



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 15, 2017

10am-2pm

Shafter Veterans Memorial Hall

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VII.	<p>Partnership Strategic Effort: Regional Industry Clusters</p> <p>Topic: E-Commerce Trends and Responses</p> <p>Moderator: Mark Hendrickson, Merced County Economic Development Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Richardson, Opportunity Stanislaus Mark Mimms, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation Melinda Brown, Kern Economic Development Corporation 	Lee Ann Eager
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California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

2017-2018* Partnership Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2017

DATE	COUNTY
March 17	Madera
June 16	Kings
September 15	Kern
December 8	Stanislaus

2018

DATE	COUNTY
March 16	Merced
June 15	Tulare
September 21	Fresno
December 7	San Joaquin

*Meeting schedule is tentative

Meeting Scheduling

- Meetings are typically scheduled on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of the month with the exception of December.
- Meetings are typically scheduled from 10am to 3pm



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Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Friday, June 16, 2017 – 10am – 3pm

West Hills Community College Lemoore | Golden Eagle Arena
555 College Avenue
Lemoore, CA 93245

I. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was scheduled to be administered by Secretary Karen Ross to swear in Board Member Supervisor Vito Chiesa as new Partnership Board Chair and new and renewing board members. The swearing in was postponed to the third quarter board meeting pending official news from California Governor Brown's appointments office.

II. Convene Meeting, Introductory Remarks

The second quarter 2017 meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order by Co-Deputy Chair Luisa Medina at 10:08 am at West Hills Community College in Lemoore. Introductions were made around the board table and from the speakers, staff and community guests in the room.

Board members present were: James Aleru, Steve Bestolarides, Vito Chiesa, Elaine Craig, Randy Dodd, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Pat Gordon, Genoveva Islas, Carlton Jones, Dan Leavitt, Dorothy Leland, Luisa Medina, Andrew Mendoza, Suzi Picaso, Francisco Ramirez, Mary Renner, Max Rodriguez and Luis Santana.

Board Deputies present were: Deborah Hoffman, representing the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for Secretary Alexis Podesta; Terri King, representing the Kern County Association of Governments for board member Ted Smalley, Don Lopez, Vice President of Instruction from Fresno City College representing board member Carole Goldsmith; Albert Rivas, representing California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Jim Suennen, representing Secretary Diana Dooley of the California Health and Human Services Agency; and Sid Voorakkara from GO-Biz, representing board member Panorea Avdis.

Advisory Board members present were: Glenda Humiston and Robert Tse.

III. Recognition of Our Sponsors and Dignitaries

The board recognized and thanked Dr. Stuart Van Horn who welcomed the board to the Lemoore campus of West Hills Community College District. Dr. Van Horn, Vice Chancellor of the West Hills Community Colleges, spoke about the growth of the colleges,, which now consist of 3500 square miles in rural parts of the San Joaquin Valley reaching from Avenal to Firebaugh. On behalf of the Partnership, Deputy Chair Medina thanked Dr. Van Horn and West Hills Community College district for the generous meeting sponsorship.

Fresno State's Provost Lynette Zelezney joined the meeting specifically to honor the leadership of Lead Executive Mike Dozier and to share Fresno State's commitment to the Partnership. Provost Zelezney was joined by Dean Robert Harper of the Craig School of Business and Larry Salinas, Executive Director of Government Relations to represent Fresno State and Fresno State's President Joseph Castro. The Partnership has been supported by Fresno State's Office of Community and Economic Development since its inception, headed first by Ashley Swearengin and until July 1, 2017 by Mike Dozier.

IV. Public and Board Comment

Secretary Karen Ross acknowledged Deborah Hoffman, newly appointed undersecretary for the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency - her eighth day on the job – made the Partnership a priority.

There were no public comments.

V. Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was presented to the board for approval, including minutes, Partnership Strategic Efforts and Work Group Reports. Bryn Forhan made the motion to accept the consent calendar as published. Elaine Craig seconded and the motion was approved.

VI. Conflict of Interest Code Exemption from FPPC

Mike Dozier reported that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has now determined that the Partnership is exempt from submitting Conflict of Interest Form 700. All filers must be up to date, however, having submitted their 2016 Annual forms.

VII. Slingshot Initiative Update

Stuart Van Horn and Blake Konczal, Executive Director at Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board presented an update on the SlingShot Initiative. SlingShot is a collaborative effort between the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Development Boards, the community colleges, the California State Universities and employers to develop and fine-tune training curriculum to provide the needed skilled workforce.

Blake Konczal explained how the state awarded a \$1 million grant to the Central Valley region in 2015 and named the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board as the Fiscal Agent. When the board surveyed the partners in the region, it was determined that the target of the grant would be the manufacturing industry, focusing on durable manufacturing and nondurable manufacturing (industrialized agriculture). Fresno has both the largest international producer of irrigation drip tape, Jain Irrigation, and is also home to the largest domestic producer of drip tape, Netafim. The two durable goods manufacturers have both been struggling to find qualified workers.

Studies have shown that 80% of manufacturers report a moderate or serious shortage of qualified applicants for skilled and highly skilled production positions. This is a combination of a lack of technical hard skills and soft skills, such as timeliness and decorum. In addition, manufacturing is one of the industries facing the silver tsunami, skilled workers who are retired or getting ready to retire.

Mr. Konczal went on to discuss how the collaborative work of the Partnership has benefited the program. Within the Slingshot initiative, they work to build a pipeline to take local residents and get them trained correctly, get them screened correctly, and then get them pushed out to go out and compete for jobs. The core values of the Slingshot program are to connect otherwise disconnected assets and leverage parallel efforts to better meet labor market needs in real time.

Under the leadership of Dr. Van Horn and the six community college districts that serve the area, a survey was conducted to look at all of the course work that was being offered for manufacturers. They were able to see was that if you were an employer, course work that had the same title, often had entirely different content. They also wanted to look at how to train incumbent workers to meet all the employer's needs. The manufacturing alliance helped them to look at the curriculum and minor modifications were made.

