

Joe Buscaino
Councilmember, Los Angeles, California

First Vice President, National League of Cities

Councilmember Joe Buscaino represents the fifteenth district of Los Angeles and serves as the first vice president of the National League of Cities (NLC). With a lifelong career in public service, Buscaino brings a broad range of expertise to NLC's leadership including the critical issues of public safety and crime prevention, economic development, infrastructure, technology and innovation, and youth civic engagement. He has served in several roles at NLC, including chairing the Legislative Action Committee, and serving as a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee, Membership Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

Buscaino has served the fifteenth district of Los Angeles since 2012 and has served as the Assistant President Pro Tempore of the Los Angeles City Council since 2019. His top priorities include ensuring the Port of Los Angeles "grows clean" while increasing the amount of jobs it can support; redeveloping the LA Waterfront and making it a regional destination and economic stimulator; and redeveloping Jordan Downs, the largest public housing development in the city, and adding to and modernizing park space in his District.

Prior to his election to the City Council, Buscaino served for 15 years as a police officer in the Los Angeles Police Department. He created the LAPD's first Teen Community Police Advisory Board, an organization that works with teens to solve problems and break the barriers between police and teenagers. His concept was implemented citywide in 2011.

Buscaino graduated Cum Laude, with a BA in Communications from California State University – Dominguez Hills. He and his wife, Geralyn, a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, are raising their two children in San Pedro.

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