



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Panorea Avdis serves as the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the State's lead entity for economic development and job creation efforts. Appointed by Governor Brown in 2012 to help reestablish the State's economic development office, Ms. Avdis has built one of the most robust and sophisticated programs in the country with over 100 staff, nearly a dozen key programs and field offices in the Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Her role entails direct oversight of the State's top economic development programs including the Infrastructure and Economic Development (IBank), the California Film Commission, the California Commission of Travel and Tourism and the California Competes Tax Credit – which will grant \$780 million in tax credits to expanding California companies over the next five years.

Prior to joining GO-Biz, she served as Chief of Staff to Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna, Director for External Affairs for Housing and Community Development under Governor Schwarzenegger and special assistant to Governor Gray Davis. In addition to her public sector work, Panorea spent several years in the private sector as a project manager and advisor to the Chairman of AKT Development; a major land development company based in Northern California.

Ms. Avdis serves on the California Employment Training Panel, Green Collar Jobs Council, California Industrial Development Financing Advisory Commission, the Economic Recovery Financing Committee, and the CalED advisory committee.

She is a native of the Sacramento region, graduate of UC Davis, and active member of the Greek community.