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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As we reflect on the past year, one thing is clear: resilience remains one of the San Gabriel Valley's greatest strengths.

2025-2026 presented no shortage of challenges. Businesses, communities, and public agencies navigated an economic landscape marked by uncertainty, shifting market conditions, and unexpected developments that tested even the most seasoned leaders. Yet throughout these challenges, the San Gabriel Valley

continued to demonstrate the innovation, adaptability, and determination that have long defined our region.

At the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, we have remained focused on our mission, refining it this year with a Strategic Plan that looks forward to 2028 and beyond. We continue to serve as a catalyst for economic growth, a convener of diverse stakeholders, and a champion for the businesses and communities that make this region exceptional. The engagement and support of partners like you allow us to advance programs that strengthen our regional economy and enhance quality of life for those who live and work here.

We look ahead with optimism. Our region has repeatedly shown its ability to adapt, evolve, and emerge stronger from periods of uncertainty. Our diverse economy, talented workforce, and spirit of collaboration position us well to seize new opportunities and build a more prosperous future.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to the San Gabriel Valley. Together, we are shaping a region that remains a premier destination for innovation, investment, and growth.

Thomas Wong

Senior Advisor & Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Edison
Chair, SGVEP Board of Directors, 2026-2027

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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
- Facilitate workforce development
- Connect cities, companies and organizations
- Market the strengths of the San Gabriel Valley

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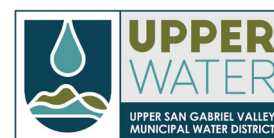
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The WQA focuses on coordinating and facilitating actions by local, state and federal agencies to keep the region's groundwater safe and contained.
wqa.com



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New Members, 2025-2026



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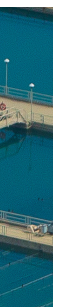


Walnut Valley Water District was formed in 1952. After seven decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains a drinking water and recycled water system serving a population of nearly 100,000 residents. The WVWD team is comprised of water professionals dedicated to meeting the water supply needs of the communities it serves (Diamond Bar, Walnut, Rowland Heights, Pomona, Industry, and West Covina). WVWD is committed to leading with integrity and does so through excellence in customer service, communication, accountability, reliability, efficiency, and quality. walnutvalleywater.gov

"Over the past year, we've seen Azusa Pacific University's integration with City of Hope blossom.

We credit this largely to our mutual involvement with the Partnership, which has allowed our students to gain real-world experience with one of the world's leading cancer research centers."

- Maureen Taylor
Chief External Relations Officer
Azusa Pacific University



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Following the revision of the Partnership's Strategic Plan for 2026-2028 (see page 28 for details), our longstanding Economic Development and Workforce Development Committees are combining, with meetings recommencing in September 2026. The co-chairs of the committee, which also boasts sector-specific working groups, include Dr. Salvatrice Cummo of Pasadena City College, Angela Bernacki of Emanate Health, Ken Lee of Pacific Plaza Premier Development Group, Jose Jimenez of the City of Azusa, and Joseph Perry of Brandywine Homes.



A RAPID AUDIENCE FOR OUR 2025 CITY-BUSINESS CONNECT EVENT

2025 CITY-BUSINESS CONNECT

On July 9, 2025, around 100 Partnership members gathered at the Southern California Edison Education Center in Irwindale to meet city leaders and explore opportunities for development or business expansion.

Four cities - Covina, El Monte, Monterey Park, and Pomona - highlighted their diverse visions for growth and recommended different strategies for developers to connect with municipal administrations. Specific detailed opportunities and areas zoned for development were spotlighted. The morning ended with ample mixing time for deals to begin.

The Partnership intends to replicate this economic deal-making project with other cities moving forward, with the next program scheduled for the latter half of 2026.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC) CONFERENCE

May 19 through 21, 2025, 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.

Our 2026 booth was presented by Transtech. 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 made the booth a bustling hive of deal-making during the event.



2026 SGV ECONOMIC FORECAST SUMMIT

On the morning of March 26, 2026, the Partnership continued our proud tradition of hosting a deep dive into our regional economy. Business leaders from across Los Angeles County came together for a discussion and insights into the local economy. This year's forecast was generously hosted by City of Diamond Bar at the Diamond Bar Center.

In a year that was marked by notable local upheavals and shifting international relationships, we were excited to feature a panel discussion from two of the United States' largest trading partners, Mexico and Canada.

