

Bob Huff (CA-39) Research Report

The following report contains research on Bob Huff, a Republican challenger in California's 39th Congressional District. Research for this report was completed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Research Department in March 2018.

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Significant Findings

- ✓ *Huff touted his high scores from business groups like the California Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business and portrayed himself as a business-friendly Republican capable of working in a bipartisan fashion.*
- ✓ *In 2008, Huff introduced legislation to ban sanctuary cities, report certain undocumented immigrants to federal agencies, and urge the U.S. Congress to revoke birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants.*
- ✓ *In 2008, Huff campaigned on expanding off-shore drilling.*
- ✓ *In 2008, Huff introduced a bill to remove sexual orientation from the non-discrimination law governing schools.*
- ✓ *In 2007 and 2010, Huff was fined by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for failure to disclose contributions in a timely manner.*
- ✓ *In 2009 and 2011, Huff was the subject of conflict-of-interest criticism after he backed a project supported by a developer who employed his wife.*
- ✓ *Despite a 2004 pledge to not accept PAC money, Huff's state campaigns were heavily supported by large corporations.*
- ✓ *Huff moved to San Dimas in the 32nd Congressional District in 2015 to make a failed run for Los Angeles County Supervisor. He likely moved back to the 39th in 2017.*

Ethics

Nepotism

Huff Huff's Wife, Mei Mei Huff, Served In His Office As The "Principal But Non-Paid Liaison" To The Chinese Community

Huff's Wife, Mei Mei Huff, Served In His Office As A Non-Paid Liaison To The Chinese Community, According To Their Business Website. "For the past twelve years Mei Mei has been the principal, but non-paid liaison to the Chinese community from the office of Assemblyman and Senator Bob Huff's office. Her networking within the Asian community directly led to the creation of the Heritage School Act, SB??, SJR 23 that calls upon US Congress to formally apologize for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and SCR 10 that recognized the importance of the Lunar New Year celebrations by Asian communities. Mei Mei Huff also played a key role helping Jiangsu Province become California's official Sister Province. An immigrant professional fluent in three languages, Mei Mei Huff is a highly sought after consultant." [Huff Strategies website, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

2015: Huff Selected His Wife Mei Mei As The Winner Of His Office's "Woman Of The Year" Award. "'It's my honor to select my wife as the Woman of the Year for the 29th Senate District, a tribute that she so richly deserves,' Huff said in a news release. 'The contributions she has made to my Senate district and the state of California are well-documented and deserve recognition.' [...] Huff's release touts his wife as the 'principal but non-paid liaison' from his office to the Chinese community and mentions Senate resolutions she played a role in – the recognition of the importance of Lunar New Year celebrations by Asian communities and a call on Congress to formally apologize for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. She has an MBA from St. John's University and is a certified public accountant." [Orange County Register, 3/22/15]

Conflict Of Interest Claims

2009 And 2011: Huff Repeatedly Voted To Support Projects Backed By A Developer That Employed His Wife Mei Mei Huff

2011: Huff's Wife Worked For A Firm That Backed A Redevelopment Plan He Proposed. "State Sen. Bob Huff, who is working aggressively to save California's redevelopment agencies, says Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to abolish them is legally dubious, would cost jobs and would eliminate one of the state's few tools for spurring economic development. What the Diamond Bar Republican doesn't include in his pitch is that his wife is a paid consultant for a large developer eager to keep the program intact. The developer, Ed Roski Jr., owner of Majestic Realty, has industrial and commercial properties across Southern California, many of them in redevelopment zones that have been spruced up with tax dollars. [...] Brown's campaign to shut down redevelopment agencies and direct \$1.7 billion of their funds to help balance the state budget has stalled in Sacramento at the hands of Republicans, with Huff as their point man. GOP leaders call their proposal to save the agencies the 'Huff compromise.' Huff's proposal would lengthen the life of the redevelopment agencies rather than scrap them. The Republicans included it in the list of policies they are demanding that Brown adopt before they will support his budget package." [Los Angeles Times, 5/10/11]

Developer Backing Huff's Proposal Was One Of His Wife's Two Clients And A Large Donor To Huff's Campaigns. "Huff's financial disclosures on file with the state show that his wife's business, Mei Mei Ho Consulting LLC, has two clients. One is Pacific Palms Resort/Majestic Industry Hills LLC, owned by Roski and Majestic Realty Vice President John Semcken. Last year, her business earned more than \$100,000, the largest income category provided on the disclosure forms. [...] In addition to employing Huff's wife, Roski and Majestic have helped fill Huff's political coffers. The company and its executives contributed more than \$25,000 to Huff's 2008 election to the state Senate and have given \$5,900 to his nascent 2012 reelection bid." [Los Angeles Times, 5/10/11]

Huff Denied That There Was A Conflict Of Interest With His Redevelopment Plan. "Some who agree with Brown's plan to eliminate the agencies questioned the motives of Huff, vice chairman of the Senate budget committee and a key player in budget discussions. 'He shouldn't be leading the charge to protect that pot of money if he or anyone in his family has a financial stake,' said Carroll Wills, a spokesman for the California Professional Firefighters union, which wants to redirect the subsidies to public safety and schools. Huff said there is 'absolutely no conflict.' If lawmakers 'had to stay away from any subject that a spouse of theirs might be involved in, you know, we would severely have our hands tied,' he said." [Los Angeles Times, 5/10/11]

2009: Huff Supported A Football Stadium Proposed By His Wife's Employer. "As the debate over a proposed professional football stadium in Industry ignited political ire in quiet Walnut last fall, then-state Assemblyman Bob Huff decided to throw his weight into the project. In a quick address to a city council that would later vote to oppose the project, Huff argued the NFL stadium proposed by Majestic Realty would spark the region's economy and Walnut had little choice in the matter. [...] But it wasn't a simple vote of support. Huff's wife, Mei Mei Huff, has worked for Majestic since 2001, Huff said." [Whittier Daily News, 8/29/09]

Two Of Mei Mei Huff's Businesses Received Income From The Developer Proposing The Football Stadium. "Mei Mei Huff is a senior vice president at the Pacific Palms Resort, a 650-acre resort which sits on land owned by Industry. The property and its facilities are master-leased by Majestic, its CEO Roski and the company's Vice President John Semcken under a partnership called Majestic Industry Hills, LLC. [...] Last year, Mei Mei Huff's two businesses reported receiving income from Roski's Majestic Realty Co. Mei Mei Ho and Associates, her business consulting firm based in Diamond Bar, reported income of \$10,000 to \$100,000 through late February, with one of the identified clients as Pacific Palms Resort/Majestic Industry Hills, LLC, according to the most recent financial disclosure reports. The business was 'disposed' in February 2008 and replaced with another business consulting firm, Mei Mei Ho Consulting, LLC. The state senator reported the company's income was over \$100,000 beginning Feb. 20. Two of its identified clients are Majestic Realty and Pacific Palms Resort/Majestic Industry Hills, LLC, records show." [Whittier Daily News, 8/29/09]

Huff Received \$28,200 from The Developer And Its Representatives For His 2008 Campaign. “During his successful senatorial campaign last November, Huff received \$28,200 from Majestic Realty and its representatives, according to state campaign records.” [Whittier Daily News, 8/29/09]

Huff Voted For A Senate Rule Waiver That Allowed The Development Backed By His Wife’s Client To Advance. “Assemblyman Isadore Hall (D-Compton), who wrote 2009 legislation to facilitate a stadium, said Majestic would ‘have to work much harder’ to make the project pencil out without redevelopment funds. Questions about Huff’s ties to Majestic were raised in 2009, when lawmakers approved the Hall legislation, which exempted the stadium project from an environmental lawsuit that threatened to slow construction. Huff abstained from voting on the bill, but he did provide a crucial vote on a Senate rule waiver that allowed the measure to be pushed through the Legislature. When former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the exemption in Industry, Mei Mei Huff stood by his side, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. Afterward, she gave interviews to Chinese-language media on behalf of Roski and Majestic.” [Los Angeles Times, 5/10/11]

Campaign Fines

Huff Was Twice Fined By The California Fair Political Practices Commission For Failure To Properly Disclose Contributions

2007: Huff Was Fined \$7,000 By The Fair Political Practices Commission For Failure To Immediately Electronically Report \$184,000 In Loans He Made In 2003 To His 2004 Assembly Primary Campaign And File His Statement Of Intent On Time. “The state Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday is expected to fine Assemblyman Robert ‘Bob’ Huff \$7,000 for failure to immediately electronically report \$184,000 in loans he made in 2003 to his 2004 Republican primary campaign. Huff, R-Diamond Bar, also is being fined for filing the required statement of intention to be a candidate on Dec. 1, 2003, nearly nine months after he had begun raising money on Feb. 28 of that year. Huff, who has agreed to the fine, said he had no intent to deceive the public. ‘(But) it is what it is,’ he said. ‘I believe we should follow the rules.’ The report, which will go to the commission at its 10 a.m. meeting in Sacramento, states the amount of money was ‘substantial,’ and that Huff ‘had engaged in significant fund-raising activity prior to filing this required statement with the Secretary of State.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 8/8/07]

Huff Said That His Statement Of His Intent Was Lost After It Had Been Filed And That He And His Wife Mei Mei, Who Served As His Treasurer, Were Unaware That Loans Were Considered Contributions Under A New Law. “In addition, the requirements had changed between 1998 - when Huff first ran for Assembly - and 2004, the report said. His campaign was ‘therefore not fully knowledgeable about the new law,’ it stated. Huff said his treasurer, his wife, Mei Mei, didn’t realize the loans also were contributions and needed to be immediately reported online. ‘She thought the intention was to know who you’re beholden to and that a loan from oneself also was treated as a contribution,’ he said Tuesday. In addition, Huff said he believes the paperwork for the statement of intention had been filed with Los Angeles County, but was lost.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 8/8/07]

2010: Huff Was Fined \$200 For Failing To Disclose A \$170 Airport Parking Fee Paid For By Los Angeles And Said He Had “No Intent To Hide Anything.” “The Fair Political Practices Commission approved Thursday \$9,200 in fines for dozens of state lawmakers, including six from the San Gabriel Valley and Whittier area, for failing to disclose gifts from lobbyists. ‘None of these involve corruption. Most involve errors that if they were made on a business expense report would be laughable ... there is no evidence any individuals intended to hide gifts,’ Commissioner Timothy Hodson said. [...] Huff also failed to disclose airport parking paid for by Los Angeles, valued at \$170. He was fined \$200. Most lawmakers have said the disclosure failures were simple filing or accounting mistakes, and have since filed corrected reports. ‘It’s irritating that ... they don’t exercise any judgment between intent and transgression,’ Huff said. ‘Clearly, there is no intent to hide anything.’ Huff said the rules about disclosing airport parking have changed in recent years, contributing to the confusion on his report. [...] ‘For us, the FPPC becomes a political hit piece. My opposition puts that out and says, Huff was fined by the FPPC for not disclosing gifts,’ he said.” [Whittier Daily News, 2/11/10]

Huff's Chief Of Staff Was Fined \$200 For Failing To Disclose Billy Joel Concert Tickets From BP America. "Lawmakers sometimes don't know the value of the dinners and other gifts they receive, Huff said. They rely on notification from sponsoring organizations. He said he will change this practice and become more proactive, asking the cost of his attendance at receptions and dinners. Huff's chief of staff, Junay Gardner, who was also fined \$200 for failing to disclose Billy Joel concert tickets from BP America, echoed this sentiment. 'Honestly, I probably will be attending a lot fewer events, receptions,' she said. Gardner said she should have been given a warning letter, as the FPPC does sometimes, because it was her first violation and accidental - she misfiled the Billy Joel tickets in her 2007 file, not 2008." [Whittier Daily News, 2/11/10]

Broken Promises

Huff Reneged On A 2004 Pledge To Not Accept PAC Money

2008: Huff's Primary Opponent For State Senate Criticized Him For Abandoning A 2004 Campaign Pledge To Not Accept PAC Money. "Mountjoy criticized Huff for abandoning a 2004 campaign pledge that he wouldn't take political action committee money. But Huff said he tried to make change, but received no support. And he needed to raise money - not for himself, but for the Republican Party, he said. 'I make no apologies for it,' Huff said. 'I don't see any shame. You use that money to help the team.'" [Whittier Daily News, 5/16/08]

2007: After Reneging On Pledge To Not Accept PAC Money, Huff Said, "All I Did Was Handicap Myself." "Huff said special-interest money - such as \$38,231 in contributions from political action committees and \$11,050 from Native American tribes - doesn't compromise him in his job. When Huff ran for the Assembly in 2004, he pledged and took no money from PACs. But after he was elected he said he found no interest in campaign finance reform from the state Legislature. 'I lived by my legislation, but all I did was handicap myself,' he said. 'Ultimately when you're trying to elect Republicans throughout the state, it doesn't matter where your money comes from.'" [Whittier Daily News, 8/1/07]

Troubled Campaign Contributors

Huff Accepted Contributions From Special Interests Who later Found Themselves In Hot Water

Huff Named An Arts College "Small Business of the Year" Two Months Before It Went Out Of Business Amid Unpaid Wage Complaints. "Montecito Fine Arts College of Design was honored as state Sen. Bob Huff's Small Business of the Year two months before the private school abruptly went out of business, leaving dozens of students stranded. [...] On Tuesday, Huff, who is traveling in China, issued a prepared statement in which he said he found the school to be a 'great learning institution' when he toured it last year. 'I interacted in an unscripted, unrehearsed manner with students, parents and teachers during my tour, and on all accounts it appeared to provide an excellent learning environment,' he wrote. 'I had no idea the school was struggling financially and would eventually go out of business.' [...] The state's labor commissioner has awarded thousand of dollars in unpaid wages claims to several former employees over the past two years, according to documents from the state Department of Industrial Relations." [Pasadena Star-News, 8/11/09]