Dr. Van Horn continued the presentation and spoke about Slingshot's relation to training. As one of the goals of the Slingshot initiative was also to inventory best practices, they examined everything from the way they interact and behave with industry to curriculum how they deliver curriculum to figure out how best to create best practices. Out of that study came Prior Learning Assessment, which was designed as a best practice that colleges could provide to shorten the time of completion for incumbent workers or those with some college and no degree.

The regional term Quick Path was coined which will essentially be a web enabled portal that allows adults to submit evidence of past coursework or occupational and/or life experience that would be generated, assessed and evaluated to enable demonstrable skills to go towards college credit. The Central Valley is the first community college regional consortium to incorporate prior learning assessment. It was recently identified as a recipient of the Governor's award for innovation in higher education.

[Konczal/Van Horn Presentation](#)

VIII. Partnership Strategic Effort: Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI)

Mike Dozer introduced a panel consisting of Mike Betts from Betts Company, Gurminder Sangha, of the California Community Colleges, Deb Nankivell from Fresno Business Council and Lori Morton, Fresno County Office of Education. The panel presented information to the board on the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, the E3 Network and Pathways organizations.

Mike Betts, representing the industry part of the panel, spoke to the board about the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance; what it is about, how they got started and the mission, which is to create a globally competitive manufacturing environment. The alliance, which began in Fresno and Madera County where the greatest success has been so far, reaches into the entire San Joaquin Valley to be the best manufacturing environment in the United States and the best in the world.

The alliance has been in existence for about three years, after having been launched in part due to the efforts of Mike Dozier and the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno

State. The recently held third annual Manufacturing Summit in Fresno, attended by close to 800 people with 24 breakout sessions that pertained to manufacturing, is a top initiative of the alliance. Mr. Betts encouraged the board members to go to the website at sjvma.org to be more familiar with the organization. He would like to work with each community in the San Joaquin Valley, which the organization represents to make it even stronger. Mr. Betts thanked Mike Dozier for helping to launch the alliance.

Gurminder Sangha gave his background as a Fresno State graduate in electrical engineering. He worked in manufacturing in Visalia before coming to the community colleges to head Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy, a program to help close the skills gap and promote student success.

Mr. Sangha thanked Mike Dozier for his part, as without him the collaborative element in the program might not exist. Mike Dozier brought regional collaboration to its peak. They also collaborate on their unitive known as the Strong Workforce Program, which began with a town hall meeting at Betts Company.

Mr. Sangha believes that the Partnership, which already has the Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI), might also work to increase awareness by helping to make a Manufacturing Appreciation and Awareness month. Another idea presented was to create Future Manufacturers of America (similar to Future Farmers of America).

Board member Deb Nankivell, Fresno Business Council's CEO for 23 years, spoke to the board about the unique challenges faced when she first moved to Fresno where there seemed to be a lack of the civic sector. It has been a journey for business leaders in the area to learn the benefits of collaboration.

Ms. Nankivell discussed the key elements of a prosperous and healthy community, beginning with coordinated leadership and including an effective political sector and engaged institutions, citizens and philanthropy. We are all learning that we have to do this together. Fresno State has been a huge partner, promoting ethics, character development and the atmosphere that we are all in it together. She believes that what is happening in the region today is a product of what happened in 1992 when Fresno hit bottom. People have had to learn to a great deal and collaborate.

Lori Morton, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Office, serves as the coordinator for business engagement, working with employers and provides technical assistance to a ten-county region through the Career Technical Education in K-12 grant fund.

Ms. Morton explained that about two years ago the funding structure for K-12 education completely changed. It went from a revenue limit system to a local control funding formula. In doing that, it eliminated almost all categorical programs. There was an annual allocation of about \$400 million each year to service only students at the high school level in the state of California. When the new funding hit there was nothing for CTE funding, so the Governor provided a 3-year stop gap measure which was \$900 million total, with required match from education agencies. The CTE Incentive grant was to help provide some alleviation of the shift in funding. This is hopefully creating a sustainable way for school

districts to fund their own CTE programs without there having to be a categorical fund from the state but there is still quite a loss in funds.

The career and college readiness indicator has been developed which is a requirement for reporting now through school districts for their CTE programs and they'll be required to report on how many students they have completing CTE programs which is new and part of the local control plan. There are about 38,000 students enrolled in CTE programs every day in the region. The growth is encouraging, despite the change in funding structure.

Ms. Morton has been working for the last several years to help close the gaps between employers' needs and career technical education offered in the regional schools. To help do so they have developed an online system, the Employer and Education Engagement (E3) Network. It is an online system to facilitate work-based learning for CTE students, which includes guest speakers, job shadowing, company tours and internships. Employers can register to host experiences and the community can learn where CTE programs are available.

Secretary Ross was recognized to speak more about Mr. Sangha's recommendation to create a Manufacturing month in California. Secretary Ross made the motion to request a Governor's proclamation to declare October of 2017 as the first year of recognizing Manufacturing month in California. The motion was seconded by Pat Gordon and passed by the board with no opposition.

[Betts Presentation](#)

[Sangha Presentation](#)

[Morton Presentation](#)

[Nankivell Presentation](#)

IX. Lunch

During lunch, the updated Partnership website was showcased in a PowerPoint presentation. The new website is at the same address: www.sjvpartnership.org.

Board members, staff and guests at the meeting bid Mike Dozier farewell. For more than eight years, Mike has been lead executive for the Partnership and executive director of the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) at Fresno State. Provost Lynette Zelezny spoke on behalf of Fresno State presenting a proclamation from the Legislative Assembly. Representing the administration, Secretary Ross spoke about Mike Dozier's enthusiasm for the work. Luisa Medina recognized Mike's staff at OCED and Bryn Forhan presented him with a San Joaquin Valley book signed by the board members to thank him for his years of service.

X. Labor Market Study

Undersecretary Deborah Hoffman made an announcement about the Employment Development Department's unemployment rate for May and June just announced which ties the lowest ever rate since they have been keeping track of unemployment rates. She recognized that the people sitting around the board table have actually helped people get jobs and she congratulated all on their hard work.

Ismael Herrera introduced Doug Svensson from Applied Development Economics who presented a detailed labor market study of the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Svensson reported on economic trends and job growth, labor force characteristics and matching job opportunities to labor skills.