The event began with a welcome by Fiona Ma, CPA, California State Treasurer, who gave an update on statewide initiatives to keep California one of the world's strongest economies.

We concluded with an exploration of how trends are differently affecting specific sectors across the quadrants of our region, presented by Dr. Gerd Welke and Dr. Anthony Orlando of Cal Poly Pomona's College of Business Administration. On a macro level, national and regional priorities were rapidly shifting at the time of the summit, with anticipated tariffs coming to an abrupt, court-ordered halt, and the unexpected beginning of new military conflicts with immediate effects being felt. The Partnership swiftly pivoted the event's focus to address these newly pressing developments, including a new up-to-the-minute section added to the 2026 SGV *Economic Forecast Report*, available for free online. (Follow the QR code below.)

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2026 SGV Economic
Forecast Report





“REGIONAL RESILIENCE IN A SHIFTING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE”

Our Keynote Address was provided by Ambassador Carlos González Gutiérrez, Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles. The Ambassador spoke passionately about the interwoven cultures and economies of the San Gabriel Valley and Mexico, and the importance of remembering and strengthening those ties regardless of the political climate.

We were also honored to host an international trade panel involving our North American trade partners:

- Sameer Ahmed, Consul & Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles
- Jacobeth Hernández Mendoza, Consul for Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles
- William Powles, Senior Director of International Trade, World Trade Center Los Angeles
- Moderator: Lupe Valdez, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Economic development begins with people. A strong regional economy depends on a skilled, prepared, and growing workforce. The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership advances workforce development by creating meaningful opportunities for students to gain direct training, hands-on experience, and connections to high-demand careers. Below are a few recent efforts to bring like-minded organizations together for the flourishing of the next generation.

2025 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EDUCATION LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

On November 13, 2025, an unprecedented gathering of 13 college and university Presidents and five local school district Superintendents engaged in conversation with Senator Sasha Renée Pérez, Chair of the California State Senate Education Committee, and Assemblymember Mike Fong, Chair of the California State Assembly Higher Education Committee. This San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's Education Leaders Roundtable provided a unique opportunity to share local insights and priorities with decision makers across the educational field. We were hosted for this important conversation by East Los Angeles College.

COMPASSIONATE CARE IN THE AGE OF A.I.

On December 2, 2025, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership brought together local school district leaders and healthcare workforce professionals at Azusa

Pacific University to address a series of interconnected challenges facing the healthcare industry. Discussions focused on attracting new talent to healthcare careers, improving retention in a field known for high turnover, and ensuring that high schools and colleges are equipping students with the skills needed not only to secure employment, but to thrive in long-term careers.

Participants also explored the growing impact of artificial intelligence on the healthcare workplace and the evolving demands this places on educational institutions. Compounding these challenges are shifting workforce expectations among younger generations entering the profession. While no single meeting could solve such a complex issue, valuable connections were forged and meaningful dialogue began, laying the groundwork for future collaboration and solutions.

WATER AND THE WORKFORCE

On April 29, 2026, the Partnership brought together SGV water agencies, school districts, higher education, and workforce development partners all centered around water. This meeting inspired frank, cross-sector communication about how the community can better share the little-known employment opportunities in this field - roles that can grow into meaningful, fulfilling careers. Attendees left energized to collaborate further, including the initiation of a major 2027 initiative to promote workforce opportunities.



THE 2025 SGV EDUCATION LEADERS ROUNDTABLE: 13 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS, 5 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, AND THE ELECTED LEADERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2026-2027

Long-time partner Amy Foell Consulting secured a new workforce development initiative with Think Together to deliver a customized Workforce Readiness Pilot Program for Bassett High School students during the summer of 2026.

This new partnership expanded the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's workforce development portfolio while creating the opportunity to grow the team through additional part-time staffing, increasing organizational capacity to advance innovative education and workforce initiatives throughout the region.

The Partnership also secured a grant for the coming fiscal year with The Green Futures Pathway, a career exploration initiative aimed at students in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (HLPUSD), a district in Los Angeles County where approximately 47% of students are economically disadvantaged. The program will focus on four essential infrastructure sectors—energy, water, transportation, and waste management—that are undergoing rapid transformation due to climate change.