Huff Returned A \$1,000 Donation From The Wife Of The Founder Of The Closed Arts College. "With President Ed Kuckelkorn at the helm of the Montecito Fine Arts divisions, it is no surprise that the business has blossomed into the success it is today,' Huff wrote. [...] Huff's statement also makes mention of a contribution Kuckelkorn's wife, Montecito vice president Trisha Zhang, made to his campaign shortly after the senator presented Kuckelkorn the award. According to state election records, Zhang donated \$1,000 to Huff's 2012 re-election committee June 29, about one month after the award ceremony. Huff said Tuesday he would return the donation. 'In light of the investigation into the closing of Montecito Fine Arts schools, I have decided to return the monetary contribution from Ed Kuckelkorn's wife, Trisha Yingzi Zhang,' he wrote in the statement." [Pasadena Star-News, 8/11/09]

Huff Accepted Concert Tickets From Lobbying Groups And His Biggest Donors Included A Developer Who Employed His Wife, A Casino-Owning Tribe, And Philip Morris. “Behind the legislative record of newly chosen Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff is a host of special interests that have funded his campaigns and given him expensive gifts. Last year, for example, the California Dental Association spent \$124 to send Huff to a Josh Groban concert, the day after giving him a \$1,700 donation. AT&T, meanwhile, gave Huff a ticket to see Eric Clapton last March, and PG&E spent \$146 on dinner for him at Morton's steakhouse in Sacramento, according to lobbying records. Huff attended these events with other legislators. Huff, who represents parts of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties, served in the state Assembly from 2004 until 2008, when he was elected to the Senate. Along the way, his biggest campaign contributors were a developer for whom his wife has worked, a casino-owning Indian tribe and the tobacco company formerly known as Philip Morris, according to the National Institute on Money in State Politics. Huff, who touts his pro-business stance, had a perfect record in 2011 of voting in agreement with the California Chamber of Commerce.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune via California Watch, 1/6/12]

Immigration

Illegal Immigration

Huff Claimed That Illegal Immigration Was The “Number One” Issue In His District And Is A “Burden On Society”

2008: During State Senate Campaign, Huff Said That “The Number One Issue In Our District Is Illegal Immigration.” ““Those who have had me as a representative for four years in the Assembly and nine years on the Diamond Bar City Council have found that I am a full-time representative and very accessible,’ Huff said. ‘I have been communicating a lot and the number-one issue in our district is illegal immigration.’ He noted studies that showed illegal immigration costs the taxpayer about \$9 billion a year.” [Pasadena Star-News, 6/3/08]

2008: Huff Said That He Wanted To “Fight Illegal Immigration Because It Is Putting A Burden On Society.” “‘I want to fight illegal immigration because it is putting a burden on society,’ said Huff, who quoted a study by the Federation for American Immigration Reform that suggests illegal immigrants cost American taxpayers an estimated \$9 billion a year. ‘It is the No. 1 issue I hear about from my constituents.’” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 5/12/08]

Huff: “We Add Some Huge Costs To Our State Because Of Our Immigration Problem.” “Huff, who is running for a senate seat currently held by termed-out Sen. Bob Margett, R-Arcadia, acknowledged that the bills are not likely to pass but said they are necessary to help resolve the state's looming fiscal crisis by stemming the flow of undocumented immigrants. ‘We add some huge costs to our state,’ Huff said, ‘because of our immigration problem.’” [Whittier Daily News, 3/15/08]

2008: Citing Budget Deficit, Huff Defended A Package Of 23 Immigration Bills That Would Revoke The Licenses Of Businesses That Hire Undocumented Immigrants And Allow For State And Local Authorities To Report Immigrants To Federal Immigration Authorities For Certain Violations. “Assembly Republicans raised hackles and debate across the political spectrum last week with a package of 23 bills aimed at illegal immigration, including one that would revoke the business licenses of employers who hire undocumented foreign workers in California. The proposed legislation, authored by 14 of the 30 Republican members of the State Assembly, runs the gamut from requiring bidders on state contracts to certify they do not employ ‘unauthorized aliens’ to a bill that would require every state agency to electronically verify employment eligibility of all workers after they are hired. [...] Huff touts the bills as common-sense measures to help the state secure its border and better protect Californians as officials grapple with a projected \$16 billion budget deficit. The bills seek to tighten loopholes that take away jobs from needy people who live in California legally and penalize those not acting in the best interest of the state, he said. ‘There is really a minimum amount we can do,’ Huff said, ‘but when we are asking jurisdictions to work with each other, it's a state issue.’ For example, deporting juveniles charged with a

violent felony makes sense in a state that otherwise would keep them behind bars and pay the tab, Huff said.” [Sacramento Business Journal, 4/7/08]

Birthright Citizenship

Huff Opposed Birthright Citizenship For Children Of Non-Citizens

Huff: “Most People Don’t Think That Just Because You Happen To Be In This Country And Have A Baby, It Should Be A Citizen.” “A package of Assembly bills aimed at discouraging illegal immigration is circulating the Assembly, though none of the five measures is likely to become legislation. The bills, authored by Assemblyman Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, aim to revoke the constitutional birthright to citizenship for children whose parents are not U.S. citizens and eliminate other rights for undocumented immigrants. ‘Most people don’t think that just because you happen to be in this country and have a baby, it should be a citizen,’ Huff said. ‘What is it that inherently entitles that person to all the rights that belong to people here legitimately?’ [...] Huff said many countries do not provide automatic citizenship to those born on their soil. He added the 14th Amendment right was created to negate an infamous court decision that denied Dred Scott, a 19th century black slave, citizenship rights. ‘It was never voted on by Congress for its current usage,’ he said. ‘The way it’s being used now has never been talked about.’” [Whittier Daily News, 3/15/08]

2008: Huff Introduced A Resolution Urging Congress To Amend The Constitution To Repeal Birthright Citizenship For Children Born To Non-Citizen Parents. “AJR 44 would put the California Legislature on record as supporting House Joint Resolution 46, a bill originally sponsored by Congressman and presidential candidate Ron Paul (R-TX). This resolution states that a person born to non-citizen parents of the United States shall not be a citizen of the U.S. solely by reason of birth on American soil. ‘The United States is the most welcoming nation to immigrants in the world,’ stated Assemblyman Huff. ‘However, our increasingly generous public benefits have become a magnet for individuals to enter the U.S. illegally and obtain taxpayer-funded benefits through their children, such as public housing and food stamps. In a time when our state budget is severely constrained, we should do everything possible to make sure these public benefits go to our own needy, not those from other countries who have gamed the system. Closing this loophole is one step toward making sure our scarce public resources go to those for whom they are intended.’” [Monrovia Weekly, [2/28/08](#)]

Federal Immigration Enforcement

Huff Authored Legislation To Report Undocumented Immigrants To ICE

2008: Huff Introduced AB 2419, A Bill Requiring Local Or State Police To Notify The Federal Agency In Charge Of Deportation Matters If “A Peace Officer Has Reason To Believe” That A Person Arrested For A DUI Offense Is Not A Citizen. “Existing law, the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, provides that when there is reason to believe that any person arrested for a specified controlled substances violation may not be a citizen of the United States, the arresting agency is required to notify the appropriate agency of the United States having charge of deportation matters. This bill would additionally require the arresting agency to make this notification whenever a peace officer has reason to believe that any person arrested for a specified driving under the influence (DUI) offense may not be a citizen of the United States. By increasing the duties of local law enforcement officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.” [California Legislative Information, “AB-2419 Arrests: noncitizens,” introduced [2/21/08](#)]

2008: Huff Introduced AB 2422, A Bill That Would Require Local Authorities To Report Undocumented Minors Charged With A Violent Felony Or Gang-Related Felony To ICE. “The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall implement and maintain procedures to identify inmates serving terms in state prison or wards of the Division of Juvenile Facilities who are undocumented aliens subject to deportation. This identification procedure shall be completed, as to each inmate, within 90 days of the Department of Corrections having taken custody of the inmate or ward. The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall refer to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement the name and location of any inmate or ward who has committed a violent

felony, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5, or a gang-related felony, as described in Section 186.22, and who may be an undocumented alien and who may be subject to deportation.” [California Legislative Information, “AB-2422 Corrections: undocumented felons,” introduced [2/21/08](#)]

Crime

2008: Huff Introduced AB 2418, A Bill To Deny Bail To Any Undocumented Immigrant Who Has Been Charged With A Violent Felony Or A Gang-Related Crime. “This bill would provide that no person charged with one or more of certain violent or gang-related felonies shall be eligible for bail or released pending trial if, at the time of the alleged offense, the person was in the United States illegally. The bill would also require the sheriff of the county in which the subject is being held to notify federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the person’s arrest and charges and would also require the sheriff, district attorney, and trial courts of each county to record the status of any illegal alien charged, booked, or convicted of a felony and report this information to the Department of Justice for inclusion in that person’s criminal history so that reimbursement may be sought from the federal government for the cost of incarceration.” [California Legislative Information, “AB 2418: Bail,” introduced [2/21/08](#)]

Sanctuary Cities

2008: Huff Introduced AB 2420, A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. “This bill would provide that it would be the policy of this state that no law enforcement entity or any local governing body may adopt an ordinance, rule, regulation, or order, or otherwise implement a policy, that prohibits law enforcement officers from initiating action to discover a person’s alien status or that prohibits a law enforcement officer from arresting or booking a person for entering the United States of America illegally.” [California Legislative Information, “AB-2420: Arrests: policy: immigration,” introduced [2/21/08](#)]

Employment And Enforcement

Huff Authored A Bill To Revoke The Licenses Of Businesses That Hire Undocumented Immigrants In California

2008: Huff Introduced AB 2421, A Bill That Outlined A Business License Revocation Process For Employers Who Hire Undocumented Immigrants Within California. “The bill would require the county counsel or district attorney of a county, as applicable, to bring an action in superior court for the violation if it occurred on or after January 1, 2009, and the court would be required to expedite the action. An employer who the court finds to have intentionally employed an unauthorized alien would temporarily or permanently lose specified business licenses relating to the business location at which the unauthorized alien performed work based on whether it is the first, 2nd, or 3rd offense of the employer and evidence and information related to the offense.” [California Legislative Information, “AB-2421: Employment of unauthorized aliens,” introduced [2/21/08](#)]

Legal Immigration

2013: Huff Authored Legislation Calling On Congress To Pass The Startup Act 3.0, A Bill To Create An Entrepreneurs Visa

Huff Authored Legislation Calling On Congress To Pass The Startup Act 3.0, A Bill To Create An Entrepreneurs Visa. “The State Assembly has taken unanimous action to pass legislation authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), which calls upon Congress to pass and the President to sign comprehensive federal immigration reform legislation. This legislation includes the bi-partisan Startup Act 3.0. All Senate Republicans are serving as joint authors of SJR 9 in a united effort to promote Startup Act 3.0, which creates the Entrepreneurs Visa for legal immigrants, so they can remain in the United States and launch businesses to create jobs. [...] Many of these highly skilled innovators are opting to return home, or worse yet, immigrate to other

countries that welcome them with open arms, said Senator Huff. We need to reform a broken immigration system so we can tell these entrepreneurs and highly skilled immigrants that they are welcome in the United States.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 9/8/13]

Voter ID

Huff Introduced A Voter ID Bill, Citing Concerns About Non-Citizens Voting

Huff Introduced A Voter ID Bill, Citing Concerns About Non-Citizens Voting. “Last week, you might say Huff, R-Diamond Bar, went with his conservative philosophy in getting a second vote on his AB 9 that would require a voter to present photo identification before receiving a ballot at a polling place. And just like last year, the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Committee voted it down, 5-2. Huff wasn't surprised by the vote, but said he considers this bill - an attempt to fight voter fraud - also a way to deal with immigration issues. And on those, he's going to push his ideas. ‘My constituents are angry that we're doing nothing,’ he said. ‘I want to establish that I'm trying to do something even if it doesn't go anywhere.’ [...] For example, in response to concerns his proposal would suppress voter turnout, Huff cited a study that showed that voter turnout actually increased in minority communities. Huff also said that he doesn't believe his proposal is similar to a poll tax. ‘It's just the opposite of that,’ he said. ‘People are penalizing legitimate voters by those who were counted when they weren't qualified to vote.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/11/08]

Environment

Off-Shore Drilling

2008: During His State Senate Campaign, Huff Pledged To Focus On Expanding Off-Shore Drilling If Elected

2008: During His State Senate Campaign, Huff Pledged To Focus On Expanding Off-Shore Drilling If Elected. “If elected to the Senate, Huff said, he would focus on expanding off-shore oil drilling in the state. ‘We should be looking at drilling. We should be looking at wind power, solar - any new sources of energy,’ he said.” [Pasadena Star-News, 10/22/08]

Lowering Emissions

Huff Opposed Legislation To Lower California's Emissions

2007: Huff Opposed A Bill To Reduce California's Emissions To 1990 Levels By 2020, Claiming It Would Kill Jobs And Saying, “You Must Have A Global Fix For A Global Problem.” “The Assemblyman also addressed AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32's goal is to reduce California's global warming emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. ‘While it may be a noble goal, you must have a global fix for a global problem,’ Huff said. California is the world's 12th largest source of carbon dioxide emissions, the heat-trapping gas that has helped cause global warming. Huff said it won't be easy meet 1990 emissions levels in a global economy. And if California is one of the few regions working toward that goal, business in the Golden State could suffer, he said. ‘The cost of goods and business will be a lot more expensive,’ he said. ‘The concept is good, but let's do it in a way that doesn't kill businesses in the San Gabriel Valley and everywhere else.’” [San Gabriel Tribune, 8/24/07]

Environmental Group Key Votes

Huff Earned A 7% Lifetime Score From The California League Of Conservation Voters