A Department of Labor National Emergency grant was received by the Central California Workforce Collaborative to create these reports. It was managed by Elaine Craig in Madera County and also worked with all the other workforce development boards. A report was produced for each county individually and also a regional report. Mr. Svensson discussed the local conditions in the Kings County report and how it related to the regional level.

[Svensson Presentation](#)

XI. Farmworkers and Workforce Development

Secretary Ross introduced a panel of presenters on Farmworkers and Workforce Development: Jennifer Hernandez, Associate Secretary for Farmworker and Immigrant Services at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and Gary Beaudette from Valley Occupational and Learning Technical Institute (VOLT) and the Workforce Development Board. Secretary Ross said that she requested this item be on the agenda specifically to agriculture workers. One of her concerns is that we have a limited workforce coming in to agriculture on the farm.

Secretary Ross continued to address the board about the need for immigration reform, citing an aging workforce with those on farm jobs and continued that if we shift, as people are trying to do as fast as they can to huge capital investments in automation, if we aren't thinking concurrently about job training for the people that we have in agriculture now, then we will exacerbate some of the poverty and disadvantaged community issues that we already have. We need to give people a career ladder up and think about how automation or some changes will stretch the workforce that we have. These people have helped to build our communities and we want to be able to keep them employed as long as possible, but also continually give them new skills to go with that.

Jennifer Hernandez works at the agency to provide access and opportunities to farm workers and immigrant workforce. For someone who is a non-English speaking individual it has been a challenge to navigate the system. They work to create opportunities and bridge partnerships. Ms. Hernandez presented her report on Farmworkers and Workforce Development.

Gary Beaudette spoke about the work that he is leading with Valley Occupational and Learning Technical Institute (VOLT) and how it can support the adult education programs. It is a program for industry-led vocational training housed in the old Modesto Bee building in partnership with the Stanislaus County Office of Education. Regional industry leaders such as E&J Gallo, Foster Farms, Del Monte, ConAgra, PSC, Racor, Rizo-Lopez Foods, Seneca, Sconza Candy, and Stanislaus Food Products drive VOLT.

[Hernandez/Baudette Presentation](#) [VOLT Presentation](#)

The board passed a motion by Genoveva Islas that was seconded by Lee Ann Eager, which directed staff to develop a letter of support for immigration reform.

XII. Partnership Strategic Effort: San Joaquin Rail Service

For the Partnership's strategic effort on San Joaquin Rail service, Dan Leavitt of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority updated the board on Senate Bill 1 and the impacts on San Joaquin and ACE services.

Mr. Leavitt explained that the passing of SB 1 was an historic event for transportation in California, as the gas tax had not been increased for over twenty-five years. Although the measure is primarily a measure to fix our roads, towards the end when the measure finally got passed, it actually had a substantial amount of funding for other forms of transportation including passenger rail services, commuter rail services and intercity rail services. For the San Joaquin service, we now have an opportunity now to compete for funds to expand the service to better serve the San Joaquin Valley.

There was \$20 million a year put forth to the intercity services, an additional \$20 million direct funding to commuter rail, but the big funding that is available to us is through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) where there is \$245 million per year that we can compete for which does not include the Cap and Trade funds. In addition, there are the Congested Corridors Program funds of \$250 million a year with which to compete. Also include in SB1 was the \$400 million for ACE to expand the service to Stanislaus and Merced Counties.

In January of next year, the San Joaquin service will add the morning express train to get people to Sacramento earlier for their meetings and the following year an early service to Oakland. Mr. Leavitt promised to have Partnership board members on that first train when it is launched.

Part of the reason why there have only been two trains running to Sacramento is because Union Pacific, which owns the tracks and leases them to passenger rail, has been opposed very to having more passenger trains run on their main line. SB1 is now making it possible to extend the lines up further to have better access to the Sacramento airport.

[Leavitt Presentation](#)

XIII. Partnership Strategic Effort: Health

Before Genoveva Islas introduced a panel to discuss health equity and access to care, she encouraged the meeting attendees out of their seats for some physical activity. Carlton Jones led the group in the firefighter cheer and other exercises.

In line with the Partnership's strategic effort on health, Ms. Islas moderated a panel of speakers: James Crowder with PolicyLink, who reported on health equity; Paulo Soares from Camarena Health, who delivered a report on innovative and emerging practices in delivering quality primary care; and Andrew Mendoza of Kaiser Permanente who presented on technology in health care. Ms. Islas said that health has multiple dimensions and therefore we need different strategies to keep ourselves healthy. Health also encompasses social, emotional, intellectual, environmental and financial elements.

Ms. Islas said that when we begin to look at poverty and its impact on poor health outcomes, it makes sense while we are having conversations about economic development of how we leverage that to improve the health and well-being of our communities. Ms. Islas said that we do that by allowing people to have a living wage that allows them to buy healthy foods that keep them healthy and have opportunities to participate in physical activity as well as the type of resources we bring. We don't live that far from National Parks and we are building more infrastructure to support biking – these are industry type things that we want to see more resources to support active living in our communities.

First on the panel to speak was James Crowder, Senior Associate at Policy Link, which is an organization of resource and action based in Oakland with offices in Los Angeles and New York. Their focus is on advancing racial and economic equity and equitable growth. Mr. Crowder met Genoveva Islas while Policy Link was working in Fresno on a project supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which looked at equity and implications for social determinates of health. Mr. Crowder discussed the findings for the study of the San Joaquin Valley, which has a very diverse population.

[Crowder Presentation](#)

Mary Renner introduced Paulo Soares, the Chief Executive Officer from Camarena Health, a federally qualified health center in Madera County, which Ms. Renner says is a great example of both prevention and quality healthcare and also workforce and health care. Mr. Soares presented his report to the board on a range of topics of community health centers and highlight what they do, where the health centers are in the San Joaquin Valley, and whom they are serving.

Mr. Soares spoke about how Camarena Health has taken some innovative approaches to preventative healthcare. He also discussed workforce development and teaching as a theme at the healthcare centers in the area.

