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Economic Partnership

2022-2023 Annual Report

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With this annual report, we wrap up our 2022-2023 programming and look forward to our next year together. For the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, 2022-2023 proved to be one of the most active in our history. With a fresh new team at the Partnership that hit the ground running, new committees were activated and

several old committees were revived to help take a dive deep into the Partnership's mission of supporting the quality of life and business health of our dynamic region.

Several new major events were added to our calendar including a major Housing Summit, a quarterly convening of city economic development staff, and a series of topical lectures to better connect the local Asian community with legal and government resources.

As a region, we enjoyed several milestone celebrations like the opening of the 57/60 freeway improvements- a project of regional and national significance, and the 100th anniversary of "America's Stadium", the Rose Bowl.

The country - the whole world, in fact - is adjusting to all we learned during a lengthy pandemic. Technological advances have normalized distance relationships in all sectors, even areas such as healthcare and education, where face-to-face contact has been bedrock for operations throughout history. AI is challenging how production is done, and presenting both new opportunities and looming questions. It is a new era, and one that the Partnership is facing head-on.

I hope you enjoy this overview of the Partnership's activities over the past year, in business engagement and education, public policy, and forging connections between the private and public sectors. 2023-2024 looks to be another exciting and challenging year, and the Partnership looks forward to our continued collaborations to help the San Gabriel Valley flourish.

Fran Inman

Senior Vice President, Majestic Realty Company
Chair of the SGVEP Board of Directors, 2023-2024



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ABOUT THE SGV ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

HISTORY

In 1991, three city managers from Alhambra, Monrovia and West Covina recognized the need for a regional entity for the purpose of advocating, marketing, and expanding the economic base of the San Gabriel Valley. These city managers and several private sector business leaders came together to create the San Gabriel Valley Commerce and Cities Consortium to leverage the power of the region and to promote the valley.

A few years later in 1998, the group's name was changed to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership to reflect the growing and broad membership including business, local government, colleges and universities and non-profit organizations committed to the mission of advancing the economic vitality and quality of life of the San Gabriel Valley.

Since that time, we have strived to advance the region as an economic, logistic, educational, medical, manufacturing, and cultural hub of Southern California.

OUR MISSION

To advance the economic vitality and quality of life of the San Gabriel Valley

WHAT WE DO

- Foster a business-friendly climate and the success of businesses
- Engage in political advocacy
- Market the strengths of the San Gabriel Valley and the Partnership
- Facilitate workforce development
- Connect cities, companies and organizations

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San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

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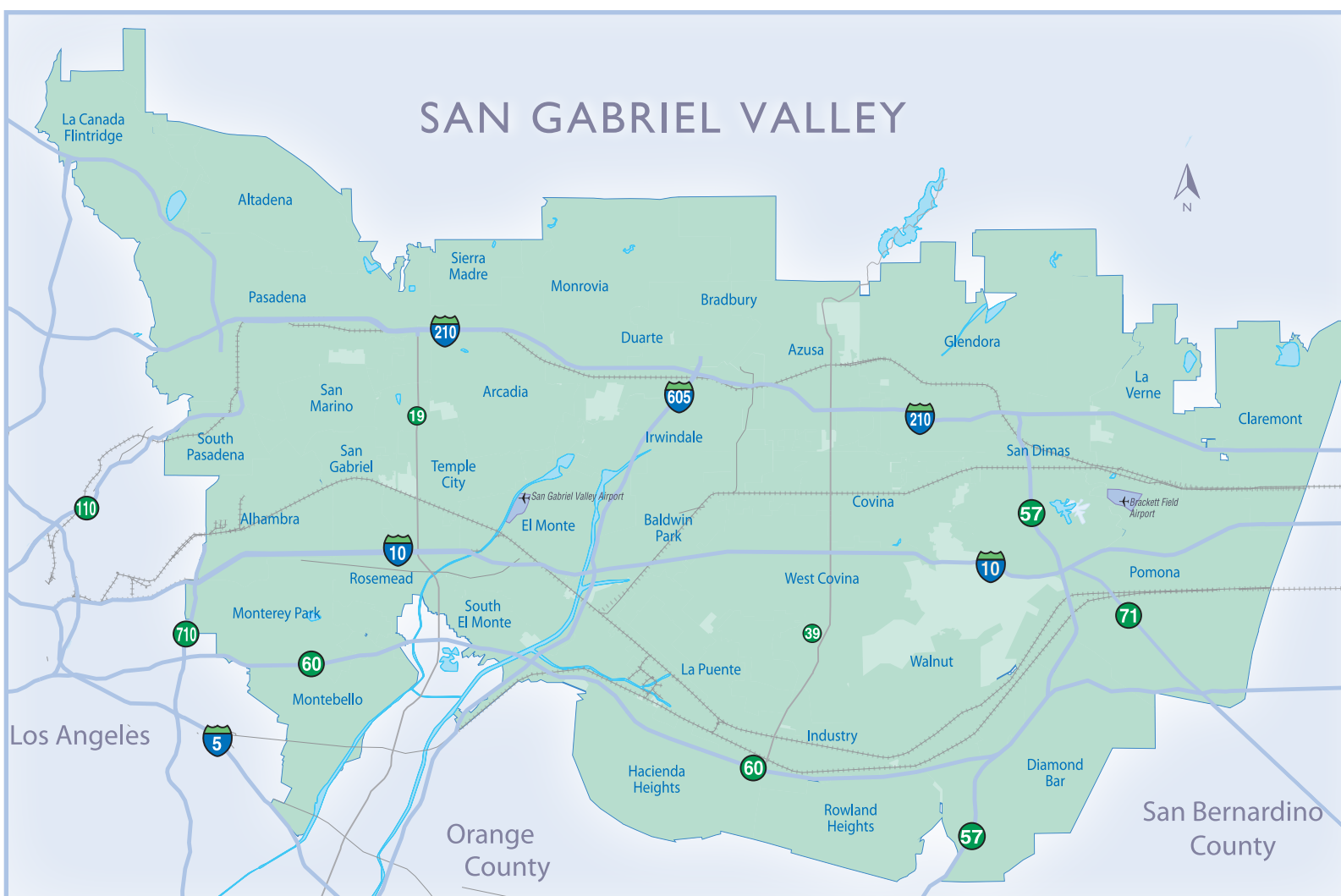