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Invasive Species

2011: Huff Authored An Enacted Law To Combat The Spread Of Invasive Mussels

2011: Gov. Brown Signed A Huff Bill To Combat The Spread Of Invasive Mussels In State Waterways. “Legislation authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) has received the approval and signature of the Governor. SB 215 will allow the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to continue with an aggressive strategy they put into place to combat the spread of dreissenid mussels in state waterways. The Huff measure is aimed specifically at quagga and zebra mussels.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 10/2/11]

LGBT Issues

School Curricula

Huff Opposed Efforts To Recognize The Contributions Of LGBTQ Americans In School Curriculums

2011: Huff Said That A Bill To Require New Textbooks To Study The Contributions Of LGBTQ Americans Would “Sexualize The Training Of Our Children At An Early Age.” “Democratic lawmakers have revived a plan to require state schools to teach about the contributions of gay, lesbian and transgender Americans. They are reigniting a movement that halted five years ago when legislators approved such a requirement only to run into opposition from then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. [...] Meanwhile, several Republicans are aggressively fighting the proposal. State Sen. Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) charged at a recent education committee hearing that it would ‘sexualize the training of our children at an early age.’” [Los Angeles Times, [4/22/11](#)]

Huff Claimed That A Bill To Require New Textbooks To Study The Contributions Of LGBTQ Americans Would Water Down The State Curriculum And Distract Students From Learning The Basics. “Bob Huff, a Republican from San Bernardino, said he worried that the bill would water down the state curriculum and distract students from learning the basics. ‘To have something this nebulous just opens it up to problems,’ Mr. Huff said. ‘At what age do you start doing this instruction? What is age appropriate and what is appropriate at all is really a question we haven’t answered.’” [New York Times, [4/15/11](#)]

2009: Huff Voted Against A Bill That Would Proclaim May 22 Of Every Year As Harvey Milk Day And Encourage Educational Institutions To Conduct Suitable Commemorative Exercises On That Date. In May 2009 and again in September 2009, Huff voted against a bill to declare May 22 Harvey Milk Day. The bill passed the California Senate 23-14 and was signed into law by Gov. Schwarzenegger. [California Legislative Information, 2009-2010 session, SB-572, “Harvey Milk Day: official designation,” [9/8/09](#)]

Non-Discrimination Protections In Schools

Huff Introduced A Bill To Eliminate Sexual Orientation Protections From The Education Code’s Non-Discrimination Protections

2008: Huff Introduced A Failed Bill To Eliminate Sexual Orientation Protections From The Education Code’s Non-Discrimination Protections. “Existing law prohibits a person from being subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation in any program or activity conducted by a public or private preschool, elementary, or secondary school or institution, the governing board of a school district, or any combination of school districts or counties recognized as administrative agencies for public elementary or secondary schools, that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls pupils who

receive state student financial aid. Existing law prohibits a teacher from giving instruction, and a school district from sponsoring any activity, that promotes a discriminatory bias because of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. This bill instead would prohibit a teacher from giving instruction, and a school district from sponsoring an activity, that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, gender, color, creed, disability, national origin, religion, or ancestry. The bill would thus delete sexual orientation from the categories listed in existing law.” [California Legislative Information, 2007-2008 session, AB-2085, “Schools: discrimination,” [2/19/08](#)]

Business

Business Interest Group Key Votes

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Americans With Disabilities Act

Huff Hosted Workshops For Businesses On Preventive Measures To Avoid ADA Lawsuits

Huff Hosted Workshops For Businesses On Preventive Measures To Avoid ADA Lawsuits. “I believe that just about everyone is in agreement that state and federal laws should protect those with disabilities, because they do deserve equal access to buildings, parking lots, restaurants and restrooms, said Senator Huff. The goal of my workshop is to help business owners meet these standards so they can be protected from ruinous and predatory lawsuits that lead to lost jobs or worse yet, businesses forced to close. Senator Huff says the Arcadia workshop will not only focus on preventative measures that business owners can take to avoid ADA lawsuits, business owners will also receive helpful advice and tips of steps that should be taken if they have been targeted for ADA non-compliance.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 3/24/11]

Political & Electoral History

2018 Congressional Campaign

January 2018: Huff Announced His Campaign For Congress, Citing His Experience As An “Accomplished Legislator Who Has Successfully Advocated For Leaner Government, Job Creation, And Tax Relief”

Huff Announced His Campaign For Congress, Citing His Experience As An “Accomplished Legislator Who Has Successfully Advocated For Leaner Government, Job Creation, And Tax Relief.” “Former State Senator Bob Huff Announces Run For Congress, Enters Race with Strong Name ID & Fundraising Capability: Former State Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff announced today that he will run for the Republican nomination to succeed Representative Ed Royce in California’s 39th Congressional District. He is an experienced businessman and an accomplished legislator who has successfully advocated for leaner government, job creation and tax relief.” [Bob Huff Press Release via @johnmyers on Twitter, [1/9/18](#)]

2016 Los Angeles County Supervisor Campaign

2015-2016: Huff Moved To The 32nd Congressional District To Run For Los Angeles County Supervisor And Failed To Advance To The General Election

Huff Moved From Diamond Bar To San Dimas To Run For Los Angeles County Supervisor, And Said That Living In The Overlap Of His Senate District And The Supervisor District Was Not Affordable. “Ahead of a campaign for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors next year, state Sen. Bob Huff moved this spring from Diamond Bar to San Dimas, putting him just inside the boundary for LA’s 5th Supervisorial District – and just outside the 29th Senate District he still represents through next November. Huff, who until last week was the GOP leader in the Senate, said he looked for a new place in the sliver of overlap between the two seats, but ‘we couldn’t find something that was affordable. That’s a very expensive area.’ So for now, he’s renting a house that will keep him close to his Senate office in Brea, even as he begins his next campaign. Should he win the supervisor seat next year, he plans to move further into that district.” [Sacramento Bee, [8/31/15](#)]

Diamond Bar Is In The 39th Congressional District, And San Dimas Is In The 32nd Congressional District. [U.S. House, Find Your Representative Tool, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

NOTE: It appears Huff moved back to the 39th congressional district in 2017, but further research is necessary to confirm his current residence.

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[County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Election Results, 7/1/16]

2013: Huff Had Previously Planned To Run For State Assembly Before Deciding Instead To Run For County Supervisor

Before Deciding To Run For Los Angeles County Supervisor, Huff Filed Papers Seeking To Run For State Assembly. “Yorba Linda's representatives in the state legislature - Assemblyman Curt Hagman and Sen. Bob Huff, both Republicans - have filed papers with election officials that signal intent to switch jobs in 2016. [...] Hagman's ‘statement of intention’ is to seek nomination for Huff's Senate position, while the Huff filing is for nomination for Hagman's Assembly seat, each in the June 2016 primary.” [Orange County Register, 10/3/13]

Huff Used Money Raised For An Aborted State Assembly Campaign For His Bid For Los Angeles County Supervisor. “At a news conference Thursday, Huff announced his plan to seek Michael Antonovich's seat representing residents of the 5th Supervisorial District. The outsized district stretches west from the county line in Claremont to Simi Valley and north from West Covina to Lancaster. Although Huff raised \$277,892 to run in the 55th Assembly District, a campaign there would have required him to run against close political ally Assemblywoman Ling-Ling Chang. It's something Huff is not likely to do. He even donated \$1,000 from his Assembly campaign to Chang's committee for the same seat. Huff said he opened his Assembly committee to raise money for his party, other candidates and for himself while he contemplated what to do after he termed out of the Senate. A run for state Assembly was one possible option, he said.” [Press-Telegram, 4/12/15]

2009 Failed Recall Attempt

2009: Huff Was The Target Of A Failed Recall Attempt After Supporting Tax Extensions

2009: Huff Was Served With Recall Papers After Supporting Proposition 1A To Temporarily Extend Taxes And Place A Cap On State Spending. “A self-employed math tutor angry about increased taxes served Republican state Sen. Bob Huff with recall papers, state elections officials said Thursday. Huff, of Diamond Bar, didn't vote for the recent budget, which included tax increases. He does support Proposition 1A, which would temporarily extend those taxes and place a cap on state spending. Paul Griffin of Chino said he initiated the recall because Huff turned his back on a promise not to raise taxes. ‘People are focusing on the raising taxes. I chose to focus on the spending cap,’ Huff said.” [Whittier Daily News, 5/7/09]

Recall Attempt Against Huff Failed To Qualify For The Ballot. [California Secretary of State Complete List of Recall Attempts, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

2008: Huff Was Elected With Support Of Republican Assembly Leaders

2008: Huff Was Endorsed For State Senate By Rep. Gary Miller, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines, And 27 Republican Assembly Members. “Huff, who has the support of Rep. Gary Miller, R-Diamond Bar, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines and 27 of his fellow Assembly members, countered with his own conservative credentials.” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 5/12/08]

2004: Huff Won The Assembly Primary Despite Lack Of Party Support

2004: Huff Won The GOP Primary For The 60th District Assembly Seat Despite Entering The Race Last, Spending The Least Money, And Having The Fewest Endorsements. “Huff's overwhelming win in the highly conservative district that encompasses parts of three counties stunned campaign watchers who had declared it a battle between Orange County's Bill MacAloney and Gayle Pacheco, the wife of the incumbent. Huff, 50, a Diamond Bar councilman, entered the race last, spent the least money and had the fewest endorsements. But while

the other two candidates slammed each other in a barrage of mailers, Huff touted his eight-year record as a councilman and gave voters specifics on what he hoped to do in Sacramento, including cutting spending and reforming workers' compensation.” [Orange County Register, 3/4/04]

Over Several Campaigns, Huff Cited His Ability To Work With Democrats

Huff On 2016 Supervisor Campaign: “My Reputation In Sacramento Has Been One Of Working Across Party Lines To Get Things Done.” ““I grew up with a Democrat father and Republican mother. I was the youngest of six kids, so I’ve always been in the minority you might say,’ Huff observed. ‘My reputation in Sacramento has been one of working across party lines to get things done. For the nine years I was on city council and working on SGV COG, Foothill Transit and chair of the ACE project, the regional governance was all Democrat majority. But we got significant things done. While I have gotten things done in a partisan environment, my track record is one of more results in nonpartisan office. That is the experience I will bring to a Democrat-dominated board.” [Arcadia Weekly, 4/22/15]

2008: Huff Touted His Ability To Work With Democrats During The Republican Primary For State Senate. “But just as important, Huff says, is his personality. He's shown a willingness to work with Democrats, who after all hold the keys to accomplishing anything in the Legislature. Mountjoy might get laughs from skewering his political opponents, but Huff says he'll work with them and actually do something while in Sacramento. ‘There's more to being in the Legislature than kicking people in the sides,’ Huff said.” [Orange County Register, 5/24/08]

Campaign Finance

Huff Loaned Money To His 2016 Supervisor Campaign And Made Loans To His Assembly Committee In 2003, 2004, And 2005

Huff Loaned His 2016 Supervisor Campaign \$20,000 And Loaned His Assembly Committee A Combined \$226,011 In 2003, 2004, And 2005. According to the California Secretary of State Cal-Access search, Huff raised \$4,584,606 and spent \$4,193,146 in his five runs for State Assembly, State Senate, and Los Angeles County Supervisor. [California Secretary of State Cal-Access search, accessed 1/16/18]

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Bob Huff State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2016	Los Angeles County Supervisor District 5	\$979,624	\$1,009,941
2012	State Senate District 29	\$1,581,867	\$1,229,444
2008	State Senate District 29	\$968,674	\$972,445
2006	State Assembly District 60	\$498,810	\$447,007
2004	State Assembly District 60	\$555,631	\$534,309
	Total:	\$4,584,606	\$4,193,146

[California Secretary of State Cal-Access search, accessed 1/16/18]

Note: These totals were calculated by adding the calendar-year-to-date contribution and expenditure numbers on campaign disclosure statements for every year of the respective election cycle. The totals are inclusive of both primary and general elections, and are not separated by in-kind contributions, monetary contributions, loans, or outstanding debts. Because Huff had several committees, these totals were calculated using disclosure statements from the primary committee for each cycle. Further research is needed to determine the accuracy of these totals.

Bob Huff Federal Campaign Finance History

Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2018	Bob Huff For Congress	N/A	N/A
	Total:	N/A	N/A

[FEC.gov, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

Endorsements

Huff Supported Romney's 2008 And 2012 Presidential Campaigns

March 2012: Huff Endorsed Mitt Romney For President And Romney Endorsed Huff For State Senate.

