 1944 and had its area allocated to the Orange County Chapter on a trial basis in 1954). The Central Orange County and North Orange County Chapters merged just two years later in 1958 into a new Orange County Chapter and the South Coast Chapter changed its name to the Orange Coast Chapter. And two years later in 1960, the Orange Coast Chapter merged back into the Orange County Chapter.

### **Riverside County**

This Chapter was originally chartered in 1938 as the Riverside Chapter. The San Bernardino Chapter chartered in 1939, but became inactive in 1944 and was reorganized in 1954. It withdrew from the BCA to become the HBA of Riverside-San Bernardino Counties. In 1958, the BCA's Riverside Chapter took over the San Bernardino area and became the BCA Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter. The two merged in 1974 to become the BIA Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter. In 1978, it changed its name to the Riverside County Chapter and the San Bernardino County area was assumed by the Baldy View Chapter.

In 2010, the Riverside Chapter's territory was expanded to include the Desert Region, the former Desert Chapter. The former Desert Chapter was originally chartered in 1967 with eight members and dissolved in 1969 when just one remained. It was known as the Desert Council of the Riverside County Region Chapter until it re-chartered in 1994. In 2003, Imperial County was added to the former Chapter's territory.