AN INTERN WORKS ON A "BUDDY BENCH" AT DIONYSUS CREATIVE



EDUCATION AND WATER PARTNERS ADDRESS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



"The K12 Foothill Consortium and SGVEP's Workforce Readiness Program help our company in so many meaningful ways. They allow us to build a one-of-a-kind connection with the community and with young minds who will become leaders in our industry's future. As they come to understand our business, they don't just become assets – they become advocates who help shape the direction we take our company as our industry and economy evolve."

- Dionisio Tafoya
Owner
Dionysus Creative LLC

THE K12 FOOTHILL CONSORTIUM

The K12 Foothill Consortium (K12FC), representing Azusa, Charter Oak, Duarte, and Monrovia Unified School Districts, continues to prepare high school students for success in high-demand careers through innovative Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and meaningful work-based learning opportunities.

Serving a student population in which more than 70% are socioeconomically disadvantaged and many are first-generation college-bound, K12FC remains committed to connecting education with industry while building strong pathways into college, careers, internships, apprenticeships, and employment.

Support an
Intern



2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Internship Celebration and CTE Expo

On September 25, 2025, the Consortium hosted the annual K12 Foothill Consortium Internship Celebration and CTE Expo at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium, celebrating student accomplishments while recognizing employer partners, educators, mentors, and community supporters.

City of Azusa Job Shadow Experience

On November 20, 2025, Azusa High School students explored multiple departments at the City of Azusa, from public works to parks and recreation, while learning directly from public sector professionals. The day concluded with a Resource Fair featuring local nonprofits, providing students with additional career and community connections.

Workforce Readiness & Summer Internship Program

Since 2020, 370 public high school CTE students have successfully completed the K12 Foothill Consortium Workforce Readiness Summer Internship and Employment Program, with an additional 80 students being served by the program as of Summer 2026.

2026 SUMMER INTERNSHIP HOSTS

Athletic Trainer Program – Charter Oak High School
Bethesda Clinic
City of Hope Bioscience Research Experience
Dionysus Creative
Di-No Computers & Microconsultants
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Academy of Leonardo's Apprentice
Peraton Deep Space Network (DSN)
Seed to Supper (in collaboration with City of Hope)
Simply Divine
The Coder School of Pasadena



STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR INTERNSHIP
GRADUATION AT CITY OF HOPE, SPRING 2026

Professional Development Across Industries

On December 4, 2025, K12FC hosted its annual Professional Development Across Industries conference, bringing together educators and industry leaders to strengthen Career Technical Education programs through collaboration, workforce trends, and employer engagement.

California High-Speed Rail Experience at LA Train Fest

In collaboration with the California High-Speed Rail Authority, Dionysus Creative, and the Academy of Leonardo's Apprentice, twenty-two student interns designed and built the California High-Speed Rail Experience. This interdisciplinary project combined carpentry, engineering, computer science, digital media arts, and Augmented Reality (AR) to build a VR experience for exhibit at LA Train Fest at Union Station in September, 2025. More than 1,000 visitors experienced the interactive exhibit, one of the festival's most popular attractions, and demonstrated the power of youth innovation, technical skill development, and employer collaboration.

INDUSTRY INVESTMENTS

Di-No Computers & Microconsultants Partnership

This year, Di-No Computers & Microconsultants made a transformational investment in CTE training by donating 20 commercial-grade 3D printers. To ensure that educators were equipped to integrate this advanced manufacturing technology into classroom instruction and workforce preparation, Di-No provided professional externship training for CTE teachers across the K12FC member districts.

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Grant

The Consortium proudly received another Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Grant, providing continued support for the Dionysus Creative Skilled Trades Pre-Apprenticeship and Internship Program, which expands opportunities for students pursuing careers in the skilled trades.

EXPANDING APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS

The K12 Foothill Consortium reached a significant workforce development milestone through its long-standing partnership with Dionysus Creative and the Event Vocational Education Network (EVEN).

In June 2026, Dionysus Creative became an official employer partner supporting the EVEN Live Events Registered Apprenticeship Program, creating a direct pathway for K12 Foothill Consortium interns and pre-apprentices to transition into registered apprenticeship opportunities within California's growing live events industry.

This achievement represents an important advancement in the Consortium's commitment to expanding high-quality work-based learning opportunities beyond internships and into registered apprenticeships that lead to long-term careers. This innovative apprenticeship pathway will strengthen opportunities for students pursuing careers in the creative and live events industries.