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For the past 60 years, Upper District has remained steadfast in supporting a high quality of life in the greater San Gabriel Valley by providing valued water services.



Meet a Few of Our Newest Members

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Communities of San Gabriel Valley, Project Access is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which uses cutting-edge AI technology in a digital app to systematically link resources, services, and goods to its residents and partnering organizations.



EVSGV

EVSGV is a non-profit organization. The Trust was created as a result of the United Steel Workers entering into a collective bargaining agreement with Proterra Inc, an electric bus manufacturer in the San Gabriel Valley.



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POLITICAL ADVOCACY

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a strong advocate for regional priorities to be heard and addressed by our elected representatives. The Partnership advocates for policies that will grow our economy and enhance the quality of life in our region. The relationships we continue to strengthen with those who represent our region allow for the continued prosperity of the San Gabriel Valley.

The Partnership supports this mission by:

- Communicating with local SGV state and federal legislators for pro-growth policies
- Providing forums for the discussion of important regional issues
- Communicating information and ideas that enhance the region's understanding of key public policy issues
- Coordinating advocating activities with SGV chambers of commerce and business organizations
- Cooperating with state and regional business organizations to promote pro-growth policies



PARTNERSHIP PRESIDENT & CEO LUIS PORTILLO AT THE SWEARING-IN OF SENATOR SUSAN RUBIO

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS WITH ELECTED OFFICES, 2022-2023

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING



PARTNERSHIP ADVOCACY ON FEDERAL POLICY ITEMS

Support for Southern California Edison's Building Electrification Application

Support for FY24 Foothill Transit Zero-Emissions Bus and Infrastructure Program

Support for FY24 San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Appropriations Request

Support for Cal Poly Pomona's "Advancing Indoor Agriculture for Energy Innovation and Urban Community Transformation"

Support for the San Gabriel Valley Health Careers Consortium Grant Funding

Support for FY24 City of Pasadena's Community Project for Renovation and Rehabilitation of PCC and PUSD Building Spaces

Support for Brightline West's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Application

Support for Congress to Act to Prevent National Railroad Strike

Comments Regarding the California Public Utilities Commission Board's Net Energy Metering Proposal

PARTNERSHIP ADVOCACY ON STATE POLICY ITEMS

Support for Short-Term Pause in Enforcement of California Assembly Bill 5

Comments on South Coast Air Quality Management Plan

Support for Foothill Gold Line Budget Request as Part of A/SB 180

Support for \$748,000,000 State Funding for Foothill Gold Line

Opposition to Governor Newsom's Proposal to Create a 3,200 Setback from Oil Wells for Existing Production

Support to Preserve \$500 Million 2023-2024 Budget for the Golden State Pathways Program

Support for Delay in Implementation/Enforcement of California Privacy Rights Act Regulation

Support for Governor Newsom's Plan to Streamline Critical Infrastructure Projects

Support to Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project Application for the 2022 Port and Freight Infrastructure Program

Support for Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report

Opposition to CA Prop 27: Legalize Sports Betting and Revenue for Homelessness Prevention Fund Initiative

Opposition for Revised Statewide Construction Stormwater General Permit

Support to Maintain Full Funding for the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program

Changes to Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Non-Emergency Regulation Draft Proposal

Comments on SCAG's Regional Advance Mitigation Planning Policy Framework

Comments on California Air Resource Board Community Air Protection Program Blueprint 2.0

Support for SoCal Gas California Public Utility Commission General Rate Increase

PARTNERSHIP ADVOCACY ON COUNTY & CITY POLICY ITEMS

Opposition to City of Pomona Rent Control Ordinance Proposal

Opposition to Los Angeles County Extension of Local Eviction Moratorium and Rent Increase Freeze

Support for Los Angeles County Ending of County Eviction Moratorium

Opposition to City of Claremont Motion for Rent Control Measures

Opposition to City of Claremont Motion for Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Eviction Control

Support for Lennar Homes Glenelder and La Subida Projects

Opposition to Los Angeles County Community Broadband Network Services Master Agreements

Support for Strengthening Language Access in Los Angeles County

Comments Regarding Los Angeles County's Covid-Era Public Health Councils Ordinance

Opposition to Rosemead City Council's Contract with Sifi Network's FiberCity Program

Opposition to the Unequal Pay Measure for the Cities of Baldwin Park, Duarte, and Monterey Park

Support for Los Angeles County Public Works Heights Hopper Electric Vehicle and Infrastructure Project Application

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Support for National Community Renaissance's \$900,000 Project HomeKey Sites State Budget Request: Casa Luna and Huntington Villas



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Below is a list of the 87 bills on which the Partnership took positions in 2022-2023.