[Soares Presenation](#)

Andrew Mendoza from Kaiser Permanente said that they have been using technology in healthcare for 70 years and they consider themselves pioneers and trailblazers for telemedicine. Presently, Kaiser's programs include KP HealthConnect and KP.org, which is assessable via smart phone devices. Patients are able to access information updates about their health visit and reorder their prescription medications or get lab reports.

Kaiser has been implementing Tele-Medicine (Tele-Derm) to reach the rural communities so that individuals can receive care from where they are. They're able to email pictures or FaceTime to engage with physicians in real time. Phone consults, too, are being utilized for treatment and care. Specialists can sometimes be reached immediately with the Primary Care physician, bridging a gap and saving time and co-pays.

Health care technology in the future looks like more real time member/patient engagement using iPads, pre-loaded preferences in member online profiles, remote physician diagnosis using a

smartphone or iPad and participatory health and managing chronic conditions using the smartphone and aps.

Mendoza Presentation

Robert Tse asked about health wearables; and, how can farmworkers or anyone respond to health wearables? Is the broadband connectivity in the areas needed? Ms. Islas said that she believes that the heat in the Valley is a real threat and wearables may be a great idea. The privacy issues might be a barrier, however.

Robert Tse also discussed the cost aspect of adopting wearables and mentioned a startup company that utilizes Fitbits.

Gurminder Sangha asked a question regarding servicing of the new technology equipment, and if there is a need for trained people to work with the new technologies. Andrew Mendoza said that the trained skilled workforce is needed to meet the needs of the population enrolled in Kaiser in the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Islas told the board that if a thriving economy is wanted, then we need a thriving workforce, therefore we need to take care of their health. There is a threat of federal budget cuts that will have profound impacts to us in the Valley. There is a lot of work yet to do in healthcare in the Valley and caring for our population.

XIV. Public and Board Comment

Luisa Medina noted the great geographic distribution of the presenters and of the materials presented at the meeting. She encouraged the board to take a look and do some outside of the box thinking in how we create what we need. It is a new future and the demographics are changing. We need to continue to work together which is what the Partnership does well.

Pat Gordon announced that it is his last meeting. He congratulates the board and wishes all the most success in the world.

Jim Suennen discussed the recommendation that Kern County hold the next scheduled board meeting in September and Secretary Ross suggested dinner at Wool Growers the night before.

Andrew Genasci had more to say about immigrant reform and guest worker programs. Ismael Herrera will prepare something for the Executive Committee.

Mr. Herrera informed the board that it was also Randy Dodd's final meeting.

Lee Ann Eager made a suggestion for future meeting discussion topic: she wants to talk about making sure that the San Joaquin Valley is represented in the international marketplace in the global economy. Ms. Eager already has 45 companies that have asked to meet with her in Washington, DC because they

are interested in the Central Valley. It is a good time to talk to our population about exporting and expanding our local companies. We are all a part of the Global Cities initiative.

Francisco Ramirez would like the Partnership to look at the increase in online sales and we need to understand the detrimental impact on local municipalities because we're not grabbing the local sales tax anymore and it is estimated that \$1.6 billion will be lost this year in California.

Jim Suennen also informed the board that in the governor's budget there is an historic expansion of the California Earned Income Tax Credit - the income eligibility is being increased. Mr. Suennen will help make sure the information is shared.

XV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm



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Work Group Reports

September 2017

Below are work groups with activity to report for 2nd Quarter 2017.

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Work Group	Air Quality
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Lead Organization Contact	Jaime Holt
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2017

Due to the Valley's topography and climate conditions, winter months are typically when high particulate matter concentrations are experienced in the region. A key measure that has been instrumental in reducing particulate matter concentrations during the winter peak season is the District's wood burning curtailment program. This measure combined with strong controls on other sources of air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley have resulted in steady and significant improvements in air quality.

A formal report on the recent in April on recent air quality indicated that during the 2016-2017 winter season, the San Joaquin Valley set several new air quality records across the months of November to February. With a return to more normal winter meteorological conditions over the last couple of years and with ongoing emissions reductions achieved through the District's control strategies, the Valley is back on track to meeting the federal PM2.5 standards.

Winter of 2016-2017 marked the third season under the recently amended wood-burning rule, which significantly increased the number of no-burn days for high polluting wood-burning devices, and allowed for a substantial increase in burn days for clean wood-burning devices. This winter season also included the successful implementation of the District's Burn Cleaner grant program with over \$2.4 million in funding for over 1,400 vouchers issued for residents to upgrade to clean wood-burning and natural gas devices. Since 2009, the District has issued over 12,200 vouchers with a total allocated funding amount of over \$16.6 million to date. These regulatory and incentive-based strategies combined with the District's multifaceted public education and outreach program led to the following clean winter as summarized below:

- Recorded the greatest number of "Good" AQI days across all of the counties in the District (423 days)
- For the second winter season in a row, recorded zero exceedances of the 65 µg/m³ federal 24-hour PM2.5 standard
- Recorded the lowest average PM2.5 concentration across all counties during the months of the wood burning season
- Recorded the second lowest number of days the counties throughout the Valley exceeded the 35 µg/m³ federal 24-hour PM2.5 standard
- Recorded the second lowest number of days the counties throughout the Valley measured Unhealthy AQI for PM2.5 during the months of the wood burning season.

In April 2017, the Valley Air District Governing Board heard a presentation from representatives of the California School District Transportation Officers on the severe challenges facing many school districts in accelerating the turnover of older diesel school buses. School Districts face upcoming deadlines to clean up their school bus fleets, including retrofitting existing buses and replacing older, high-polluting buses. Since 2008, the Air District has provided more than \$85 million in funding towards the

replacement and retrofit of over 2,200 Valley school buses. Additionally, since 2008, the District has administered several statewide school bus retrofit and replacement programs on behalf of ARB for other air districts throughout California, as well as a program to replace filter elements on existing, retrofitted school buses throughout the state. These programs have generally provided funding for a significant portion of the total cost of the buses or retrofits with little required match funding. Despite the significant investment in the replacement and retrofit of hundreds of Valley school buses, it is clear that additional funding is necessary. The District's most recent solicitation for school bus replacements in the Valley, conducted in late 2014, resulted in more than 434 applications. To date, the District has been able to fund the replacement of 110 buses from this solicitation, with more than 303 applications remaining in the queue. The District is continuously looking for additional dedicated school bus funding opportunities to assist Valley school bus fleets with replacements and retrofits. The Air District Governing Board committed to assist the school districts throughout California to identify and secure new dedicated state and/or federal funding for this purpose.