“The reception I have received from leading Republicans in California has been overwhelming,” said Mitt Romney. ‘Bob and Connie share my vision for creating a better environment for job creation and have been working hard to bring jobs back to California. Their support is another sign that voters are looking for a proven job creator and leader.’ ‘Mitt Romney is the only candidate who I trust to bring jobs back to California and improve our economy,’ said Senator Huff. ‘Our country needs his economic experience, proven leadership, and bold plan to create jobs and shrink government. That is why so many Republicans in California support his campaign and why I am proud to endorse him.’” [Mitt Romney for President via States News Service, 3/27/12]

2008: Huff Endorsed Mitt Romney For President. “There is one candidate with the experience and determination to strengthen our economy and promote job growth in California and across the country and that is Governor Mitt Romney,’ said Huff, R-Diamond Bar. ‘Throughout his time in the private sector, at the 2002 Winter Olympics and as Governor, he led using fiscally conservative principles, and he will do the same as President,’ he said. Romney said Huff and he have the same principles. ‘Huff and I both believe that we must keep taxes low, cut wasteful government spending and reverse the current housing crisis facing families in California and throughout the country,’ he said. ‘I look forward to working with Huff to implement my optimistic vision as President.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/26/08]

Huff Endorsed Ling-Ling Chang For State Assembly And State Senate

2015: Huff Endorsed Assemblywoman Ling-Ling Chang To Succeed Him In The Senate. “When freshman Assemblywoman Ling-Ling Chang, R-Diamond Bar, announced Friday that she'll run to replace termed-out Republican state Sen. Bob Huff, it was immediately followed by fellow Republican Tim Shaw withdrawing from the race and endorsing Chang. He said he may run for Chang's Assembly seat instead. [...] Chang's backers also include Huff, Rep. Ed Royce, R-Fullerton, and Assemblywoman Young Kim, R-Fullerton.” [Orange County Register, 5/31/15]

2013: Huff Endorsed Ling-Ling Chang For Assembly And Called Her “The Future Of The Republican Party.” “Huff, who moderated the press conference on Chang's behalf, called her ‘the future of the Republican party.’ He said the young Taiwanese immigrant reflected the changing face of the party as demographics shift in the Golden State and in particular, the east San Gabriel Valley, western San Bernardino County and northern Orange County communities. ‘When you find somebody that does a good job, then you should promote them,’ Huff explained. ‘Ling-Ling has done very well, which is why I chose her as my District's Woman of the Year in 2006. We need people of her caliber in Sacramento.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 5/24/13]

Huff's Wife Mei Mei Led Fundraising For Chang's Campaign, With A Focus On The Local Chinese Community. “Other challenges include money, said Mei Mei Huff, who is leading fundraising for Chang's campaign. Huff said the candidate will need \$1 million, half for the June 3, 2014 primary and the other half for the general in November 2014. She said she's talking to the Chinese community in Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties for campaign contributions. ‘The Chinese community, they don't see county boundaries. It is based on relationships,’ Huff said.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 5/24/13]

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2008: Huff Endorsed Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner For Governor. “Three San Gabriel Valley-area Republican state legislators have endorsed Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner for governor. Assemblyman Anthony Adams, R-Claremont; Assemblyman-elect Curt Hagman, R-Chino Hills; and the man Hagman will succeed, Assemblyman Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, all have endorsed Poizner. They’re among 27 state legislators who have endorsed Poizner. ‘In these economic times we need a smart business person to lead California to more prosperous times,’ Huff said. He talks about practical solutions to complex problems and how to get through the politics of things.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 11/15/08]

Election Results

2016 Los Angeles County District 5 Supervisor Primary Election Results

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[County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Election Results, 7/1/16]

2012 29th Senate District General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	160,912	55.1%
Greg Diamond (D)	131,228	44.9%

[California Secretary of State Election Results accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2012 29th Senate District Primary Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	68,708	64.3%
Greg Diamond (D)	38,169	35.7%

[California Secretary of State Election Results accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2008 29th Senate District General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	178,155	54.4%
Joseph M Lyons (D)	127,536	38.9%
Jill Stone (L)	21,983	6.7%

[California Secretary of State Election Results accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2008 Republican Primary For 29th Senate District Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	34,223	68.2%
Dennis Mountjoy (R)	16,031	31.8%

[California Secretary of State Election Results accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2006 State Assembly 60th District General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	74,721	70%
Van Tamom (D)	32,090	30%

[California Secretary of State Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2004 State Assembly 60th District General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	105,334	66.6%
Patrick J Martinez (D)	52,969	33.4%

[California Secretary of State Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2004 Republican Primary For State Assembly 60th District Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	17,901	41.1%
Gayle E Pacheco (R)	13,408	30.8%
W Mac Aloney (R)	12,287	28.1%

[California Secretary of State Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

2003 Diamond Bar City Council Election Results (Vote For 2)

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Carol Herrera	2,753	24.56%
Bob Huff (R)	2,700	24.36%
Tony Torng	1,005	9.07%
Jack Tanaka	1,813	16.35%
Kwang H Lee	1,005	9.07%
Tom Ortiz	650	5.86%
Robert K Perez	175	1.58%

[County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

1999 Diamond Bar City Council Election Results (Vote For 2)

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	2,507	34.26%
Carol Herrera	2,489	34.01%
Tom Ortiz	1,493	20.40%
Robert D McGowan	829	11.33%

[County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

JoinCalifornia.com: Huff Was An Unsuccessful Primary Candidate For Assembly District 60 In 1998.

According to JoinCalifornia.com's candidate profile, Huff ran in the Republican primary in Assembly District 60 in 1998 and lost with 20.1% of the vote. This claim requires further corroboration, and data is not available on the California Secretary of State's website. [Bob Huff on JoinCalifornia.com, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

1995 Diamond Bar City Council Election Results (Vote for 2)

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Huff (R)	2,233	18.83%
Carol Herrera	1,614	13.61%
Thomas Ortiz	1,216	10.25%
Jong M Lee	946	7.93%
Art O'Daly	570	4.80%
Bruce Flamenbaum	533	4.49%
B Beach-Courchesne	494	4.16%

[County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Election Results, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

Personal Political Donations

According to the California Secretary of State Cal-Access Contribution Search, Bob Huff has given \$251,805 to the state and local Republican Party and to Republican candidates. This includes a \$20,000 loan in 2015 to his county supervisor campaign, and \$226,011 in loans to his Assembly committee in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Bob Huff Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
3/31/15	Los Angeles County Lincoln Clubs PAC (State)	R	\$500
3/13/15	Huff For Supervisor 2016 (LOAN)	R	\$20,000
3/12/12	57 th Assembly District Republican Central Committee	R	\$100
8/17/10	California Republican Party	R	\$445
8/11/10	Committee To Elect Ray Moors Assemblyman 61 st State Assembly District 2010	R	\$2,000
9/16/09	California Republican Party	R	\$249
7/8/08	Los Angeles County Lincoln Clubs PAC	R	\$500
7/9/07	Los Angeles County Lincoln Clubs PAC	R	\$500
9/29/04	California Republican Party	R	\$1,500
2003-05	Taxpayers For Bob Huff (LOAN)	R	\$226,011
		Total	\$251,805

[California Secretary of State Cal-Access Contribution Search, accessed 1/12/18]

According to the California Secretary of State Cal-Access Contribution Search, Bob Huff's wife Mei Mei Huff has given \$1,445 to the state and county Republican Party and a Republican Assembly candidate.

Bob Huff Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
3/31/15	Los Angeles County Lincoln Clubs PAC (State)	R	\$500
1/23/14	Steve Tye For Assembly 2014	R	\$500
8/7/10	California Republican Party	R	\$445
		Total	\$1,445

[California Secretary of State Cal-Access Contribution Search, accessed 1/12/18]

According to an FEC individual contribution search, Bob Huff has given \$1,069 to the California Republican Party's federal PAC.

Bob Huff Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate/Committee	Party	Amount
2/9/17	California Republican Party Federal Acct.	R	\$295
2/28/14	California Republican Party	R	\$535
10/3/02	California Republican Party/Team California	R	\$239
		Total	\$1,069

[FEC, individual contribution, accessed 1/12/18]

According to an FEC individual contribution search, Bob Huff's wife Mei Mei Huff has given \$2,527 to GOP PACs and Trump's presidential campaign.

Mei Mei Huff Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate/Committee	Party	Amount

1/17/17	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	R	\$234
1/17/17	Trump Make America Great Again Committee	R	\$293
6/30/14	Los Angeles County Lincoln Club	R	\$500
6/22/12	California 2012 GOP Delegation	R	\$900
9/8/06	NRCC	R	\$600
		Total	\$2,527

[FEC, individual contribution, accessed 1/12/18]

Legislative History

Republican State Assembly And State Senate Leadership Elections

2012-2013: Huff Served As Senate Minority Leader

December 2012: Huff Was Unanimously Re-Elected By His Republican Colleagues As Senate Minority Leader And Said He Would Push For Pension Reform. “Sen. Bob Huff will continue to serve as minority leader in the Legislature's upper house. Newly elected and returning Republican members of the California Senate voted unanimously Sunday to retain Huff, of Walnut, in the leadership position. [...] Huff has said Republican legislators, despite their numerical disadvantages, will continue to push for party priorities, including changes to the state's pension system for government workers. ‘Our caucus has always worked hard to reduce our state's deficit, ensure we use the taxpayers' resources wisely and get Californians back to work, all efforts we will continue in the upcoming year,’ Huff said.” [San Bernardino Sun, 12/3/12]

January 2012: Huff Unanimously Elected As GOP Senate Leader By His Republican Colleagues.

“Republicans in the state Senate unanimously chose a new leader this week: Bob Huff of Diamond Bar Los Angeles County. Huff replaces Bob Dutton of Rancho Cucamonga San Bernardino County. The transition was planned and Huff didn't indicate that he'll make any drastic changes from how Dutton handled the office. ‘I expect this to be more like a baton being handed off. I think you'll see pretty much a continuum,’ Huff told us just moments after he was picked as the new leader. Huff, 58, was first elected to the Senate in 2008 and won't be term-limited out until 2016.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 1/7/12]

2011: Huff Served As Vice Chair Of The Senate Budget Committee During The Special Sessions

January 2011: Huff Was Appointed Vice Chair Of The Senate Budget Committee For The Special Legislative Session. “Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) will serve as Vice-Chair of the Senate Budget Committee for the 1st Extraordinary Special Session which will be tasked with finding the solutions to close a projected \$29 billion state budget deficit. [...] Just as realtors consider the three most important factors in real estate to be location, location, location there is no doubt in my mind that the three most important issues facing the State Legislature this year are budget, budget and budget, said Senator Huff. The highest priority in tackling the budget problems facing California is first, to do no more harm. We must immediately put a stop to spending more money than we have.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 1/4/11]

2009: Huff Served As Vice Chair Of The Senate Transportation And Education Committees

January 2009: Huff Was Named The Vice Chair Of The Senate Transportation and Education Committees And Said That He Disagreed “With Those Who Say The Only Way To Reform Our Schools Is To Spend More Money.” “Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) has been named Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee by Senate Republican Leader Dave Cogdill. [...] Senator Huff was also appointed to the Public Safety, Natural Resources and Budget Subcommittee on Education and will serve as Vice Chair of the Senate Education Committee. ‘I disagree with those who say the only way to reform our schools is to spend more money, especially in light of the dire fiscal make up of the current economy,’ commented Senator Huff. ‘It's more about how and

where we spend the crucial funds, and I am eager to take steps necessary to give our kids the tools they need to enter and compete in the 21st century workforce.” [California State Senator Bob Margett via States News Service, 1/13/09]

2006-2007: Huff Served As Republican Caucus Chairman In The State Assembly

December 2006: Huff Was Selected By His Republican Assembly Colleagues As Chairman Of The Assembly Republican Caucus And Pledged To Cut Spending. “State Assemblyman Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, will be the next chairman of the Assembly Republican Caucus, a high-ranking GOP official confirmed Friday. [...] As chairman, Huff would essentially become the No. 2 ranking GOP member in the Legislature, said Jim Brulte, a former Republican Senate and Assembly leader. [...] Huff, who lobbied for the selection of Villines as minority leader, said he will work hard to hold to the party line on fiscal discipline. ‘He has talked about health care for everybody, which could cost as much as \$10 billion, and he may need a possible bond for prison building,’ Huff said Friday. ‘In addition to all that we have a structural deficit. The economy is starting to cool and he has pledged not to raise taxes. So we have to pull back on spending - the governor has to pull back - and we want to be there as a team to do that.’ [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 12/2/06]

Campaign Finance Reform

Campaign Fundraising Ban

Huff’s First Bill In The State Assembly, Which Failed To Gain Support, Would Have Banned Fundraising From May Until The State Budget Was Approved

Huff’s First Bill In The State Assembly, Which Failed To Gain Support, Would Have Banned Fundraising From May Until The State Budget Was Approved. “Assemblyman Bob Huff had to smile and maybe wince when he heard about Secretary of State Bruce McPherson’s idea this week to ban fundraising by lawmakers and the governor during key periods when decisions are made on pending legislation. You see, Huff, R-Diamond Bar, had a similar idea when he entered the state Assembly nearly two years ago. The first bill Huff introduced would have banned fundraising from May until the state budget was approved. But the bill went no where. ‘It’s a great idea,’ Huff said of McPherson’s proposal. ‘He’s also going to run into the same problem I did,’ he said. ‘The first year I had the bill, I couldn’t even get a second and there were two Republicans on the committee.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 9/6/06]

Consumer Protection

Powdered Alcohol

Huff Authored A Bill To Ban The Sale Of Powdered Alcohol

2016: As State Senator, Huff Authored SB 819, A Bill To Ban The Sale Of Powdered Alcohol. “The bill, authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), coauthored by Assemblymember Jacquie Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks), had previously passed unopposed through the Senate. It will prohibit the possession, purchase, sale, offer for sale, distribution, manufacture, or use of powdered alcohol in California and would make the violation of those provisions punishable with a fine. ‘Permitting the sale of powdered alcohol in California sends the wrong message to youth and young adults about responsible drinking,’ said Senator Huff. ‘Although labeling for this product has already been approved on the federal level, it’s now incumbent on each state to decide if this product should be sold in local neighborhood stores. We need to stop this product before it reaches the market.’” [Bob Huff via Hispanic PR Wire English, 6/8/16]

Chiropractor Allergy Treatment

Huff Introduced SB 352, A Bill To Ban Chiropractors From Treating Allergies. “Senate Bill 352 by Republican Senate leader Bob Huff would prohibit chiropractors from treating ‘hypersensitivity to foods, medications, environmental allergens, or venoms.’ [...] Huff said the issue came to his attention after a staff member whose child has a severe food allergy saw an advertisement for laser therapy. He said he introduced the bill out of concern that someone could have a potentially lethal reaction after receiving a medically unproven treatment. The measure has passed the Senate and is pending in the Assembly.” [Sacramento Bee, 5/5/12]