2022

- AB 1410 (Rodriguez) Common Interest Developments
- AB 1601 (Weber) Employment Protection: Mass Layoffs, Relocation, or Termination of Employees
- AB 1603 (Salas) Theft: Shoplifting
- AB 1612 (Burke) Taxation: Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
- AB 1655 (Jones-Sawyer) State Holidays: Juneteenth
- AB 1674 (Voepel) Building Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units
- AB 1676 (Grayson) Pipeline Safety: Carbon Dioxide
- AB 1679 (Fong, V.) Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: California Business Investment Services Program
- AB 1698 (Maienschein) Package Theft Act
- AB 1702 (Levine) Sales and Use Tax Law COVID-19 Prevention and Response Goods Exemptions
- AB 1738 (Boerner) Building Standards for Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- AB 1749 (Garcia, C.) Community Emissions Reduction Program
- AB 1751 (Daly) Worker's Compensation: COVID-19 Critical Workers
- AB 1760 (Rodriguez) Bulk Merchandise Pallets
- AB 1778 (Garcia, C.) State Transportation Funding: Freeway Projects
- AB 1791 (Nazarian) Rent Control: Local Ordinances
- AB 1864 (Gipson) Income Taxation Credits for Small Business Employers
- AB 1934 (Rodriguez) CalOES Broadband Communications Grant Program for Fairgrounds
- AB 1949 (Low) Employees: Bereavement Leave
- AB 1993 (Wicks) COVID-19 Employment Vaccination Requirements
- AB 2019 (Petrie-Norris) Small Business Enterprises
- AB 2097 (Friedman) Residential, Commercial, or Other Development Types Parking Requirements
- AB 2163 (Rubio) San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act
- AB 2188 (Quirk) Discrimination in Employment: Use of Cannabis
- AB 2289 (Lee) Wealth Tax: False Claims Act
- AB 2294 (Jones-Sawyer) Diversion for Repeat Retail Theft Crimes
- AB 2597 (Bloom) Safe Indoor Air Temperatures for Dwelling Unit Standards
- AB 2674 (Villapudua) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
- AB 2705 (Quirk-Silva) Fire Safety Standards in Housing
- AB 2715 (Grayson) Organized Retail Theft
- AB 2751 (Garcia, E.) Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2022
- AB 2752 (Wood) Broadband Infrastructure and Video Service: Subscriber Information
- AB 2762 (Bloom) Housing: Parking Lots
- AB 2769 (O'Donnell) Freight Train Cargo Burglary
- AB 2802 (Muratsuchi) Air Pollution: Carbon Tax and Dividend
- AB 2811 (Bennett) California Building Standards Commission: Nonpotable Water Systems
- AB 2862 (Muratsuchi) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
- AB 2893 (Daly) Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment
- SB 410 (Leyva) Public Postsecondary Education: CSU
- SB 1067 (Portantino) Housing and Development Projects Automobile Parking Requirements
- SB 1095 (Durazo) Air Quality Socioeconomic Impacts Assessment
- SB 1162 (Limón) Salaries and Wages
- SB 1215 (Newman) Electronic Waste Recycling Act
- SB 1230 (Limón) Zero-Emission and Near-Zero-Emission Vehicle Incentive Programs Requirements
- SB 1334 (Bradford) Hospital Employees Meal and Rest Periods
- SB 1335 (Eggman) Housing Discrimination: Credit History of Persons Receiving Housing Subsidies
- SB 1385 (Cortese) Multifamily Housing Local Solar Program
- SB 1393 (Archuleta) Local Requirements for Energy Appliances
- SB 1407 (Becker) California Employee Ownership Act
- SB 1430 (Melendez) Energy Building Standards
- SB 1463 (Archuleta) Hydrogen Fueling Hub: Southern California
- SB 1482 (Allen) Building Standards: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- AB 316 (Aguiar-Curry) Autonomous Vehicles
- AB 362 (Lee) Land Value Taxation Study
- AB 415 (Rodriguez) Emergency Fairgrounds Communications Grant Act
- AB 524 (Wicks) Discrimination: Family Caregiver Status
- AB 627 (Jackson) Heavy-Duty Trucks Grant Program
- AB 789 (Berman) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants
- AB 914 (Friedman) California Environmental Quality Act
- AB 1000 (Reyes) Qualifying Logistics Use Projects
- AB 1516 (Kalra) Labor and Workforce Development Agency: Minimum Wage Working Group
- AB 1714 (Wood) Public Utilities: Broadband Service Providers
- SB 20 (Rubio) Joint Powers Agreements: Regional Housing Trusts
- SB 366 (Caballero) The California Water Plan
- SB 375 (Alvarado-Gil) Employment: COVID-19 Regulatory Compliance Credit
- SB 466 (Wahab) Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act
- SB 525 (Durazo) Minimum Wage: Healthcare Workers
- SB 592 (Newman) Labor Standards Information and Enforcement
- ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry, Berman, Haney) Local Government Financing: Voter Approval
- AB 6 (Friedman) Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
- AB 41 (Holden) The Digital Equity in Video Franchising Act of 2023
- AB 52 (Grayson) Sales and Use Income Tax Credit for Research and Development
- AB 55 (Rodriguez) Medi-Cal: Workforce Adjustment for Ground Ambulance Transports