In April, the Valley Air District Governing Board approved an additional \$500,000 for the continued operation of the award-winning Tune In Tune Up Vehicle Repair Program for the remainder of the 2016-17 fiscal year and \$5 million for the 2017-18 fiscal year, pending approval of the District's Recommended Budget. During Tune In Tune Up events, vehicle owners bring their vehicles to one of the program's weekend screening events. At the event, an emissions screen is performed to determine the likelihood of that vehicle failing a smog test. Owners of vehicles that fail this initial screening are provided with vouchers for up to \$650 in smog related repairs. With the successful implementation of 18 events thus far in 2016-17, at this time funding for the ongoing administration of the program has nearly been exhausted. Between now and the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year, the District is asking Valley CAN to administer three additional weekend events, bringing the total for this fiscal year to 21 events. To date, the District has allocated \$21 million in funding towards the Tune In Tune Up vehicle repair funding which has repaired over 20,500 vehicles through 108 weekend events held throughout the Valley.

In June the Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$925,521 in Carl Moyer State Reserve Project funding to replace old, high-polluting school buses. In addition to this state funding, the District also allocated \$271,187 for a total of \$1,196,708 in funding to replace school buses. Securing this additional state funding is part of the District's ongoing effort to retrofit and replace aging Valley school buses to reduce children's exposure to diesel pollution from these buses. Although more funding is necessary, the \$1,196,708 in new funding for school bus replacements will provide much needed funding for Valley school districts as they continue to replace their aging school bus fleets in the face of impending regulatory deadlines under the State's bus regulation.

The Valley already has one of the most stringent and effective residential wood burning curtailment programs in the nation. This approach that combines regulatory and incentive based strategies is designed to improve public health by reducing toxic wood smoke emissions in Valley neighborhoods during the peak PM_{2.5} winter season (November through February). Given the significant public health benefits that can be realized cost-effectively from reductions in wood smoke emissions, the District needs additional information to ensure continued effectiveness of the current strategy and explore potential enhancements. Towards that end, the Valley Air District Governing Board retained the services of Gomez

Research to conduct a multilingual scientific survey of Valley residents which will help guide the District's policies and actions moving forward. Specifically, the survey results will:

- Guide the District's public education and outreach programs
- Provide for a better understanding of the magnitude, and geographic and seasonal characteristics of wood burning in Valley communities
- Provide information to understand public sentiments and acceptance relating to potential changes to the District's wood burning curtailment regulations
- Provide information to gauge participation in the District's *Burn Cleaner* grant program and potential enhancements that can be made
- Collect data to assess current rule effectiveness and compliance rates

Finally in June, the Valley Air District Governing Board accepted \$3,000,000 in State Cap and Trade funding to administer a first-of-its-kind tractor trade up program in the San Joaquin Valley. As part of the District's ongoing efforts to secure the Valley's fair share of Cap and Trade funds, the District applied through a competitive process and was awarded an additional \$3,000,000 in funding to continue this important program. Based on the success of the initial pilot program, this award will allow the District to significantly expand the program with the ultimate goal of developing an ongoing funding stream for this program within the Carl Moyer Program. This program builds upon the partnership developed between the District, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the agricultural community to extend the reach of our existing programs and get more farmers into cleaner tractors. This additional funding will enable the District to replace more than 65 old, high polluting tractors and trade up newer, significantly cleaner tractors to farmers that may not have otherwise been able to replace their equipment. This program significantly expands the reach of the District's already successful tractor replacement program.

Work Group	Economic Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization	California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation
Lead Organization Contact	Jennifer Faughn
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	Apr 1-Jun 30, 2017

REPORT

California Central Valley EDC (CCVEDC) is the regional economic development marketing group for the 8-county region; focusing on national outreach to new business, recruiting, and marketing at trade shows. The CCVEDC provides regional leadership through: its work to educate Sacramento legislators on issues affecting the valley; representation for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; and participation in regional, statewide and national boards.

TRADE SHOWS- The highlight of the 2017 Q2: CCVEDC members from **Madera, Merced, Fresno, and San Joaquin** attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) RECON event in Las Vegas, Nevada. RECon is the global convention for the shopping center industry and provides networking, deal making and educational opportunities for retail real estate professionals from around the world. It has over 37,000 attendees and 1,200 exhibitors and it is the largest industry convention.

SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE REALTORS- CCVEDC participated in 16 Northern California SIOR and Southern California SIOR activities throughout the 2016-17 year. *The highlight for this quarter was the SIOR Northern California Golf Tournament at Wente Vineyards where we met with 88 brokers.* These events keep the Central Valley in touch with top decision makers in the real estate.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE- CCVEDC is embarking on a targeted international trade program with exporting and foreign direct investment. Our CCVEDC External Affairs Chair, Lee Ann Eager, sits on the State's International Trade and Investment Council, and, has driven the Global Cities Initiative for the Valley (Exporting and FDI) through the Brookings Institute in a partnership with Fresno County EDC and core international trade organizations throughout the valley. *Over the past year, a Central Valley Exporting Plan was completed and an FDI Plan is being finalized. In June, CCVEDC collaborated with the German American Chamber to facilitate a Roundtable event with 7 German Bioenergy companies. In addition meetings were set with 17 Central Valley businesses. In addition, Fresno EDC attended select USA in Washington DC where they met with numerous countries and international companies.*

BROKER MISSIONS- CCVEDC also has a very aggressive Broker Contact program including going on broker trade missions. *During April to June 2017, CCVEDC conducted a mission to New York where they met with 41 brokers at 17 major brokerage houses.* Each mission is to discuss the value of doing business in Central California, with site selectors, brokers and tenant representatives.