Crime, Criminal Justice And Policing

Driving Under The Influence Policy

Huff Authored Bills To Authorize The Use Of Saliva Swab Tests And To Allow Repeat DUI Offenders To Apply For A Restricted License If They Install An Ignition Interlock Device

2016: Huff Proposed A Bill To Authorize The Use Of Saliva Swab Tests To Determine When A Driver Is Under The Influence Of Marijuana. “State Sen. Bob Huff, who represents parts of Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, is proposing legislation that would authorize use of saliva swab tests, which combined with portable instruments can detect the presence of pot and other drugs. [...] But with drugged driving crashes up and Californians weighing legalization of recreational pot, Huff and others say a new tool is needed to keep roads safe. ‘In 2013, in 32 percent of all auto fatalities in California people tested positive for driving under the influence of either legal or illegal drugs,’ Huff said. ‘It seemed like the right time to do this.’ Huff’s legislation, Senate Bill 1492, wouldn’t mandate the use of oral swab tests. But it would set standards for law enforcement agencies interested in using the devices, the senator said, and free up federal funding to help buy the equipment. [...] Huff’s bill has sparked concern from groups like NORML, who think it’s too early to implement the roadside kits statewide.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 4/25/16]

2009: Huff Authored An Enacted Law That Would Allow Repeat DUI Offenders To Apply For A Restricted License If They Install An Ignition Interlock Device On Their Vehicles. “The other new law, SB 598, authored by State Sen. Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) will allow repeat DUI offenders to apply for a restricted driver’s license if they install an ignition interlock device on their vehicles. ‘I took action and signed these bills because we must do everything we can to ensure the public’s safety on the road,’ said Schwarzenegger. ‘By installing ignition interlock devices we are making it harder for DUI offenders to get behind the wheel while intoxicated and we are working to save innocent lives.’” [Los Angeles Daily News, [10/12/09](#)]

Prison Overcrowding And Release

Huff Opposed Policies To Release Certain Offenders Early

2016: Huff Connected An Increase In Property Crime To Legislation Aimed At Relieving Prison Overcrowding By Reducing Sentences For Non-Violent Offenders. “Huff and a number of politicians statewide have lamented the recent increase in property crime in many cities that they connect with recent legislation aimed at relieving prison overcrowding by reducing sentences for nonviolent offenders. He suggested the following: ‘Make sure we have enough probation officers to keep an eye on the felons we have let out; make sure we have good metrics in place to accurately assess our growing problems caused by the state’s AB109 and also Prop. 47; do the best job we can with training programs to strike at the root of the issues that lead to incarceration; secure more funding from the state for the problems they have shifted to us; build a new jail; and frankly, continue as I have in the legislature to support and reform our educational system so we have fewer dropouts and more graduates who are job- or college-ready — a less than adequate educational system is the root of much of our crime problems.’” [Arcadia Weekly, [4/22/15](#)]

2012: Huff Criticized The Criminal Justice Realignment Law And Claimed That It Led To The Early Release Of Violent Offenders. “Up and down the state, the release of ‘non-violent, low-risk’ inmates has been marked by dozens of reports that newly released inmates have carried out rape, attempted

murder, kidnapping, robberies, and stabbings. Inmates have also attacked police officers and stalked playgrounds. All of these offenses have been committed by inmates who were given early release under the auspices of 'realignment.' 'These acts, committed by dangerous career criminals that local law enforcement officials are now powerless to keep locked up or even monitor under parole in some cases, is the true legacy of the majority party's realignment policy,' said Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar). 'The fundamental priority of government is ensuring public safety. Realignment doesn't just limit law enforcement officials in doing that, it actually prevents them from protecting us.'" [Bob Huff via California Senate Republicans Press Release, [10/1/12](#)]

Prison Funding

2010: Huff Criticized Gov. Schwarzenegger's Proposal To Devote More Money To Education Than Prisons

2010: Huff Criticized Gov. Schwarzenegger's Proposal To Devote More Money To Education Than Prisons. "While he agreed with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's State of the State goal of creating more jobs in California, he was tepid at best about the governor's stated push to ensure that more money goes to education than the state's prisons. Ultimately, he said, the state will end up paying again if released convicts go back to a life of crime, which would put pressure back on the penal system." [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/8/10]

Police Body Cameras

Huff Authored Legislation Requiring Police Departments That Use Body Cameras To Develop Policies Relating To Their Use

2015: Huff Authored Legislation Requiring Police Departments That Use Body Cameras To Develop Policies Relating To Their Use. "Sen. Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) visited an African American institution last week where issues of politics and social concerns were discussed. It was at a Blackowned barbershop. [...] Senate Bill (SB) 175, which he authored, is a proposed act related to police officers' use of body-worn cameras. The bill would require each department or agency that has peace officers wearing bodyworn cameras to develop policies relating to the use of the devices, including the duration, time, and place when the body cameras shall be worn and operational. Sen. Huff is not only getting the community's input, but also state law enforcement agencies' concerns as well. He said getting information from all sides enhances the proposed legislation's position. 'I need feedback on it because I need to know how it's perceived,' Sen. Huff said of SB 175." [Sacramento Observer, 2/26/15]

Education

Charter Schools

Huff Supported Expanding Charter Schools

Huff: "Charters Have Definitely Been A Boon To The Students They Serve." "The law permitting charters schools (schools that are publicly funded but independent of most state education regulations) will mark its twentieth anniversary this year. California was the second state to adopt a law allowing charters and today there are some 1,000 charter schools more than any other state. One of the highest performing schools in the state is a charter school a school that serves predominately low-income, minority students. Charters have definitely been a boon to the students they serve and continue to foster excellence in public education." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 8/31/12]

2005: Huff Authored AB 740, Which He Claimed "Dramatically Reformed The Categorical Block Grant." "Senator Huff also authored Assembly Bill 740 in 2005, which dramatically reformed the categorical block grant, including garnering additional per pupil funding in the grant upwards of \$200 additional dollars per student. In 2006, recognizing the needs of charter schools for safe and adequate facilities, he introduced two bills designed to expand access to the SB 740 facility grant program." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 3/1/12]

District Of Choice Law

Huff Introduced Legislation To Continue A Program That Allows Students To Attend Other School Districts

2015: Huff Authored A Bill To Extend The School District Of Choice Program. “Two education measures authored by Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff (R-San Dimas) received unanimous support during a vote of the Assembly Education Committee today and next face the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The measures extend the School District of Choice program and remove antiquated laws from the California Education Code that were rendered obsolete due to the adoption of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). [...] SB 597 extends the 22-year running School District of Choice program, which fosters public school choice by allowing parents to transfer their children to participating school districts without a transfer agreement.” [Bob Huff via Targeted News Service, 7/1/15]

2009: Huff Authored “District Of Choice” Bill To Make Permanent A Program That Allows Students To Enroll In Schools Outside Of Their Home Districts. “Governor Schwarzenegger joined Senator Bob Huff (R Diamond Bar) today in supporting school choice by signing Senate Bill 680. The legislation will extend the only authentic school choice law available to parents and students in California. I am truly thrilled by the Governor’s support today, stated Senator Huff. Today is a huge win for kids. Jointly authored by Senator Huff and Senator Romero (D Los Angeles), District of Choice gives parents and students more quality public school options beyond their home district. Traditionally, students are bound to one public school option that may or may not meet their individual needs. But the District of Choice program creates new opportunities for students by breaking through district boundaries.” [California State Senate Republican Caucus via States News Service, 10/16/09]

Huff “District Of Choice” Bill Drew Union Opposition. “Senators Bob Huff, R-Glendora and Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, have introduced laws aimed at giving parents far more say over their children's schools. [...] She and Huff co-authored Senate Bill 680, known as District Of Choice, which made permanent a program that lets schools enroll out-of-district students. [...] Officials in neighboring districts in poorer neighborhoods have fumed about District of Choice, describing the programs with words normally used for pirates. [...] The bill has drawn strong opposition from the California Teachers Association, and less than half of the state's schools signed up to compete for the cash. [...] ‘[Romero] felt it was a civil rights issue. I felt it was a market issue,’ [Huff] said. ‘We wanted the same thing for different reasons.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 2/21/10]

Open Enrollment Act

Huff Authored Legislation That He Claimed Would More Easily Allow Students To Transfer To Other School Districts

Huff Authored An Unsuccessful Bill That He Claimed Would Change The Name Of Low-Achieving Schools To “A Less Judgmental And More Benign Title Of Enrollment Opportunity Schools” Under The Open Enrollment Act. “Legislative Democrats who control the Assembly Education Committee rejected common sense legislation today authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar). SB 172 sought to make a minor change to the Open Enrollment Act by changing the name of low-achieving schools to a less judgmental and more benign title of enrollment opportunity schools. [...] Senator Huff expressed his disappointment over the defeat of his measure, which had earlier passed out of the Senate with full bipartisan support. Open Enrollment was never meant to be punitive or to have a stigma, said Senator Huff. School choice for parents and children, not subjective labels, is the underlying purpose of the Open Enrollment Act. Nobody likes to be labeled substandard.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 6/13/12]

2009: Huff Authored Legislation That He Claimed Would More Easily Allow Students To Transfer To Any School District In The State. “Other vital reforms have been included in the Governor’s education reform agenda and SB 1-5X, including Senator Huff’s school choice legislation that will more easily allow students to transfer to

any school district in the state. Huff's Open Enrollment Act (SB 266) was rolled into the education reform package." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 8/27/09]

Parent Empowerment Act

Huff Introduced Legislation To Expand The Scope Of The Parent Empowerment Act

2013: Huff Introduced Failed Bills That He Claimed Would Expand "School Choice" And Allow "Parents In Certain Underperforming Schools To Make Real Changes." "The Senate Education Committee took action today to defeat reforms intended to help California students by voting against measures authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar). [...] SB 451 would have expanded public school choice for all students and also would have empowered parents by allowing them to choose which public school serves their children best. Senator Huff introduced the measure because current law assigns students to schools based on their zip-code, and as a result California does not have an equal and fair distribution of education benefits. [...] SB 452 would have expanded the landmark Parent Empowerment Act to include the lowest performing schools. The Parent Empowerment Act enables parents in certain underperforming schools to make real changes to their schools if a majority of parents sign a petition to authorize reforms." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 4/17/13]

Affirmative Action

Huff Opposed Affirmative Action In School Admissions, Claiming It Would Restrict School Choice

Huff Opposed A Proposed Constitutional Measure To Return Affirmative Action To School Admissions, Claiming It Would Restrict Parent Choice In K-12 Schools. "SCA 5 is a measure authored by West Covina Democrat state Sen. Ed Hernandez that would return affirmative action to school admission decisions. While the bill initially sailed through the state Senate, it faced opposition from more conservative Asian-American groups who feared its return would displace Chinese-American students. [...] Earlier this year, Huff and Conway appeared together at a rally in Cupertino with those opposed to the constitutional measure. According to an article published by the San Jose Mercury News, Huff told the crowd the measure would restrict parent choice in K-12 schools by influencing admissions to charter schools. [...] Huff's wife was also quoted in the Mercury News story and urged attendees to support Southern California candidates opposed to SCA 5. In the piece, she was not listed as Mei Mei Huff but as Mei Mei Ho. A reporter was not told she was married to Huff." [Pasadena Star-News, 4/8/14]

Teacher Layoff Policy

Huff Introduced A Bill To Mandate That Teachers Receive Layoff Notices By June 1 Instead Of March 15

2013: Huff Introduced A Bill That Would Change The Date By Which Teachers Must Receive Layoff Notices From March 15 To June 1 To Alleviate Uncertainty. "Because state law requires that preliminary layoff notices must be received by March 15 if a teacher is to be laid off, school districts have to err on the side of caution. They send notices to as many teachers as they think could possibly be laid off in the worst budget scenario. [...] Now, state Sen. Bob Huff has written a bill he said would mean fewer teachers get preliminary layoff notices. His Senate Bill 559 would change the date when teachers need to receive pink slips from March 15 to June 1. [...] 'We have to put an end to the practice of causing teachers to think they are going to lose their job, then turning around and telling them never mind,' Huff was quoted as saying in a news release. 'It's cruel. Everyone thinks their job is in jeopardy, which creates anxiety for teachers' families, students and communities.'" [Chico Enterprise-Record, 3/13/13]

2013: Huff Introduced A Bill To Base Teacher Layoffs On Performance Evaluations Instead Of Seniority

2013: Huff Introduced An Unsuccessful Bill To Layoff Teachers Based On Performance Rather Than Seniority And Said Education System "Is Depriving Students Of The Education They Deserve." "Legislation

that would have allowed schools to protect their best teachers was defeated by Democrats in the Senate Education Committee today. SB 453, authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), would have allowed districts to make staffing decisions based on performance evaluations and factors other than a teachers simple date of hire ensuring that every student benefitted from the best teacher possible. We have an education system that is depriving students of the education they deserve, said Senator Huff. We spend over half our state budget on education and yet we throw money at it without adopting the reforms we need to make it effective. I've tried to negotiate with the school employee unions who oppose this bill, but were just not going to come to an agreement. They represent the adults in the system. I'm representing the best interests of California students." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 4/24/13]

2011: Huff Introduced A Bill To Base Teacher Layoffs Partly On Student Test Scores Rather Than Seniority

2011: Huff Introduced A Failed Bill That He Claimed Would Allow School Districts To Base Layoffs On Teacher Performance Rather Than Seniority. "Education reform legislation authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) was voted down in the Senate Education Committee following an outburst of opposition from union interests that were bent on protecting the status quo. SB 355 would have allowed school districts in California to base layoffs on teacher performance rather than teacher seniority. The measure is part of a broader, nationwide wave of school reform that will allow school districts to foster and retain quality teachers. I'm disappointed that the members of this committee chose to stick with the status quo of how teachers are hired and fired in California, said Senator Huff following the hearing. The defeat of SB 355 means that the process of how teachers are judged will remain in place. It means incompetent teachers will be protected." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 5/11/11]