2023

2022 POLITICAL FORUM

On October 20, 2022, the Partnership convened a large group of elected officials to discuss their agendas. This online discussion was supported by many local chambers: Alhambra, El Monte/South El Monte, Pasadena, Irwindale, La Verne, Rosemead, South Pasadena, and Temple City all participated. Speakers included Assemblymembers Mike Fong, Freddie Rodriguez, Miguel Santiago, Chris Holden, and Lisa Calderon, as well as Senators Susan Rubio and Bob Archuleta. The group took audience questions and connected with Partnership members from many sectors.

SACRAMENTO VISIT

Partnership members were enthusiastic to return to our annual Sacramento visits in March 2023, which had been put on hiatus due to State restrictions during the pandemic. A group of eleven staff, members, and board members met with elected officials at the Capitol building.

While “Zoom culture” did allow for immediate access to our elected officials in 2020 and 2021, we are excited to be back building face-to-face relationships.



SGV POLITICAL FORUM

Meet your local Senators and Assemblymembers
Listen as they discuss future priorities and answer YOUR questions



Asm Mike Fong
49th District



Asm Freddie Rodriguez
52nd District



Asm Miguel Santiago
53rd District



Sen Susan Rubio
22nd District



Sen Bob Archuleta
32nd District



Asm Chris Holden
41st District



Asm Lisa Calderon
57th District

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4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Guests welcome with RSVP.

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THE DELEGATION OF PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS, MEMBERS, AND STAFF DURING OUR MARCH 2023 SACRAMENTO VISIT

LEGISLATIVE NETWORKING RECEPTIONS

The Partnership hosted two major Legislative Networking Receptions within the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Both took place in excellent venues and were highly attended.

2022 Legislative Networking Reception

The picturesque, historic Grapevine Arbor was the backdrop for our July 2022 reception. This structure, nestled into downtown San Gabriel and boasting mission-style Spanish architecture as well as a massive grape arbor as its centerpiece, made for a sunny mixer. Our first return to in-person legislative mixers since the pandemic, the event was well-attended and showcased seven of our local elected officials.

Speakers:

- Senator Bob Archuleta
- Senator Connie Leyva
- Senator Josh Newman
- Senator Anthony Portantino
- Assemblymember Chris Holden
- L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
- L.A. County Assessor Jeff Prang

2023 Legislative Networking Reception

Around 200 Partnership members gathered at the Citrus Valley Association of Realtors headquarters in Glendora on June 16, 2023, a sunlit courtyard with a fountain and mid-century charm, to meet face-to-face with elected officials from the federal, state, and county governments. One of our signature annual events, the Legislative Networking Reception is always a great venue for forging new relationships and helping longstanding connections flourish.

The 2023 event was presented by **Spectrum**.

Speakers:

- Representative Judy Chu
- Senator Josh Newman
- Senator Susan Rubio
- Assemblymember Mike Fong
- Assemblymember Chris Holden
- Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez
- Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
- L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
- L.A. County Assessor Jeff Prang



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THIS PAGE: ELECTED OFFICIALS MINGLE WITH PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS AT THE GRAPEVINE ARBOR IN SAN GABRIEL IN JULY 2022



THIS PAGE: ELECTED OFFICIALS MINGLE WITH PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS AT CITRUS VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS IN GLENDORA IN 2023

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The City of Industry has a workforce population of more than 65,000 people working in over 3,000 companies, including over 230 manufacturers located in the City. Designed to attract businesses that benefit from a skilled and dedicated workforce from the surrounding communities, the City is committed to continuously improving the necessary tools to attract manufacturers and employees that want to grow and take pride in American made products.

Please visit the Industry Business Council to learn more about the Made in City of Industry program and the City of Industry's dedication to *Jobs, Enterprise, and Regional Infrastructure*.

*Based on the 2022 BizFed/Pulse Poll



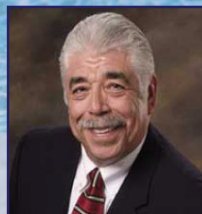
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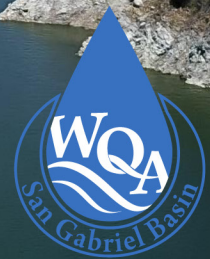


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Water Quality Authority

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Helping with Sustainability

Since we began operating landfills in the 1950s, we have helped develop many innovative practices that benefit our communities such as converting landfill gas into green energy. In 1971, we powered a Christmas tree's lights with gas from our Palos Verdes Landfill. Through the decades, our landfill-gas-to-energy program grew from powering one tree to generating enough electricity for roughly 26,000 homes!