COUNTY SPOTLIGHTS and ENEWS- *During April to June, two (2) newsletters were distributed: CCVEDC Demographics Overview went to 138 industry leads and Regional Industry and Real Estate News went to 2,300 brokers nationwide (Open-rate and metrics are below).* CCVEDC's monthly newsletter is emailed

out to all the industry and broker contacts that have been accumulated. Quarterly these emails are good news and economic stories about the valley. On the other months, individual counties are highlighted.

WEBSITE- The CCVEDC unveiled its new website www.centralcalifornia.org. It is now easily updated and formatted for all-types of technology formats including mobile. CCVEDC's website is an important outreach tool and is targeted toward site selection professionals and potential companies. It provides valuable and comprehensive demographic information and news the Central Valley Region. In addition to having a searchable real estate database, the website provides businesses with information necessary for site selection. "One Region ... One Contact" continues to be the most noteworthy component of the regional economic development plan. When a prospective site selector calls 888-998-2345 for information, they gain access to the Central Valley's eight economic development corporations for sites, information and solutions.

MISSION April 18-20	BROKER MISSION New York	221	COMPLETE Reps: Madera, Kings, Kern, Merced Counties Results: 17 appointments with 41 brokers
BOARD MEETING April 27, 2017	CCVEDC Board Meeting 10:00 to 12:00		COMPLETE
BROKER EVENT May 4, 2017	SIOR So Cal Transaction Awards Newport Beach, CA 5:30 pm	50	Pass
ENEWS May 16, 2017	CCVEDC Demographics and Assistance Industry/WestPack leads	138	COMPLETE Results: 138 companies, 49% Open Rate
BROKER EVENT May 17, 2017	SIOR NOR CAL Golf Tournament Wente Vineyards Livermore, CA 94550	100	COMPLETE Reps: Madera, Kern, Kings Results: 88 contacts Email Follow-up: 68% Open Rate
BOARD MEETING May 19, 2017	CCVEDC ANNUAL MEETING Fresno EDC 10:00 to 1:00		COMPLETE Talk about 2016-17 activities, draft budget
CONFERENCE May 21, 2017	ICSC RECON Las Vegas, NV		Central Valley represented by: Madera, Merced, Fresno, San Joaquin
CONFERENCE June 18-21, 2017	Select USA		Central Valley represented by: Fresno, San Joaquin
BOARD MEETING June 23, 2017	CCVEDC Board Meeting Fresno EDC 10:00 to 12:00		COMPLETE: Finalize Marketing Calendar and Budget for 2016-17 and Election of Officers
ENEWS June 24, 2017	Regional Industry and Real Estate News	2224	COMPLETE Results: 2224 contacts, 24.6% open rate, 9.1% click through
FDI BUSINESS OUTREACH June 29, 2017	German American Bioenergy Roundtable Hampton Inn & Suites Madera, CA	28	COMPLETE: Reps: Madera, Fresno, PG&E, Kings, Stanislaus, Tulare Results: 9 German company execs (7 companies) were hosted along with 2 German American Chamber officials for a roundtable discussion and on-on-one business meetings with 17 companies.

Work Group	Workforce Development
OCED Staff Liaison	Ismael Herrera
Lead Organization(s)	Central California Workforce Collaborative
Lead Organization Contact	Elaine Craig, Madera Workforce Assistance Center
Quarter	2nd Quarter 2017
Reporting Period	April 1 – 30 June 2017

California Workforce Investment Board Slingshot

Approximately \$1 million has been infused into the San Joaquin Valley to fund several strategies. Fresno is serving as lead in collaboration with partners from community colleges, economic development, and employers in the manufacturing and construction/trades industries, to facilitate the needs of industry-related training, credentials/certificates, and career pathways, reciprocity of existing curriculum, and prior learning assessment and credit. A prior learning assessment portal has been developed. Slingshot has partnered with National Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Tooling University for a Mechatronics Pathways for Incumbent Worker Training and a Regional Manufacturing Coordinator has been hired to recruit for this effort. The Central Valley Slingshot Consortium will host a series of meetings beginning in Bakersfield with the date to be determined. A website has been developed at www.valleymade.net and also a toll free number for interested candidates for training. A presentation will also be provided at the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturers Alliance Summit in April. Training is scheduled to begin in the near future.

Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program

Additional VEAP funds have been received in the region with smaller sub-regions partnering, Merced and Madera with Madera as the Lead, with training being dedicated to manufacturing and transportation and logistics specifically for veterans and their spouses. Another sub region is applying for additional VEAP funds with health manufacturing, construction and transportation/logistics identified as the needed training. This grant application was awarded with Stanislaus as the lead to include Madera and Merced.

Jobs-Driven National Emergency Grant

CCWC received funds distributed to all WDBs, with Madera as the lead. It serves dislocated workers with 30 percent of funds to be expended on work-based learning. The region has received an extension to these funds through March 2017. An economic and skills gap analysis is nearing completion for local areas as well as the region. Additional analysis will be received on the impact of High Speed Rail and the location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility as well as the economic impact to businesses with the impending minimum wage being increased to \$15 per hour. These funds are due to be fully expended with a total of 1396 participants receiving intensive services, 371 received training, 73 OJTs and 139 receiving supportive services, with 34% total funds being spent on work based learning as of December 31, 2016. This grant has been successfully closed as of 31 March 2017 with all stated outcomes and performance measures being met.

English Language Learner Navigator Project Grant

The Workforce Development Board of Madera County, in collaboration with the Fresno Regional Workforce Board and the Adult Education Consortium, applied for and received a \$500,000 grant for 18 months to work specifically with the English Language Learner population to increase training, skill sets and opportunities for career pathways and self-sufficiency. There were only five awards for the State of California and Madera County was the only rural and Central Valley workforce development area to receive the funding. Madera has since hired the required Navigator position and she has been developing marketing and outreach materials, an Orientation for Stakeholders and Partners is scheduled for both Madera and Fresno the latter part of August. Fresno is recruiting for their Navigator position. A design and implementation meeting was also held with Madera, Fresno WDBs and the Adult Ed Consortium. Enrollments of English Language Learners are being completed in Madera. The contract required for funds for Fresno WDB and the Adult Ed Consortium cannot be completed until the State has completed all exhibit documents.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