Huff's Teacher Layoff Bill Measured Teacher Performance Partly By Student Test Scores. "State Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, proposed the bill to give school districts more flexibility to retain top educators. Senate Bill 355 also mandates that school districts establish a rigorous and fair evaluation system based partly on student test scores for teachers as well as principals." [San Bernardino Sun, 3/2/11]

Huff Claimed That His Teacher Layoff Bill Would Protect Young Teachers, While Union Leaders Claimed It Would Open The Door To Age Discrimination. "Districts currently have flexibility to deviate from the seniority-based layoffs of teachers,' CTA spokeswoman Sandra Jackson said. 'If a junior teacher has more experience in a particular course or training, then the district can keep that teacher.' Huff's bill opens the door to age discrimination, she said. 'We do believe in seniority,' Jackson said. 'We believe that has proven to be the best method for layoffs.' Huff said he's tired of watching bright, enthusiastic young teachers get laid off every time the state encounters a budget crisis. 'Some have almost a missionary commitment to the kids in the inner cities, and they still get laid off,' he said." [Whittier Daily News, 3/5/11]

2010: Huff Introduced A Bill To Base Teacher Layoffs On Performance But Stated That There Is No Clear Way To Measure Performance

2010: Huff Introduced A Bill To Base Teacher Layoffs On Performance And Conceded That Schools Do Not Have Clear Ways To Measure Teacher Performance, But Said "In The Private Sector, They Don't Always Have Objective Standard Either, And It Works." "Huff acknowledged that schools don't have clear, objective ways to measure teachers' performance, but he said that's no reason to leave seniority as the only criterion that matters. 'In the private sector, they don't always have objective standards either, and it works,' Huff said. He also noted that California community colleges are allowed to lay off employees without considering seniority. 'This is not a cutting-edge, threshold-breaking idea,' he said. 'This is something that's been done by the community colleges since 1971.'" [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 4/25/10]

Teacher Evaluations

Huff Authored A Race To The Top Application That Would Allow Parents To Fire Principals And Teachers

Huff Partially Authored California's Race To The Top Application, Which Included A Provision Allowing Parents To Fire Principals And Teachers. "Together, Huff and Romero also authored some of state's application for the federal Race to the Top program. The application included a provision that would allow parents at failing schools to essentially fire the school principal and half the teachers." [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 2/21/10]

Huff Criticized A Bill He Claimed Would Require Teacher Evaluations To Be Negotiated With Unions

Huff Criticized A Bill That He Claimed Would Require Teacher Evaluations To Be Negotiated With Local Unions. "AB 5 is one example, a teacher evaluation bill which was introduced two years ago and initially had some positive elements. [...] The bill also requires evaluations to be negotiated with local unions. That means the very people who are being evaluated can set the terms for how they will be assessed and held accountable. In what other profession do employees get such a luxury!? For years, around 97% of teachers have been identified as effective in California by principals. That's among 300,000 teachers and in the most populous state in the union. Again, no profession has that kind of success rate and it's unreasonable to think that even one of the most revered occupations like teaching would be any different, we are all human." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 8/31/12]

Huff Authored A Bill That Would Allow Teachers To Be Evaluated By Student Test Scores

2009: Huff Authored A Race To The Top Proposal Bill That Would Allow California To Use Student Test Scores To Evaluate Teachers And Said, "If Teachers Are Judged On Anything, It Should Be Test Scores." "In conjunction with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and key members of the Senate Education Committee, Senator Bob Huff (R Diamond Bar) introduced legislation today that will serve as comprehensive education reform for California's K-12 school system. Senate Bill 1-5X will make California one of the top competitors for the federal Race to the Top education grants. [...] At the heart of the Governors comprehensive education reforms is the removal of the prohibition on the use of student performance data to determine teacher effectiveness. SB 1-5X will knock down the data firewall and permit the state to use student test scores to evaluate teachers. If teachers are judged on anything, it should be test scores, said Huff. By using student test scores to evaluate our teachers, we will be able to mentor struggling teachers and reward the most motivated and talented. We want to ensure we have the best teachers possible for our kids." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 8/27/09]

Teacher Misconduct Legislation

Huff Supported Legislation To Strip Teachers Involved In Misconduct Cases Of Their Pensions And Ban The Expungement Of Teacher Personnel Files

2012: Huff Supported Bills To Ban The Practice of Expunging Information In A Teacher's Personnel File After Four Years And Strip Teachers Involved In Misconduct Cases Of Their Pensions. "A.B. 2028 allows school districts to look at prior incidents involving a teacher when building a case for discipline. The bill also requires district to end the practices of expunging old personnel files and calls for parental notification in instances in which a teacher is found to have engaged in gross misconduct. A companion bill, A.B. 1681, would strip teachers involved in misconduct cases of their pensions. [...] Lawmakers still must hash out the language in both bills and it's not clear what level of access will be given to the public in teacher misconduct cases. 'We are innocent till proven guilty in this country, but I think with kids we should have a higher standard,' Huff said. Huff and his Republican colleagues won't back down on a provision in the A.B. 2028, which ends the practice of expunging information in a teacher's personnel file after four years. 'We keep a cumulative folder for our kids from kindergarten until they graduate, but we don't do the same for teachers,' Huff said." [Pasadena Star-News, 3/24/12]

Education Funding And Transparency

Huff Authored A Bill To Allow School Districts To Sell Advertising Space On School Buses

Authored A Bill That He Claimed Would Permit Individual School Districts To Sell Advertising Space On The Exterior Of Schools Buses To Raise Revenue. "Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) is

authoring legislation that would create a new source of funding for all school districts in California. SB 1295 would permit individual school districts to sell advertising space on the exterior of its school buses. Furthermore, the Huff legislation offers flexibility to districts by giving them full authority over how to spend the revenue that results from advertising sales. This isn't a one-size fits all mandate from Sacramento, explained Senator Huff. It's an option. My legislation doesn't force school districts to do anything. It merely gives them the option to participate in such a program." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 2/28/12]

Huff Authored A Bill To Require School Districts To Maintain A Public Record Detailing Their Monthly Expenditures

Huff Introduced A Bill That He Claimed Would Require School Districts To Create And Maintain A Public Record Detailing Their Monthly Expenditures. "To conclude his second annual There Ought To Be A Law contest, Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) announced today that Peter Attwood, from Chino, CA, has been chosen as this year's winner. After reviewing numerous submissions, Senator Huff chose Attwood's proposal as part of this year's legislative package. Attwood's idea inspired legislation that will require public school districts to create and maintain a public record detailing their monthly expenditures. As we attempt to tackle a \$25 billion budget deficit, promoting fiscal responsibility is of the utmost importance, said Senator Huff. Mr. Attwood's proposal and the resulting legislation will help to bring much-needed insight into how public school districts spend taxpayer money." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 1/26/11]

Cultural Heritage Schools

Huff Authored An Enacted Law To Mandate That Heritage Schools Report Child Abuse

Huff Authored An Enacted Law That He Said Would Mandate That All Heritage Schools Report Child Abuse. "Senator Huff introduced SB 1137 at the request of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. The bill addresses needed changes in education statutes regarding California heritage schools. Defined in California's Education Code, heritage schools are privately financed, culture-based educational entities. In an effort to provide an even safer environment for students enrolled in the heritage school programs, SB 1137 specifies that each school must register with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The measure also prioritizes and enhances student safety through the electronic registration form by requiring the acknowledgement that all heritage school employees must report any and all known child abuse. The Governor's signature on SB 1137 means that all heritage schools are subject to requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, said Senator Huff." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 8/29/12]

Heritage Schools Are "Schools And Programs That Operate Outside Of Compulsory Education To Offer Instruction In The Culture, Traditions, Or History, And Language Of A Country Other Than The United States." [California Department of Education, [6/9/17](#)]

State Allocation Board

2010 And 2016: Huff Was Appointed To The State Allocation Board, Which Oversees Public School Facility Modernization And Construction

2016: Huff Was Appointed To The State Allocation Board By Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León. "Honorable Bob Huff, a Republican from Diamond Bar, was appointed to the State Allocation Board. He currently serves in the California State Senate where he represents the 29th district. This is a pleasure term with no compensation. The State Allocation Board is responsible for determining the allocation of state resources used for the new construction and modernization of local public school facilities; administering the State School Facility Program, the State Relocatable Classroom Program and the Deferred maintenance Program; and is the policy level body for the programs administered by the Office of Public School Construction." [Senator Kevin de León Press Release, [2/3/16](#)]

2010: Huff Was A Member Of The State Allocation Board. [California State Allocation Board Public Meeting Minutes, [12/28/10](#)]

School Trustee Area Campaign Reform

2005: Huff's First Enacted Law Gave Those Who Want To Change The Boundaries Of School Districts Or Trustee Areas 180 Days To Collect Signatures

2005: Huff's First Enacted Law Gives Those Who Want To Change The Boundaries Of A School District Or Trustee Areas 180 Days To Collect Signatures. "Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB 835 on June 30, making it Huff's first bill to make it through the legislative process and become a law. 'I hope it's not the last,' said Huff, R-Diamond Bar. 'It's nice to get something through the process. There's 101 ways to kill a bill. Anything that survives is a miracle.' AB 835 gives those who want to change the boundaries of a school district or trustee areas 180 days to collect signatures. Previously, they had unlimited time. Huff said he introduced the bill at the request of Mt. San Antonio College trustee David Hall." [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 7/9/05]

Government Transparency

Bond Revenue Audits

2012: Huff Authored An Unsuccessful Bill That He Claimed Would Strengthen Oversight Over State Agencies That Improperly Spent Bond Revenue

2012: Huff Authored An Unsuccessful Bill That He Claimed Would Strengthen Oversight Over State Agencies That Improperly Spent Bond Revenue. "SB 633, authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), sought to strengthen oversight and accountability for bond funds through audits that are currently conducted by the California Department of Finance (DOF). If these audits reveal that a state agency has improperly spent bond revenue, the DOF issues a corrective action plan. SB 633 would have strengthened oversight by creating consequences for agencies that fail to comply with the corrective action plan. Specifically, SB 633 would have given DOF additional authority to issue cease and desist orders to halt the spending of bond funds until the corrective action plan is implemented. [...] SB 633, which faced no opposition in the Senate, ran into trouble during Tuesday's committee hearing. Opposition that was never received in the Senate surfaced without warning in the Assembly. The listed opponents to SB 633 included Audubon California, California Releaf, California Urban Forests Council, The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 6/20/12]

Public Legislative Review Period

2010: Huff Introduced A Proposed Senate Constitutional Amendment To Establish A Mandatory 72-Hour Public Review Period On All Legislation Prior To Committee Or Floor Votes

2010: Huff Introduced A Proposed Senate Constitutional Amendment To Establish A Mandatory 72-Hour Public Review Period On All Legislation Prior To Committee Or Floor Votes. "Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) yesterday had lunch with Mr. James M. Dorn, this year's 'There Ought To Be A Law' contest winner, to present him with a California State flag that had been flown over the Capitol. Senator Huff introduced Mr. Dorn's winning idea as a part of his 2010 legislative package. Senate Constitutional Amendment 30, based on Mr. Dorn's idea, would have established a mandatory 72-hour public review period on all legislation prior to a vote in any committee or on the floor of either house of the California Legislature." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 11/23/10]

State Agency Websites

2009: Huff Authored Legislation To Mandate That State Agencies Have Publicly Accessible Websites

2009: Huff Introduced Legislation That He Claimed Would Require Every State Department And Agency To Public A Financial Website That Is Easily Publically Accessible. “Senator Bob Huff (R Diamond Bar) today announced the introduction of legislation to require that every state department and agency publish a financial website that is easily accessible by the public. With Senate Bill 719, Senator Huff hopes to provide flexibility to state departments and agencies, while offering a way for the public to access detailed information on expenditures through a link on each department or agency's website. ‘Transparency is an essential component of democracy and allows taxpayers to hold public officials accountable for their actions,’ Senator Bob Huff said.” [California State Senate Republican Caucus via States News Service, 3/3/09]

Guns

Gun Violence Research

Huff Opposed Creating A University Of California Research Center To Study Gun Violence

2016: Huff Voted Against A Bill To Create A University Of California Research Center To Study Gun Violence. “Republican Sen. Robert Huff of Diamond Bar noted there is already a research program on violence at UC Davis, but Wolk said it is a small operation that is privately funded. ‘This is something that can and should be done at the federal level,’ Huff said.” [Los Angeles Times, [3/17/16](#)]

Gun Sales To People On No Fly-Lists

Huff Opposed Banning The Sale Of Guns To People On Fly-Lists And Claimed He Had Been Placed On A No-Fly List

2015: Huff Opposed A Congressional Bill To Ban People On No-Fly Lists From Purchasing Guns And Said He Was Placed On A No-Fly List. “Like McClintock, I was placed on no-fly list too. Not reliable criterium for gun purchase ban. See Sac Bee article <http://ireader.olivesoftware.com/Olive/iReader/SacBeePress/SharedArticle.ashx?document=MSB%5C2015%5C12%5C11&article=Ar00703>.” [Bob Huff Facebook, [12/11/15](#)]

Health Care

State Health Care Reform

2007: Huff Opposed A Proposal To Mandate That Business Owners Pay 7.5 Percent Of Social Security Wages On Health Care

