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for LOCAL BUSINESSES



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400 MEMBERS AND GROWING

Publisher's Note

IT'S THE 2ND ISSUE - YAY!



That 3.4% Got My Attention

I recently had to complete a U.S. Census Bureau business survey.

Reluctantly.

I've officially been in business since 2005, and I honestly don't remember ever completing the Census before. I tend to lay low, so maybe I ignored it.

This time, ignoring it didn't seem like an option. So I filled it out. And now I'm glad I did.

The survey made me think about everything I've built, tried, learned and earned over the years.

Then I saw the Census card.

Black or African American-owned employer firms:
3.4%. Three point four percent? That got my attention.

Growing up, I remember people being encouraged to get a good, secure job. Government. Post office. DMV. Social services. Retail. Get benefits. Keep your job.

Entrepreneurship wasn't always the first thing pushed. But that may be changing. Jobs we once thought were "safe" are being cut, automated, consolidated and redefined. I believe entrepreneurship is going to grow partly out of necessity.

Sometimes losing the safe route forces you to build your own.

Seeing that 3.4% did something else. It made me want my business counted and I started thinking about what I can do.

I can teach. I can help someone understand their money. I can encourage someone sitting on a business idea. I can connect business owners.

And maybe one day help somebody realize entrepreneurship doesn't have to start with quitting your job and risking everything. Sometimes it starts with one idea, one customer and one dollar you made for yourself.

I think that 3.4% is going up.

And I'd like to help move the needle! ■

-Steph Wynne



Sometimes Business Owners Need to Leave Their Bubble



From left to right: Renell, Chase, Cecilia, Frank, Karen, Rubi, Patrick, Teresa and Don

Thank you to the business owners who attended the first **Get Off Your Butt and Network** event! A special thank you to my partner and co-pilot, Teresa, for all her hard work and thoughtfulness. She helped with the food setup, the business card raffle, and so many little things that made the room feel welcoming.

I told myself I was not going to cancel this event. In past years, I would plan something and secretly hope no one showed up because deep down, I wasn't really ready

This time, I was ready. I told my mind I wanted 18 people, but secretly, 8 would be good. We had 9, and I was very grateful.

It was a nice event, and I learned a lot. I will make a few changes going forward, but the goal is simple: stay consistent, improve each time, and continue to meet good people.



That is what Get Off Your Butt and Network is really about. A room where local business owners can introduce themselves, share what they do, hear what others are building, and maybe walk away with one good connection they did not have before.

Not a perfect room. Not a packed room. A real room.

Sometimes that is all it takes. We can stay home and scroll, or we can get off our butts and network. ■

Closing Your Business Does Not Close Your LLC

Two people recently contacted me for help dissolving their LLCs. Both were more than two years behind.

They had stopped doing business, but they had never officially closed their LLCs.

In California, an LLC can continue accumulating the \$800 annual tax, along with possible late fees, penalties, and interest, until the proper steps are taken to close it. Depending on how the LLC was taxed and its individual circumstances, there may also be past-due filings to address.

An LLC may be the right choice for your business, but opening one should not be treated casually.

Before forming an LLC, understand the annual costs, filing responsibilities, and what must be done if the business closes.

In this class, we will look at the real reasons people form LLCs, when one may not be necessary, and what happens when an owner simply walks away.

We will also go over the basic steps for creating an LLC, keeping it in good standing, and properly dissolving it when the time comes.

Come with questions. You may discover that you need an LLC or that you are better off without one.

Stopping the business does not close the LLC. You must formally dissolve it. ■



STEPH WYNNE PRESENTS
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Should You Start an LLC or Shut One Down?

Practical points to consider before forming an LLC or deciding it may be time to close one.

4 Reasons to Consider an LLC

- 1 Personal liability protection
- 2 A more professional business image
- 3 Flexible management and tax options
- 4 A cleaner way to separate personal and business activity

3 Reasons to Dissolve an LLC

- 1 Ongoing state fees and annual filings can add up
- 2 The business is no longer active or profitable
- 3 You want to avoid future penalties, taxes, or compliance issues

 Educational overview only. Not legal or tax advice.



LLC Creation & Dissolution Class

Join Steph Wynne for a practical class on how to create an LLC, when one makes sense, and when it may be smarter to dissolve one.

 Sunday, September 27, 2026

 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

 Only \$49

 Great parking

 Light refreshments included



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AUGUST 27, 2026



6:00 PM -
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6:25 Intros
7:05 Open conversation
7:25 Close



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A LITTLE BINGO, A LOT OF BUSINESS CONNECTION

A shout-out to DoubleTree Hotel for the very cool bingo event they hosted last month! There was a great turnout, the atmosphere was fun, and I met some cool business owners, including:



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Ms. Cherie hosting the Bingo game



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Your Chamber Neighbor hosts real-world networking meetups and practical classes for Lancaster, Palmdale, and Antelope Valley business owners who want to connect, learn useful tools, promote what they do, and grow.



1 AUGUST

Get Off Your Butt and Network



Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Relaxed local networking for business owners, entrepreneurs, and people building something of their own.

Free • RSVP Requested

2 AUGUST

AI Tools Class



Sunday, August 30, 2026

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Beginner-friendly AI tools for emails, flyers, documents, ideas, and marketing.

Free • Limited Seating

3 SEPTEMBER

Get Off Your Butt and Network



Thursday, September 24, 2026

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Real conversations, local introductions, and business connections without the hard sell.

Free • RSVP Requested

4 SEPTEMBER

Should You Start an LLC—or Shut One Down?



Sunday, September 27, 2026

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Learn what it really takes to start, maintain, or close a California LLC—without costly surprises.

\$49 per seat • Limited Seating

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5 OCTOBER

Get Off Your Butt and Network



Thursday, October 22, 2026

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Monthly local networking for business owners and professionals in the Antelope Valley.

Free • RSVP Requested

6 OCTOBER

Learn Basic Bookkeeping with Get Bookkeeper Pro



Sunday, October 25, 2026

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

A practical beginner-friendly class for business owners who want to understand basic bookkeeping and see how Get Bookkeeper Pro can help simplify the process.

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