CCWC and its participating WDBs began review and implementation of the newly enacted Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIO) signed into law by the president in July 2014. CCWC counties have been designated as a region, with the exception of Mother Lode County. All local areas and the respective workforce boards have received certification and designation by the State. The WDBs have satisfactorily completed the Phase I Memorandum of Understanding that was required with all partner agencies and are currently working on the Phase II which is the financial and infrastructure memorandums due by 1 July 2017. The required local and regional plans have been completed and public comment recently closed for these plans and will now be forwarded to the State. The regional plan has been approved by the State Board. A sub region procurement is currently being conducted for the required One Stop Operator. This resulted in a failed procurement for both procurement attempts and subsequently a provider was identified and approved as a sole source for San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera and Kings County. These counties are in the process of contracts and/or implementation of the One Stop Operator in the respective Job Centers. Several WDBs have been working on applications to the Governor and State to be the provider of the delivery of services for Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. These applications have subsequently been approved. Madera recently hosted a regional training/boot camp conducted by Business U for 33 workforce development and business specialists professionals from the WDBs. A certification of the one stops must be completed by 31 December 2017 for Baseline Certification. The region are in discussions for a peer review model for teams to be review and provide feedback and assessment to other local areas and Boards. Many of the local areas will be applying for Hallmarks of Excellence Certification which is a very comprehensive certification process to be completed by June 30, 2018.

Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC) is a partnership between the workforce development boards (WDBs) and represent the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Kern/Inyo/Mono, and Mother Lode counties. The CCWC meets approximately every six weeks, typically in Madera, to collaborate, review, discuss and partner on any workforce development issues and strategies.



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

Partnership Strategic Efforts

September 2017

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Priority: Water Supply and Quality

June 2017

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: March through June 2017

Staff Lead: Sarge Green

Report

Goal 1 – Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

CWI continued to participate directly in the formation and implementation process of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency on behalf of the Fresno State campus. The new agency continues to develop the implementation phase of SGMA including the development of a “groundwater sustainability plan” that is due in January 2020. The agency is also completed a web site so the work on groundwater management within the boundary of the agency will be visible to the public in the near future.

<http://www.northkingsgsa.org/>

Goal 2 – Water Supply

CWI has continued to participate in the effort to develop an application for State bond funds for the Temperance Flat Water Storage Investigation. The storage proposal is still waiting for final for adoption by the Secretary of Interior and forwarding for authorization by Congress. The Proposition 1 application includes the federal feasibility report and a number of addenda to meet the application requirements of the State of California. The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority consulting engineering staff at Stantec-MWH is constructing the state application. Three prominent Valley water organizations, the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Authority, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority continue to participate in the water use assessment alternatives. The Prop. 1 application is due August 14, 2017.

Goal 3 – Funding

No funding was obtained for Partnership-related water efforts.

Goal 4 – Education during the quarter

- a. Drinking water – WRPI staff at CSU San Bernardino began working with the State Water Resources Control Board to develop disadvantage community water and wastewater project teams that will include the Water Institute. The first project work plans and efforts began in Southern California but several in the San Joaquin Valley are also listed for engagement. The work involves preparing the necessary planning reports and environmental documentation for the State Drinking Water Division to allow grant funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF).
- b. SGMA – a presentation should be scheduled in the fourth quarter that can update the Board on the Valley conditions related to the formation of “groundwater sustainability agencies”. The 8 counties in the Valley have excellent coverage with no areas subject to State regulation yet. The next test will be the strength of the “groundwater sustainability plans” that the new agencies will need to adopt by January 1, 2020 or 2022 (medium priority areas). The plans will have the groundwater goals, objectives

Priority: Water Supply and Quality

and thresholds that will have to be met during the 20 year implementation period. Inadequate plans will again have the area of jurisdiction subject to state control.

- c. Drought – old news for most of the state except some coastal counties.
- d. Conservation – no new educational initiatives to report
- e. Groundwater recharge – results of testing of farm land recharge are not yet available, when sufficient work has been completed a presentation will be proposed.
- f. Healthy soils – planning and implementation grants are available with a due date of September 19th.
- g. Delta fix – staff recommends an update by a member of the Delta Stewardship Council be considered as an education item in the near future.
- h. Legislative update – a bill to develop a fund for disadvantaged community drinking water systems is under consideration and has a nitrogen fertilizer, dairy waste and water use fee attached. The water community is objecting to the water use fee.
- i. CV SALTS – The final program is being developed for adoption by the Regional Board. Work to integrate it with SGMA and other programs is ongoing.
- j. Regulatory programs – no specific activity to report.

Priority: Higher Education

September 2017

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: April through June 2017

Staff Lead: Benjamin Duran

Report

Central Valley Higher Education Capacity Building

The Central Valley Higher Education Consortium (CVHEC) wrote a grant proposal to the College Futures Foundation for capacity building. The grant was submitted May 2017 and is expected to award September 2017. The grant will allow CVHEC to strengthen the reach to its regional footprint by expanding staff to include Regional Coordinators that will facilitate CVHEC strategies throughout the Central Valley region from Stockton to Bakersfield.

Complete College America (CCA)

CVHEC worked with Complete College America to distribute and encourage participation in a Co-requisite Survey to create an understanding of the breadth of co-requisite strategies currently under implementation or in process of implementation. This data gathering will be used to facilitate support needs for the region and will be analyzed at the CCA Summer Convening held July 2017.

15 to Finish Launch

CVHEC collaborated with Complete College America to launch the "15 to Finish" strategic initiative at a convening held April 18, 2017 at Modesto Junior College. CVHEC hosted its regional community colleges and CSUs for a total attendance of about 85.

Lumina Foundation Community Partnership for Attainment

CVHEC along with its partner, The Fresno Compact, were invited to attend the Lumina Foundation Talent Hub Convening in Washington, D.C. in April 2017. Those invited to the convening were invited to submit a Talent Hub grant proposal. CVHEC and Fresno Compact submitted a grant proposal June 2, 2017. The Talent Hub grant is a follow-up grant to the initial Lumina Goal 2025 grant, May 2015 to December 2016.

Central Region/Mother Lode Consortium

CVHEC co-sponsored the Central Region/Mother Lode Consortium conference held in Monterey. Two CVHEC member presidents participated in a panel discussion.