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BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The Business Assistance Program (BAP) Team continues to support the recovery and resiliency of the San Gabriel Valley Region's business community from the pandemic slowdown through Layoff Aversion, Business Technical Assistance, Together for LA, CMTC and other programs and resources. The team is addressing business challenges and opportunities with prioritized outreach to minority, women and BIPOC-owned businesses. The BAP team continues to help to City of Monterey Park and City of Montebello businesses following their business disruptions.

- The team provided direct technical business assistance and in-person consultation to 231 businesses during the 2022-2023 fiscal year by helping small and diverse-owned businesses sustain their operations using or recommending a variety of programs and resources to assist them.
- The BAP team continues to support small and microenterprises including but not limited to women-

owned, Black-owned, veteran-owned and Latinx-owned businesses.

- In FY22-23, the BAP Team played a pivotal role in numerous task forces, MADIA, special meetings and presenting or participating in small business expos or resource fairs. The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) hosted their annual conference in Los Angeles in June. The BAP team was able to provide conference scholarships to two San Gabriel Valley Cities.

The BAP Team continues virtual and in-person meetings and roundtable convenings with business owners and partners conducting needs assessments, technical assistance and other consultations to encourage business participation in the Economic Opportunity Grants program and other COVID-19 and financial assistance programs.



THE GLENDORA PUBLIC MARKET OFFERS MANY EATERIES
IN A REFURBISHED HISTORIC BREAD FACTORY BUILDING

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Development Committee

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership established a Workforce Development Committee to bring together the Partnership's education and private sector members to aid in creating workforce opportunities locally. The Committee is co-chaired by Salvatrice Cummo, Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development at Pasadena City College, and Angela Bernacki, Chief People Officer at Emanate Health, Human Resources. The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Pasadena City College with a lens on the Healthcare sector. Meetings will be held quarterly.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership also offers customized workforce development design and support for schools, agencies, and organizations. The K12 Foothill Consortium delivers skills and experiences to Career Technical Education (CTE) students inside and outside the classroom. The mission is to educate and train students to provide a community-sourced talent pool to sustain a healthy, balanced, local economy.
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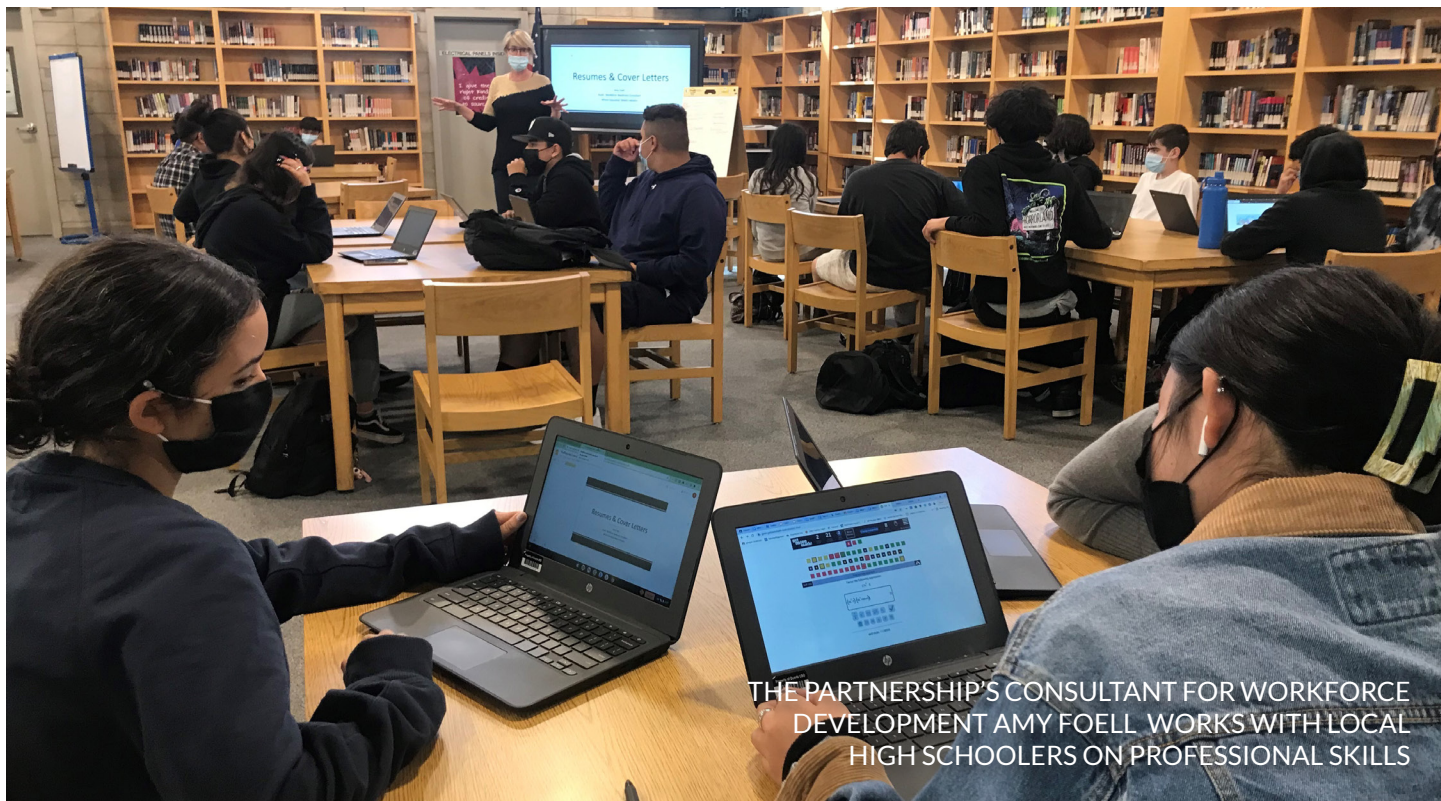
October was Manufacturing Month, so Azusa High and Charter Oak High School's CTE programs celebrated