2007: Huff Opposed Bills To Provide Insurance To Uninsured People And Mandate That Business Owners Pay 7.5 Percent Of Social Security Wages On Health Care For Full- And Part-Time Employees. “Huff, chairman of the Assembly Republican Caucus, spoke Friday to a group of about 40 interested business people to discuss pending legislation in Sacramento. [...] Included in the list of pending legislation is AB 8, a bill that would force business owners to pay 7.5 percent of their Social Security wages on health care for both full- and part-time employees. ‘Health care reform is probably the most ominous thing hanging out there’ the Assemblyman said. Another bill, AB 8, is a health care reform proposal by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Senate President pro Tem, Don Perata. Nunez and Perata had similar proposals that were combined about three weeks ago, re-emerging as AB 8. The proposed bill is expected to create a \$7.7 billion health care scheme covering 2.4 million uninsured persons. The program would be supported by a new \$5.3 billion payroll tax, \$600 million in federal funds and \$2.1 billion from individual contributions. It would also increase the cost of jobs in the state and make California

business less competitive in the national and global economy, according to Huff.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 8/24/07]

Medical-Aid-In-Dying

Huff Called The Death With Dignity Act The “Aid In Killing Act”

Huff Op/Ed: Death With Dignity Act Should Be Known As The “Aid In Killing Act.” “Senate Bill 128 would legalize physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients in California. Supporters call it the Death with Dignity Act. In reality, however, the bill should be known as the ‘Aid in Killing’ act. We are asking our health care professionals — the people we hire to care for us and cure us — to now prescribe drugs that will cause our death. [...] Where is the opposition coming from? Hundreds of organizations and citizens are vehemently opposed to physician-assisted suicide. This includes the American Medical Association and the physicians who treat cancer patients: oncologists.” [Daily News, Bob Huff Op/Ed, [6/29/15](#)]

Huff Told The California Pro-Life Council That He Opposed “Euthanasia Such As Physician Assisted Suicide”

2015: Huff Answered “Yes” To California Pro-Life Council Questionnaire Asking If He Opposed “Efforts Promoting A State Policy Of Euthanasia Such As Physician Assisted Suicide.” [California Pro Life Council, 2015 Position On Crucial Life Issues, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

Access To EpiPens

Huff Introduced Several Bills To Increase Access To EpiPens In Schools

Huff Introduced SB 1266, An Enacted Bill Requiring Schools To Stock EpiPens. “Senate Bill 1266, introduced by state Sen. Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, and co-authored by state Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, would require public schools to stock epinephrine auto injectors, commonly known as epi-pens, on campus. The medicine can be administered quickly and safely if a student suffers from a serious allergic reaction during school hours, according to Huff. [...] ‘SB 1266 will help save lives by ensuring emergency medication is available at schools, especially helping students who don't know they have an allergy,’ Huff said in a prepared statement. ‘I'm thankful to the numerous medical professionals, nurses and parents who testified on our behalf. This was truly a team effort.’” [San Mateo Daily Journal, 8/30/14]

Huff Amended SB 1266 After Concern From The California Teachers Association That The Bill Would Require Work Beyond The Typical Scope Of Training. “A bill that would put epi-pens in all public schools has been put on hold until later this summer after five policy committee hearings and concern from the California Teachers Association that the medical devices for allergies would require work beyond the typical scope of training. [...] Huff did make amendments to the bill that include the fact ‘volunteer’ or ‘trained personnel’ means an employee who has volunteered to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to a person if the person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from anaphylaxis, and has been designated by a school and has received training pursuant to subdivision. Additionally, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act has state-mandated costs, there should be reimbursement to local agencies and school districts. Still, the state teachers union doesn't support the bill.” [San Mateo Daily Journal, 6/27/14]

Huff Authored An Enacted Law That Allows School Volunteers To Be Certified To Carry EpiPens And Administer Them As Needed. “Authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), SB 669 would allow California to join a growing group of states that provide training in the proper use of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors otherwise known as EpiPens by making these auto-injectors available by prescription to individuals who have successfully completed specified training and certification. [...] The bill would allow for a process where volunteers such as Scout leaders and Little League coaches may be certified to carry an epinephrine

auto injector (EAI) and administer as needed, Dr. Nadeau writes in a letter to Governor Brown.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 9/24/13]

Access To Epilepsy Medication

Huff Authored Legislation To Allow Non-Medical Personnel To Administer Anti-Seizure Medication

2011: Huff Authored SB 161, An Enacted Law That Allows Teachers And Non-Medical Personnel To Administer Anti-Seizure Medication. “Local epilepsy advocates are expressing relief at the passage of a state law that will allow teachers and other non-medical personnel to administer the anti-seizure medication Diastat to students beginning Jan. 1, even as nursing leaders insist that school nurses still will not train their colleagues. SB 161, authored by state Sen. Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, and sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education, was an effort to counter a 2009 directive by the state nursing board that urged school nurses not to train laypeople to administer the anti-convulsion medication. Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law Oct. 7, despite fierce opposition from nursing unions and their allies, and it will take effect Jan. 1.” [Orange County Register, [10/20/11](#)]

Huff’s Business Website Lists The Enactment Of SB 161 As “One Of His Proudest Accomplishments.”

“One of his proudest accomplishments is getting SB 161 signed into law in 2011, which allows trained volunteers to administer emergency medication to students with epilepsy when they suffer a seizure at school.” [Huff Strategies, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

Allergy Treatment And Disease Awareness

Huff Authored Legislation To Educate The Public About Diseases And Allergies

Huff Recorded A Public Service Announcement To Educate Constituents About The Zika Virus. “Senator Huff has already taped a public service announcement on the dangers of these mosquitoes and the virus they may carry, which will air soon in homes and businesses served by Charter Communications and Time Warner cable systems.” [California State Senate Republican Caucus via Targeted News Service, 2/22/16]

Huff Authored Legislation To Designate A Week In May 2012 As Food Allergy Awareness Week In California. “Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) is authoring new legislation designed to raise awareness of the dangers that food allergies pose to millions of people. SCR 67 designates May 13-19, 2012 as Food Allergy Awareness Week in California.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 2/21/12]

Huff Proposed A Resolution To Designate May 2011 As Celiac Disease Awareness Month. “Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 7) from Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) passed out of the Senate during a recent Floor vote and is now headed for the State Assembly. The measure seeks to raise awareness about a disease that affects three million people in America, by designating the month of May, 2011 as Celiac Disease Awareness Month in California.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 4/18/11]

Regulatory Reform

State Regulations

Huff Supported Eliminating Duplicative Regulations And Regulations On Businesses

2011: Huff Introduced Failed Legislation That He Claimed Would Have “Mandated A System-Wide Review Of State Regulations To Identify Excessive Or Duplicative Laws.” “Democrats who control the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality have quietly killed legislation designed to root out and dispose of any and all state regulations that hinder new job and business development in California. Senate Bill (SB) 396, authored by Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar), would have mandated a system-wide review of state regulations to identify

excessive or duplicative laws. [...] We have 28,000 pages of regulations on the books in California, said Senator Huff. While many of them came with good intentions, it's clear that some are costing jobs or forcing business owners to move to more business-friendly states. I'm disappointed that the members of this committee don't yet realize the seriousness of this problem, and I fear that job and business loss in California may continue without real reform." [Bob Huff via States News Service, 5/3/11]

2010: Huff Told Business Leaders That He Would "Like To See Regulations Cut Back." "State Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, told an audience of regional business, transportation and education leaders Friday that he's working hard to end Sacramento's gridlock, and that some of his top priorities are jobs and easing regulations on business. [...] Those days - of increased employment and better times for business - are not ahead if California's regulations continue to hurt or discourage business and banks don't feel freer to lend, he said. 'I'd like to see regulations cut back,' Huff said." [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/8/10]

State Budget And Spending

Budget Proposals

Huff Supported Cuts To Government Spending Throughout Several Budget Seasons

2012: Huff Introduced A Budget Proposal That He Claimed Would Eliminate The Need For Education Trigger Cuts And Provide \$3.4 Billion In Savings. "Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) is offering a budget solution that eliminates the need for education trigger cuts and tax increases. The solutions, supported by the Senate and Assembly Republican Caucuses, provide at least \$3.4 billion to K-14 and the UC and CSU systems. [...] The proposal by Senator Huff and other Republican leaders include: Hold schools harmless: Ensure schools programmatic funding levels are not reduced and allow schools to get all the money they are entitled to under existing law. Dedicate increased revenue to schools: State revenues are projected to grow without tax hikes and there are anticipated tax windfalls (Facebook IPO) that can be dedicated to schools. Streamline government and halt unnecessary spending: Make existing programs more efficient by eliminating unnecessary and non-critical new spending. Continue to utilize prior viable budget solutions: Solutions that worked well in previous state budgets can be used again." [Bob Huff via Targeted News Service, 3/29/12]

2005: Huff Was One Of 13 Republicans In The State Assembly To Vote No On The Budget. "Huff, one of 13 Republicans in the state Assembly to vote no, said he is worried that the budget doesn't solve financial problems in the future." [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 7/9/05]

2004: Huff Campaigned For State Assembly On A Platform Of Controlling Spending, Balancing The Budget, Creating A Regional Transportation Plan, And Shifting Authority From State To Local School Districts. "Huff, a fiscal conservative, says he wants to control spending and balance the state's budget. He sees transportation as a major issue and, if elected, he promised to concentrate on creating a transportation plan for the entire Southern California region. I'll take my track record of working with others to get things done,' said Huff, 51. 'We need to create incentives for businesses, such as working at night to help alleviate truck traffic on the freeways.' Huff wants to shift more authority from the state to local school districts. And he supports Proposition 1A, which would protect cities from having their funds swiped by the state." [Whittier Daily News, 10/27/04]

Pension Reform

Huff Advocated For Restructuring Public Employee Pensions

2012 Huff Op-Ed: "Without Any Reform, The Growing Costs Of Public Pensions Will Place An Even Greater Threat On Funding Core Services." "Even after describing his pension reform plan as a "minimum," the governor hasn't pushed legislative Democrats once to implement his reforms or take any concrete action to control spiraling costs. Every delay is costing taxpayer money. Our current public employee pensions systems are simply unsustainable. The governor's own Department of Finance says pension costs will consume \$4.8 billion of state

spending during the current budget year, and that amount will only continue to grow. Without any reform, the growing costs of public pensions will place an even greater threat on funding core services such as schools, transportation, public safety, health care and programs to help the disabled and elderly.” [Orange County Register, Bob Huff Op-Ed, [7/20/12](#)]

2011: Huff Called Proposed Budget A “Sham” And Advocated For Pension Reform. “On the floor of the Senate on Friday, Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, said the budget proposal had been characterized as the only responsible solution to California's problems. ‘What is responsible about having a sham budget with an \$11 billion hole in it?’ Huff asked. ‘We've only seen budgets this year with holes.’ [...] Missing from discussions were talks of pension reform, especially when some studies indicate the system is hundreds of billions of dollars underfunded, Huff said. ‘Where's the reform on that? Where's the responsibility? We have to step up to the plate and make sure that our public employees have systems that are sustainable, that we can afford. We have nothing on that here,’ Huff said.” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 6/12/11]

Taxes

Transportation Taxes

Huff Authored Bills To Dedicate Cap-And-Trade Revenue And Transportation Taxes For Infrastructure And Transportation Purposes

2015: Huff Authored Bills That He Claimed Would Dedicate Cap-And-Trade Funding For Infrastructure And Require Transportation Taxes To Be Used For Transportation Purposes. “Senator Huff is authoring two measures in the Special Session on Transportation that would end the diversion of transportation tax dollars. SCA X 1 1 asks the voters to protect transportation taxes by requiring them to be used for transportation purposes. SB X 1 2 would dedicate cap-and-trade funding raised from taxes on transportation fuels to be used for transportation infrastructure.” [Bob Huff via Targeted News Service, 8/17/15]

Sales, Income, And Vehicle License Taxes

Huff Was Criticized By Conservatives For Not Strongly Criticizing A Proposed Ballot Measure To Temporarily Increase Taxes

2011: Huff Was Criticized By The Taxpayer Caucus For Allegedly Not Taking A Strong-Enough Stand Against Gov. Brown’s Proposed Ballot Measure To Temporarily Increase Sales, Income, And Vehicle License Taxes. “Huff said he has made perfectly clear that he does not support Brown's proposal to ask voters to extend the temporary sales, income and vehicle license taxes approved in 2009 for five more years. At least some Republican support is needed for Brown's proposal. Huff said he didn't join the Taxpayer Caucus because it could divide the Republican Caucus, of which he is chairman. ‘Their action resulted in throwing people under the bus, or getting their heads on a stick,’ Huff said.” [Whittier Daily News, 2/24/11]

Tax Extensions

2011: Huff Opposed A Proposed Tax Extension Ballot Measure

2011: Huff Opposed Putting A Tax Extension On The Ballot, Citing A Failed 2009 Effort To Recall Him Over A Tax Extension. “Huff won't be lending his support to putting the tax extension on the ballot. He said he learned that lesson the hard way. In 2009, Huff supported putting the extension on the ballot because it also include a cap on state spending. As a result, he faced a recall effort from voters who said it violated his pledge made by most GOP lawmakers to not raise taxes. Though the recall effort failed, Huff said he ‘got the message.’” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/28/11]

Trade

Trade With China

Huff Visited With Chinese Leaders To Promote California Business Interests

2017: Huff Visited China To Promote Bilateral Trade And Said Trump Had “Excellent Results This Year.” “Huff, who will make his 19th visit to China this month, said he is focusing on economic cooperation, which is a firm foundation for the bilateral ties. Huff is optimistic about the future of bilateral trade even though some local businessmen are worried that the Trump administration could have trade frictions with Beijing. ‘Trade between countries is governed by international law, which is set by federal policies. I don't see a full-blown trade war resulting from this visit or this presidency,’ he said. ‘Both President Xi (Jinping) and President Trump have had excellent results this year. They met very quickly after President Trump was inaugurated...came up with a hundred-day plan... (and) have seen things moving forward. So people have to focus on things actually being done, not just what's talked about. We've seen the right kind of actions. So I'm encouraged,’ he said.” [Xinhua News Agency, 11/5/17]

Note: Further vetting is needed to confirm the accuracy of this report from China's state news agency

