

## **Stakeholder Quotes**

“We at the Disabled Veteran Business Alliance look forward to the opportunity of working with people in the insurance industry to build their programs ensuring the inclusion of highly qualified veteran owned firms which is not only an economic but a moral imperative. We commend the insurance industry for taking on the task of inclusion of Disabled Veteran Owned businesses. The Disabled Veteran Business Alliance has been a long-time resource to agencies attempting to locate, assist and advocate for Disabled Veteran and Veteran owned businesses. The DVBA understands the hurdles of program implementation and appreciates the outreach efforts and consideration of our organization. “Keep up the fight”

- **Executive Director Disabled Veteran Business Alliance Rene Cota**

“The California Asian Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of the Commissioner to ensure that California's minority communities have the opportunity to participate in the supplier diversity efforts of the insurance industry and applaud the national effort towards inclusion.”

- **President and CEO California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce Pat Fong Kushida**

“The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the business voice of the LGBT community, applauds the historic 2016 Multistate Insurance Diversity Survey: the first ever diversity survey of the national insurance industry. NGLCC is honored to be the 2016 recipient of California’s Insurance Commissioner’s Award for Excellence in Diversity Advocacy for our work collaborating with insurance industry leaders to promote supplier diversity, board leadership diversity, and increased opportunities for all diverse communities throughout the public and private sectors. We look forward to much more progress together in the years ahead.”

- **Justin Nelson, Co-Founder & President, National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)**

“We are delighted with the leadership of Commissioner Jones on this important initiative and are encouraged by the latest results and growing collaboration throughout the insurance industry across state lines. We are an organization that represents the interests of more than 4.2 million Hispanic-owned businesses that, combined, contribute over \$668 billion to the American economy every year. We also advocate on behalf of 260 major American corporations and serve as the umbrella organization for more than 200 local chambers and business associations nationwide. The push to increase supplier and board diversity is not just the right thing to do, it is also good business. The insurance industry does best when the diverse face of America is represented in its strategic supply chain and in its boardrooms. There is much work left to be done, but the results and momentum are great news for American business, both large and small.”

- **United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Javier Palomarez said:**