with factory tours, demo days and speed mentoring. CTE students had the opportunity to gain greater insight into this critical sector of the U.S. economy. We offer thanks to our partners for making our first annual manufacturing month a success:

- California High Speed Rail
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- Citrus College
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Bridges to Bioscience Competencies

From November 2022- February 2023, 50 consortium students and alumni participated in the VERT Program lead by the STEM Training and Education Program (STEP) at City of Hope. The experience provided cancer literacy, including industry ethics and biotechnology soft skills.



THE PARTNERSHIP'S CONSULTANT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AMY FOELL WORKS WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLERS ON PROFESSIONAL SKILLS



Celebrating Engineering Week

This February's winter storm did not stop an epic journey to Fresno from happening in honor of Engineering Week. This once in a lifetime opportunity gave 32 Career Technical Education (CTE) students affiliated with the K12 Foothill Consortium the chance to travel to Fresno State University to tour the Lyles College of Engineering and to visit the California High-Speed Rail Authority Central Valley Project on February 23 and 24, 2023. Consortium engineering academies and pathway programs are based out of Azusa, Charter Oak and Monrovia High Schools. This was our first blended trip.

Ninth- through twelfth-grade CTE students toured the Lyles College of Engineering and main campus. Fresno State engineering students hosted a Q&A panel, explaining geomatics engineering, time management techniques and more. "The Lyles College of Engineering and the California High Speed Rail Authority make great collaboration partners," said Amy Foell, Workforce Development Consultant at the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. "They understand the immense payoff quality work-based learning experiences can be for youth. The consortium made an intentional effort to have in-person, high impact experiences for CTE students. Exposure, exposure, exposure - whether it be a worksite tour or the onramps leading to engineering and construction management careers."

Friday morning, they traveled to the Authority's Central California Regional Office to learn more about construction in Central Valley and career opportunities for students interested in careers as engineers on the project. The Authority staff provided a project overview, and the students met with a variety of staff members during the professional panel which included a bus tour of the San Joaquin River and Cedar viaducts, and a lunch-and-learn with project engineers that detailed information about grade separations, concrete, and bridge developments. The K12 Foothill Consortium is the first group from southern California schools to visit the future Fresno station site. We plan to make this an annual adventure for our engineering programs.

Digital Pathways Collaborations

Monrovia High's Digital Studies Academy gained hands-on 3D scaling and modeling experience with Dionysus Creative utilizing a digital scanning camera. The end product features the Monrovia Historical Society's Anderson House virtual tour.

This collaboration will continue with the Monrovia Historical Society, Dionysus Creative and Monrovia High CTE. These digital assets will then be developed into immersive experiences allowing for eternal preservation. Students gain hands on training with advanced technologies such as Lidar and Photogrammetry Scanning, and softwares used in gaming, VR, AR, film, television, and other forms of visual storytelling.

Girls Fire Camp in Pasadena

The Pasadena Fire Department launched their first Girls' Fire Camp for ages 14 - 18 years of age. Gladstone Medical Academy students were invited to learn what it's like to be a firefighter, gaining hands-on skills training alongside female firefighters from the Pasadena Fire Department.

K12 Foothill Consortium 2023 Summer Internship Program

The K12 Foothill Consortium is in its 4th summer, offering internship experiences for high school career technical education students. This summer, 50 students ranging in 10-12th grades hail from across the Azusa, Charter Oak, Duarte, and Monrovia Unified School Districts.

Interns are expected to attend the workforce readiness trainings hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership before starting a summer internship. This year featured our very first Internship and Employment Fair. Students interviewed with prospective summer hosts. All students received course credit through their affiliated district and a scholarship for participation through the San Gabriel Valley Foundation for Economic Growth.