Huff Met With The Governor Of China's Jiangsu Province To Strengthen Ties Between Jiangsu And California. “Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) will be in San Francisco Monday to meet with the Governor of the Jiangsu Province, China, for the kickoff of a business and cultural event called Jiangsu Week. [...] The meeting with Governor Yeuyong Li of the Jiangsu Province will serve to strengthen the growing ties between sister states, said Senator Huff. [...] Senator Huff took part in a historic signing ceremony two years ago that created the sister relationship agreement between the State of California and the Jiangsu Province. The agreement was designed to enhance and develop friendship and cooperation between the citizens of California and China.” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 6/19/13]

2008: Huff Defended His Decision To Go On A Nineteen Day Trip To China During State Budget Crisis. “Assemblyman Bob Huff has arrived back from a nearly three-week trip to China just in time to vote against a tax increase and be sworn into the state Senate on Monday. Huff, R-Diamond Bar, was one of seven state legislators to go on the trip. He left Nov. 6 and returned Monday. It was an important trip, he said. ‘China is a major trading partner for California,’ Huff said. ‘Two-thirds of Asian port traffic comes through (Southern California) as well.’ It's important to understand China because the country isn't just a trading partner, but also is competition for the state, Huff said. Huff defended his decision to go at a time when the state is in a budget crisis. ‘There's no good time for a trip, but we're all with laptops and Blackberries never that far away,’ he said. ‘I certainly didn't feel I was out of pocket. I kept in close contact.’” [Whittier Daily News, 11/28/08]

Transportation Policy

BART Strike

Huff Authored Legislation To Prevent A BART Strike And Future Strikes By Public Transit Employees

Following BART Strike, Huff Introduced An Unsuccessful Bill To Ban Strikes By Public Transit Employees. “A bill that would have banned strikes by public transit employees, such as BART workers who walked off the job twice last year, has been killed by a state Senate committee. The Senate Public Employees and Retirement Committee rejected the bill by Sen. Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, in a party line vote on Monday, with the three Democrats on the committee voting against it and the two Republicans on the panel voting for it. [...] Huff said in a statement, ‘Last year, Californians witnessed the Bay Area come to a screeching halt not once, but twice, as leaders of the BART employee union called strikes and BART trains went dark.’ He said, ‘Hundreds of thousands of Bay Area residents could not get to work, go to school, see the doctor, or visit with family and friends and it cost the

region \$73 million each day.’ Huff said, ‘As a legislature, we have failed to make public transit reliable. That’s a major failure. Californians deserve a government that works for everyone but they were let down.’” [San Jose Mercury News, 1/15/14]

Huff Asked Gov. Brown To Call A Special Session To Pass Legislation To Compel BART To Honor Contractual No-Strike Clause. “Senate Republican Leader Bob Huff (R- Diamond Bar) has introduced legislation that would compel BART employees to honor the no-strike clause in their labor contract. SB 423 was introduced to prompt a solution and provide the San Francisco Bay Area some relief from the pending BART strike in October. Senator Huff sent a letter asking Governor Brown to call a special session of the Legislature in time to avoid a BART strike. ‘The bill is very clear,’ said Huff. ‘It simply compels the BART unions to honor the no-strike clause in their existing contract. Time is of the essence. With millions of dollars at stake, it’s time for the governor to step up and bring the Legislature back to Sacramento to resolve this pending strike before the governor’s cooling-off period closes.’” [Bob Huff via States News Service, 9/16/13]

High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes

2008: Huff Authored An Enacted Law That Eliminated The Requirement To Maintain A Four-Foot Buffer Between High Occupancy Vehicle And General Purpose Lanes On The Costa Mesa Freeway

2008: Huff Authored An Enacted Law That Eliminated The Requirement To Maintain A Four-Foot Buffer Between High Occupancy Vehicle And General Purpose Lanes On The Costa Mesa Freeway. “The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors thanked Senator Bob Huff for his work on transportation at the OCTA Board meeting December 8th. The OCTA Board issued a resolution, presented to Senator Huff by OCTA Chairman Chris Norby that specifically thanks Senator Huff for his work on Assembly Bill (AB) 2906. AB 2906 eliminated the requirement to maintain a four-foot buffer between the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and the general purpose lanes of the Costa Mesa Freeway, SR-55.” [Senator Bob Margett via States News Service, 12/11/08]

High-Speed Rail

2011: Huff Supported A High-Speed Rail Plan Opposed By Some Republicans

2011: Huff Supported A Proposed High-Speed Rail Plan That Other Republicans Opposed. “Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, sees the plan as critical to improving the California economy. The man he may replace as GOP leader, Sen. Bob Dutton, R-Rancho Cucamonga, sees the San Francisco-to-Anaheim line as simply a waste of money. [...] Huff called the draft business plan released Tuesday a positive step in framing a larger discussion about the viability of high-speed rail. ‘Every demographic model shows the state’s population continuing to grow, with no parallel investment to accommodate that growth in our transportation systems,’ he said. Huff added that improving transportation infrastructure is critical to the Golden State’s future. ‘High-speed rail is poised to fill a significant part of this need, but we must proceed with a good business plan built of accurate data and assumptions,’ he said.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 11/6/11]

Vaccinations

Measles, HPV, And General Vaccinations

Huff Opposed Legislation To Expand Mandatory Vaccinations

2015: Huff Called Mandatory Vaccination Bill SB 277 An "Unwarranted Insertion Of Government Into An Area That Has Rightly Been The Domain Of Parents." “Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff (R-San Dimas) is calling on Governor Jerry Brown to veto mandatory childhood vaccination legislation headed for the Governor’s desk after passing off the Senate Floor earlier today. In a veto request letter sent to the Governor, Senator Huff

called SB 277 an ‘unwarranted insertion of government into an area that has rightly been the domain of parents.’ ‘The sweeping nature of SB 277 is all the more problematic when one considers the actual magnitude of the recent measles outbreak that spawned the bill,’ wrote Senator Huff in his veto request to the Governor. ‘In a state of nearly 39 million people, only 131 measles cases are likely linked to this outbreak. This can hardly be considered a breakdown of herd immunity.’” [Bob Huff via Targeted News Service, 6/29/15]

2008: Huff Said He Would Vote Against A Mandatory Vaccination Bill That He Had Previously Voted For. “Huff talked about one of those occasions in discussing West Covina Democrat Assemblyman Ed Hernandez’s AB 16 that initially would have required all girls ages 12 and younger to get the human papillomavirus, or HPV, vaccine. The vaccine can prevent 70 percent of cervical cancer, he said. Initially, as the bill was introduced, Huff and others opposed it. But Huff went to Hernandez seeking a compromise that would allow parents to make the choice themselves. He didn’t get that, but he did get something close. ‘At the end of the day, Ed worked with us, and were able to get an opt-out (for parents),’ he said. Parents would get a package of information every year and could make a decision not to allow their children to get vaccinated. ‘We got that amendment, and that was a big victory,’ he said. ‘It wasn’t the best scenario, but it was moving the ball forward and made a bad bill a better bill.’ The bill was later amended to tie all vaccinations to those recommended by a national health committee, but Huff said he felt obligated to vote for it because he had been part of the process. In voting for the bill, Huff took a hit from some conservative organization’s ratings and others, he said. However, there is another twist to the story. ‘Well, the bill goes to the Senate and gets carved up and I won’t be voting for it,’ he said.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 1/4/08]

Water Issues

Water Bonds

Huff Negotiated A Proposed Water Bond Ballot Measure

2015: Huff Negotiated The Proposition 1 Water Bond Act And Proposed The Water Priorities Constitutional Amendment and New Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Facilities Bond Act. “The Water Priorities Constitutional Amendment and New Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Facilities Bond Act was submitted last week to the state Attorney General’s Office by Vice Chair of the Board of Equalization George Runner and former state GOP leader State Sen. Bob Huff, R-San Dimas. The second part of the initiative would shift \$2.7 billion from Proposition 1, a water bond act approved by voters in 2014 and negotiated by Huff and Gov. Jerry Brown. While Runner and Huff promised a well-funded signature gathering campaign to qualify the measure for the November 2016 ballot, support for measure so far has been mixed.” [San Gabriel Valley Tribune, 12/21/15]

Water Utility Transparency

Huff Authored A Law Requiring More Transparency About Proposed Water Utility Changes

2012: Huff Authored An Enacted Law That Requires More Notice And More Explanation To Customers About Proposed Water Utility Rate Changes. “Residents who get their water from private companies will soon have a better chance to fight rate increases, say officials from the office of state Sen. Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar. Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed Huff’s legislation. The new law requires more notice and more explanation to customers before rate changes. Huff took on the legislation, in part, because Placentia residents, who live in Huff’s district, have complained about back-to-back double-digit rate increases from the Golden State Water Co. ‘This bill also subjects water corporations with more than 2,000 service connections to the same reporting and auditing requirements currently imposed on electrical, gas, and telephone corporations,’ Huff said in a release. ‘It is designed to protect ratepayers.’” [Orange County Register, 9/7/12]

Water Task Force

2009: Huff Was Appointed To A Task Force Created To Fix The State's Water System

2009: Huff Was Appointed To A Task Force Created To Fix The State's Water System. “Earlier this month, as state lawmakers worked through dozens of bills in the final days of the 2009 legislative session, a group of 14 legislators were trying to come to terms on a plan to fix the state's water system. The water task force of seven Senators and seven Assembly members failed to come to an agreement by the Sept. 11 deadline. Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, the Inland Empire's only representative on the task force, said the group couldn't agree on several key aspects of a plan, including environmental protections for the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta and on building new dams.” [San Bernardino Sun, 9/26/09]

Welfare Reform

Welfare Payments And Eligibility Guidelines

Huff Supported Cutting Welfare Payments And Eligibility Periods

2011: Huff Supported Cutting Welfare Payments And Eligibility Periods, And Tightening Eligibility Guidelines For The State In-Home Care Program. “Several Republicans called Brown's plan ‘a good starting point,’ but they say it doesn't make enough cuts and relies on solutions that might not materialize. ‘Governor Brown has folded into this budget plan some of the ideas we've brought up over the last few years,’ said Sen. Bob Huff, R-Walnut, who represents the Chino area and was named Wednesday as vice- chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. Among those ideas are tightening eligibility guidelines for the state's in-home care program - something Huff said he wanted to see in the plan - as well as cutting welfare payments and making families eligible for welfare for a shorter period of time. But Huff also said Brown's plan is ‘a budget that has bailing wire holding it together.’ He echoed a report from the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, saying the budget includes many ‘risky assumptions.’” [Redlands Daily Facts, 1/16/11]

Women's Issues

Abortion

Huff Voted Against A Bill To Prohibit The Disclosure Of Illegally Taped Conversations Of Health Care Providers

Huff Voted No On A Bill To Prohibit The Taping Of Confidential Communications Without Two-Party Consent And Prohibit The Disclosure Of Illegally Taped Conversations Of Health Care Providers. “SCORED BILLS [...] AB 1671 (Author: Gomez): Confidential Communications: This bill amends California's Penal Code which currently prohibits taping confidential communications without both parties' consent, to also prohibit the use or disclosure of illegally taped conversations of health care providers. The bill makes clear that penalties are \$2500 per violation, per use or disclosure. The bill further clarifies that a person who brings a civil cause of action can recover damages of \$5,000 per violation. PPAC supported and sponsored this bill. Status: Signed into Law.” [State Senator Bob Huff Report Card via Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

Huff Said He Supported “Legal Protection For Unborn Children” And Requiring Parental Consent For Abortion Care

2015: Huff Answered “Yes” To California Pro-Life Council Questionnaire Asking If He Supported “Requiring Parental Consent Before An Abortion Can Be Performed On A Minor” and “Legal Protection For Unborn Children.” [California Pro Life Council, 2015 Position On Crucial Life Issues, accessed [1/16/18](#)]

Huff Voted Against Removing Abortion Restrictions

Huff Earned A 20% Score From Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds In 2013 And Voted Against Removing Abortion Restrictions. [State Senator Bob Huff Report Card via Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

Tampon Tax

Huff Voted To Repeal The Tax On Menstrual Hygiene Products

Huff Voted Yes On A Bill To Repeal The Tax On Menstrual Hygiene Products. “SCORED BILLS [...] AB 1561 (Author: C. Garcia): Tampon Tax: AB 1561 would have exempted from sales and use taxes the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, sanitary napkins and tampons. PPAC supported this bill. Status: Failed Passage.” [State Senator Bob Huff Report Card via Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

Sex Education

Huff Voted To Expand The Existing Practice Of Notifying Parents About Sexual Health Education

Huff Voted Yes On A Bill To Expand The Existing Practice Of Notifying Parents About Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education. “SCORED BILLS AB 517 (Author: Gallagher): Sexual Education Course Materials: This bill would have expanded unnecessarily the existing practice of notifying parents about sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education. PPAC opposed this bill. Status: Successfully Defeated.” [State Senator Bob Huff Report Card via Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds, accessed [1/12/18](#)]

Birth Control Coverage

Huff Voted To Require Insurers To Cover Up To 12-Months Of Contraception At Once

Huff Voted Yes On A Bill To Require Insurers To Cover Up To 12-Months Of Contraception At Once. “SCORED BILLS SB 999 (Author: Pavley): 12-Month Supply of Birth Control: This bill requires all private health care service plans and health insurers to cover up to 12-months of FDA Approved, self-administered hormonal contraceptives (including oral contraceptives, transdermal patches, and vaginal rings) dispensed at one time. The legislation would also require Medi-Cal Managed Care plans to cover a 12-month supply of all forms of prescribed contraceptives (such as the patch and ring). PPAC supported and co-sponsored this bill. Status: Signed into Law.” [State Senator Bob Huff Report Card via Planned Parenthood Affiliates Of California Action Funds, accessed [1/12/18](#)]