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Renowned immigration expert George Borjas, a professor of economics at the University of California, San Diego has been appointed to California Governor Pete Wilson's Council of Economic Policy Advisers.

As a member of the newly established 16-member Council, Borjas will work with other appointed economists and business leaders in recommending economic policy to Governor Wilson on a wide range of state, national and international issues that impact California. The primary purpose of the Council, chaired by former Secretary of State George Shultz, is to provide strategic guidance to the governor in the state's efforts to re-navigate and restructure the California economy.

Borjas, who joined the UCSD Economics Department in 1990, is considered to be one of the countries leading authorities on the economic impacts of immigration. The author of "Immigration & the Work Force: Economic Consequences for the U.S. and Source Areas," (1992, University of Chicago Press), and "Friends or Strangers: The Impacts of Immigrants on the U.S. Economy," (1990, Basic Books), Borjas' recent research has focused on the economic performance of immigrant ethnic groups in the United States. In his 1990 book, he argues that the U.S. should encourage the immigration of workers with higher skill and education levels instead of low-skilled, uneducated immigrants.

In addition to Shultz and Borjas, members of the Council for Economic Policy Advisers include: former U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills; Nobel Prize-winning economists Gary Becker and Milton Friedman; former presidential economic advisers Martin Anderson and Michael Boskin; BankAmerica Corp. CEO Richard Rosenberg; Southern California Edison Chairman John Bryson.

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