The Partnership is thrilled to have local businesses, community colleges and organizations to lean on to create multiple on-ramps and career possibilities. We could not achieve our goals without the 2023 summer internship

hosts willing to develop our future workforce:

- Bethesda Clinic
- Brookdale Monrovia
- Burbank International Film Festival
- Charter Oak Unified School District Athletic Department
- The CoderSchool of Pasadena
- DLL Studios
- K12 Foothill Consortium & City of Hope Bioscience Research Experience
- Monrovia Historical Society
- The Ryan Law Firm
- Seidner's Collision Centers
- Set for Life
- Simply Divine
- Singleton Foundation
- Peraton, Deep Space Network

Affiliated Internships/Programs where we refer our CTE students:

- City of Hope Science & Nutrition Program
- Raytheon Technologies (NAF)

All in for Azusa

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership delivers free employment bootcamps across industry sectors for those seeking a career transition. All bootcamps take place on the grounds of Memorial Park in the City of Azusa.

October 25, 2022, in collaboration with the Industry Business Council and All in For Azusa hosted a Manufacturing Employment Bootcamp. The event targeted veterans and anyone 18 years of age or older seeking a reliable income with benefits. Coaches were available to assist with open positions and to review resumes. Local manufacturers discussed their important mission to grow manufacturing innovation across the San Gabriel Valley.

On April 22, the Partnership hosted a Federal Law Enforcement Bootcamp at the CommUNITY Festival in



Azusa. Free and open to the public, participants learned about the on-ramps and opportunities for a career in public service. Officer Michael Vigil presented the step-by-step process and offered his guidance moving forward to all participants.

On June 27, the Partnership hosted a Healthcare Employment Bootcamp with local senior care facilities such as Brookdale and others. Participants tested their skills with medical soft skills modules resume feedback and a local employer panel discussion with Q&A.

Career Training Events

The City of Azusa and the K12 Foothill Consortium hosts regular sessions for job-seekers and those fresh on the market to hone their resume and interviewing skills, and also to make direct connections to potential employers. These meetings are coordinated by the Partnership and take place at the Azusa Community Resource Center.

2022-2023 Events:

- Healthcare Employment Bootcamp
- Manufacturing Employment Bootcamp
- Federal Law Enforcement Bootcamp



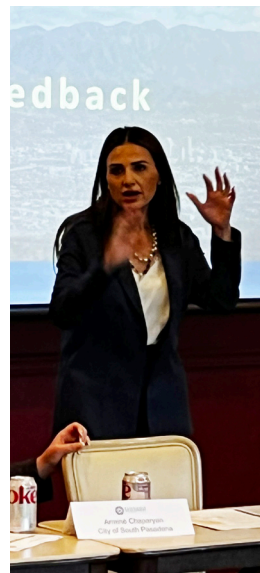
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

From its inception in the early 1990s, the Partnership has been dedicated to improving the economic vitality of the San Gabriel Valley.



CITY STAFF GATHER AT TOURNAMENT HOUSE IN PASADENA TO HEAR FROM GURBAX SAHOTA (TOP RIGHT) AND DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In November 2022, the Partnership launched an Economic Development Committee to convene city staff and strategically chosen business leaders to discuss the key issues facing economic progress. Our initial two meetings included 40 to 60 staff members who shared concerns and best practices. The June 6, 2023 meeting featured Gurbax Sahota, CEO of the California Association for Local

Economic Development, as a special guest speaker. The City of South Pasadena hosted the first gathering at their historic City Library. The second meeting was graciously hosted by Tournament House in Pasadena, home of the Tournament of Roses. Future meetings will focus on hot button items such as the Surplus Land Act and other issues facing cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

2022 HOUSING SUMMIT

The Partnership, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and Presenting Sponsor National CORE convened a discussion on November 16, 2022, to discuss of where the housing market is, how we got here, and what can be done for the future. A special emphasis was put on workforce housing that can keep our region moving forward as a major economic engine for the country.

The Keynote Speaker was Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Secretary of the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

Our distinguished speakers included:

- Senator Susan Rubio
- Liam Dillon, Staff Writer for Housing at *the Los Angeles Times*
- Dr. Robert Kleinhenz, Kleinhenz Economics
- Jed Leano, Mayor of Claremont and Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
- Haggai Mazler, KB Home
- Joseph Perri, The Olson Company
- Steve PonTell, CEO of National CORE
- Mayor Becky Shevlin, Monrovia, President of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- Alexa Washburn, National CORE

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2023 SGV ECONOMIC FORECAST SUMMIT

On March 14, 2023, the Partnership joined forces once again with Cal Poly Pomona's College of Business Administration to assemble experts in economics for the annual San Gabriel Valley Economic Forecast Summit. This year, the event was hosted at the Diamond Bar Community Center, a beautiful venue with views overlooking the San Gabriel Valley.

The event's title sponsor was again Mount San Antonio College, whose support we continuously appreciate. MC Dr. Laura Pohopien of Cal Poly Pomona delivered a great program, this year focused on the looming prospect of a recession – which our speakers voiced both optimism and pessimism about turning into a full reality.

Baie Netzer of Bank of America and Dr. Robert Kleinhenz of Kleinhenz Economics provided the global, national, and local forecasts, followed by a panel of those deep in the industry, particularly focused on the future of retail.

Our keynote speaker was Rachel Michelin, President of the California Retailers Association (who also graciously joined the panel discussion).