Priority: San Joaquin Valley Regional Industry Clusters (RIC)

September 2017

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Reporting Period: April through June 2017

Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

REPORT

On April 20, the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance hosted their third annual Manufacturing Summit. This year's event consisted of a wide variety of industrial advancements to emphasize the thriving manufacturing community in the Valley. Keynote speakers John Hofmeister, Founder & Chief Executive, Citizens for Affordable Energy; Former President, Shell Oil Company and Katherine Derosear, Dream it. Do it. Virginia and Headed2, LLC both provided keynote presentations targeting manufacturers. The event featured over 800 registered to attend, 85 vendors, and 31 sponsors.

In May, the U.S. Small Business Administration proudly recognized SJVMA member Ron Heskett, Borgia Steel Buildings and Components, as the Fresno District's 2017 Small Business Person of the Year. Some of the highlights of Ron's commitment to the manufacturing industry include creating 12 new jobs, increasing his staff by the dozens along with improved employee retention, and the expansion of new markets.

On June 14-15, the Local Government Commission in partnership with the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative attended the 8th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum offered at no-cost to local governments. This forum centered around one main focus: Bridging the Gap. This topic aims to provide specific strategies for organizing local energy and sustainability to close the gaps in several of the areas within this region, urban and rural. The highlight of this forum was the first time ever open session for participants to showcase their innovative strategies on how they are working to close the gaps to save energy, as well as current goals for this year.

The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Cluster will now be recognized as part of the BlueTechValley Innovation Cluster. BlueTechValley partners work at identifying innovators in clean energy, water and Ag to help commercialize their technologies with the goal of helping California ratepayers.

Priority: Health

September 2017

Quarter: 2nd Quarter 2017

Reporting Period: April through June 2017

Staff Lead: Erik Cherkaski

REPORT

The Fresno Metro Ministry hosted a workshop on April 28, presented by Fresno Food Security Network to help solve food insecurity for families in need. Keith Bergthold, Executive Director of the Fresno Metro Ministry, stated that 25% of families are directly affected by food insecurity and this puts a strain on more than just one's physical health. During this interactive workshop, attendees came together to confirm the local food insecurity problem, proposed network-based solutions, established workgroups to review strategies, communication, outreach and data support, and built mutual relationships to plan for action. On June 14, The Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP) held a quarterly meeting to discuss updates on recent developments. The collaboration involved local, state, and federal resources to help the community.

PROCLAMATION

MANUFACTURING AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Day is celebrated nationally on the first Friday of the month of October to showcase manufacturers and increase awareness of manufacturing careers; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs are critical to the economy and provide living wages with long-term career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing sector includes food processing, milk processing, beverage manufacturing, nut processing, paper products, food packaging, plastic products, steel products, etc. and are the backbone of the economy; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness among students, parents, and community members of local manufacturing employment opportunities is essential to encouraging implementation of manufacturing career pathways; and

WHEREAS, by aligning and leveraging the efforts of manufacturers, educational systems, Workforce Investment Boards, Economic Development Corporations, Chambers of Commerce, and other public, private, and nonprofit organizations, the short-term skilled labor shortages can be filled, and long-term solutions can be developed; and

WHEREAS, showcasing the regional commitment to manufacturing in the State of California will encourage local industry expansion and attraction from other markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October 2017, as "Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of October 2017.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



September 15, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, we write with a united voice in support of our region's immigrant community.

We recognize and appreciate the vital role our immigrant community plays in the prosperity of our regional economy. In order to uphold our competitive standing in the global economy we will need the ongoing contributions of our hard-working immigrant community. Our industries cannot afford to be casualties of immigration policies that seek to criminalize individuals in search of the same American Dream that many of our forebears came to this great nation looking for. Instead, we encourage comprehensive immigration reform that facilitates a path toward U.S. citizenship and legal authorization for employment and residence for individuals who have long contributed to the economic success of this country, while also affording employers access to individuals who can help fill the workforce gaps that threaten the productivity of our industries with an economical and effective visa program. We believe this approach will yield both a long-term and short-term pool of labor to accommodate our economic growth potential.

We also understand that in order to maintain stability in our communities we must keep families together, and not apart. Deporting parents does not improve the likelihood of success and happiness for the children that stay behind in this country. Nor do the prospects of adults enhance when their children are sent away to foreign lands they often do not recognize or relate with. Instead, we encourage humane immigration reform that promotes the unification of families and the sustainment of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We believe this approach will bring families from out of the shadows, not push them further into darkness.

We believe that preserving public safety for all requires that our immigrant community feel safe in engaging law enforcement authorities without fear of deportation. When trust in law enforcement decays among any segment of our population, we all become liable to the threat of violence and criminality. Instead, we encourage our local law enforcement authorities and civic leaders to continue dialoguing and reassuring our immigrant community that above all, their safety, along with that of the entire community, takes precedent over citizenship status. We believe this approach will support community-building not divisive rhetoric.

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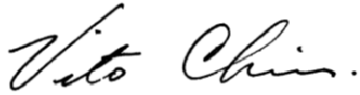
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Respectfully,



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cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor



September 15, 2017

The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
U.S. Senate
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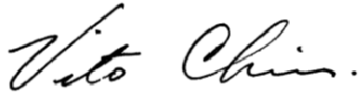
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cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor



September 15, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Denham
U.S. House of Representatives
1730 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Denham,

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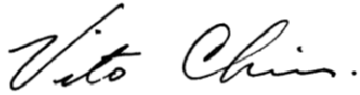
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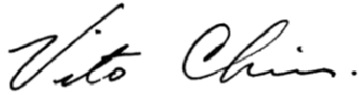
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The Honorable Tom McClintock
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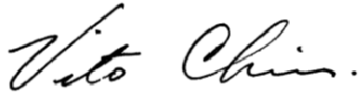
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
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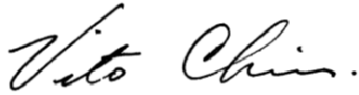
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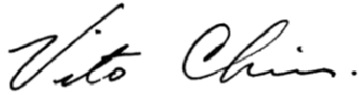
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