PANELISTS

- Brian McDonald, CBRE
- Howard Ting, Senior Vice President, YK America Group
- Yang Wang, Founder, Yang Architect Inc.
- Chris Haddow, Vice President, Senior Lead Business Banking Relationship Manager, Bank of the West

As always, the annual Economic Forecast Report, which includes regional, state, and national economic data as well as demographic and industrial facts about the San Gabriel Valley, is available in hard copy or on our website: www.sgvppartnership.org/economic-data



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A PACKED HOUSE IN DIAMOND BAR

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS CONFERENCE, 2023

May 21 through 22, 2023, the Partnership supported our member cities with a booth at the largest retail conference in the United States, offering a space where cities could meet with potential investors.

The Olson Company generously sponsored our annual SGV Happy Hour, orchestrated at the booth by the Partnership.

Our sincere thanks go to the cities who assisted with set-up and with managing the booth during the event. ICSC continues to be a crucial nexus for deal-making and a showcase for the San Gabriel Valley as a whole.



THE CITY OF IRWINDALE MEETS WITH PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS



PACIFIC PLAZA PREMIER DISCUSSES POTENTIAL PROJECTS

REGIONAL CONVENINGS

The Partnership offers opportunities to keep the local community informed on major issues and to meet with colleagues in other sectors and elected officials. 2022-2023 was another fruitful year for working with our local partners to make connections and spread knowledge.

ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERS MEETING

The 2023 Partnership All-Members and Board Meeting was spectacular this year. On June 14, 2023, we were hosted by Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights, one of the largest and most influential Buddhist temples on the west coast. Dustin McDonald from the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) flew in from Sacramento to discuss resources Go-Biz offers for large and small businesses in Southern California.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the temple. The abbot also came to greet the group and offered gifts to all attendees.

RETAINING BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA

What can we do to keep California as one of the world's largest economies? On July 25, 2022, the Partnership joined the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber to host a talk tackling this question. Senator Susan Rubio and economist Pat Reddy spoke about the realities of why some companies are choosing to relocate, and what can be done from a legislative perspective to change the economic climate. This event was held at the South El Monte Community Center.



HSI LAI TEMPLE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, HOST OF OUR 2023 ALL MEMBERS MEETING

CHINESE LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

On April 24, 2023, the Partnership hosted many leaders from the local business community for our first Chinese Leadership Roundtable. This quarterly event will spotlight issues facing the San Gabriel Valley business community and hopes to connect the Asian business community, which makes up more than 40% of local business ownership, with the larger business community and local government offices that can help the region prosper. Upcoming topics will focus on legal issues directly affecting the business community, as well as other practical topics.



THE INAUGURAL CHINESE LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE MEETING

2022 GALA: A NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS

On October 8, 2022, business leaders and elected officials were transported to Louisiana for an evening of jazz, jumbalaya and gumbo, and even a joyous “Second Line” around the grounds of the La Meridian Hotel in Arcadia. We once again celebrated the best and brightest of the San Gabriel Valley, ate hearty, and had a great time as a community.

- **Business of the Year:** Spectrum
- **Nonprofit of the Year:** YWCA San Gabriel Valley
- **CEO of the Year:** Dan F. Ausman, President & CEO, USC Arcadia Hospital
- **Community Service Award:** Assemblymember Chris Holden
- **Excellence in Workforce Development:** Dr. Enrique Medina, Pomona Unified School District Director of Career Readiness
- **Heritage Award:** Fairplex, Celebrating 100 Years of Fun and Community Service

The evening was also a fond farewell to retiring Bob Machuca of the LAEDC, who has worked alongside the Partnership for decades in supporting local businesses.



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MR. NOLAN SHAHEED AND HIS SECOND-LINE BAND

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2022 MERRY MINGLE

On December 1, 2022, the Partnership and our longtime partners at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments hosted the Merry Mingle at Citrus Valley Association of Realtors in Glendora. The theme was “Mid-Century Christmas”, and featured doo-wop and television special favorites from the 1950s and ‘60s. Entertainment was provided by the nationally-acclaimed Citrus Valley Singers from Citrus College, who provided choral and bell choir songs from the era.

A great crowd showed up for fun and networking. The Partnership teamed up with Title Sponsor the Red Cross for a fundraiser and toy drive.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out and showered the Red Cross with amazing generosity. Raffle sponsors for the evening included Doubletree by Hilton Monrovia, the American Red Cross, and Kaiser Permanente.

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GUESTS MINGLING MERRILY

JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP!

Comprised of some of the Region's most influential leaders from business, education, nonprofits and local governments, the Partnership advocates and works to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley.

To advance this mission, we engage in:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Partnership works to elevate the importance of economic development in the region by educating and informing stakeholder partners, especially city leaders, about the critical role economic development plays in our local and regional economies.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Partnership offers technical assistance and networking opportunities to help businesses grow and thrive in the San Gabriel Valley. We help businesses collaborate with educational institutions to expand the pool of skilled and work-ready graduates and professionals in growing job sectors.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY

We help support our members on the federal, state and local levels on economic development, employee and management issues, taxation, energy policies, environment policies, and more. We fight for our members.

NETWORKING

The Partnership provides social and informational events such as Legislative Networking Receptions, an Economic Forecast Summit, and our annual SGV Awards Gala that allow our members to connect with key leaders in the region.



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