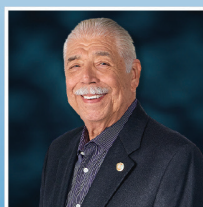




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CITY OF INDUSTRY

Where Careers are Built

Home to more than 230 manufacturers and employing over 19,000 area residents, the City of Industry is the San Gabriel Valley's manufacturing hub. Through its "Made in the City of Industry" initiative, the City helps connect residents with workforce training, career placement, and opportunities for advancement.

Since 1957, the City has maintained a laser-focus on its mission: **jobs, enterprise, and regional infrastructure**. A commitment that continues to this day and into the future.

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Who We Are

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- One individual from each of the overlying municipal water districts
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- One is from a city without prescriptive water pumping rights
- Two members represent water producers in the San Gabriel Basin

What We Do

The WQA is empowered by the State of California to protect and promote the beneficial use of groundwater supplies in the San Gabriel Valley. Our work focuses on coordinating and facilitating actions by local, state and federal agencies to contain and clean up groundwater contamination and prevent its spread.



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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a leading voice for the economic vitality and quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley. We are committed to ensuring that the priorities of our region are heard, respected, and addressed by our elected representatives at all levels of government. Through thoughtful advocacy, collaboration, and engagement, the Partnership champions policies that foster sustainable economic growth and community well-being.

In 2025-2026, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership remained a strong and consistent advocate for the region's economic priorities at the local, state, and federal levels. Our political advocacy efforts focused on promoting policies that support business growth, infrastructure investment, workforce development, and overall quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley.

ENGAGEMENT WITH LEGISLATORS

The Partnership maintained regular communication with our region's elected representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to ensure that the needs of San Gabriel Valley communities and businesses are well represented in policy discussions and legislation.

PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

We hosted meetings and events for policy discussions and legislative updates. These provide members with direct access to decision-makers and opportunities to discuss pressing regional issues including education, housing, transportation, water, and workforce and economic development.

REGIONAL POLICY COORDINATION

The Partnership continued to strengthen its network of collaboration by coordinating advocacy efforts with our members to align messaging and amplify our collective voice.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Through policy briefs and presentations, we provided timely information and policy analysis to our members and partners, deepening regional understanding of public policy issues and proposed legislation.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

We collaborated with state and regional business organizations to advance a shared agenda focused on pro-growth policies that support a competitive, resilient, and inclusive economy.

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS WITH ELECTED OFFICES, 2025-2026

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- LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG
- SHERIFF ROBERT G. LUNA

SACRAMENTO ADVOCACY TRIP

The Partnership returned to Sacramento on February 24, 2026, for our annual Legislative Action Day. We had a diverse delegation from a variety of our membership sectors and industries including government, education, transportation, water, telecommunications, and utilities.

The delegation met with all of the members and staff of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, highlighting regional legislative and budget priorities.

"Participating in the SGVEP legislative visit was a valuable and eye-opening experience! As a partnership member from Mt. SAC representing higher education, I saw firsthand how necessary it is for different sectors to unite in advocating for our region's economic and community priorities. This broader collaboration gave me a new, expanded perspective on the collective strength SGVEP brings when we work across industries."

- Madelyn A. Arballo, Ed.D.
Vice President, School of Continuing Education
Mt. SAC

2026 SACRAMENTO SGV DELEGATION

Jessica Aldridge, Director of Sustainability & Zero Waste, Athens Services

Denae Amaya, Director of Government Affairs, Athens Services

Dr. Madelyn Arballo, Vice President, School of Continuing Education, Mt. San Antonio College

Ricky Choi, Director of Government and Community Relations, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)

Iris Espino, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Irwindale

Peter Hidalgo, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Spectrum/Charter Communications

Kirk Howie, Chief Administrative Officer, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Johnathan Hughes, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Athens Services

Yoko Igawa, Director of Government Relations, Foothill Transit

Giselle Lopez, Executive Assistant/Office Coordinator, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Matthew Lyons, Director of Public Policy, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Stephanie Moreno, Director of Communications, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA)

Matthew Nakano, Government Relations Coordinator, Foothill Transit

Lanae O'Shields, Public Affairs Manager, SoCalGas

Luis Portillo, President CEO, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Bill Ruh, Government Affairs Director, Citrus Valley Association of Realtors

Jake Stotz, Legislative Analyst/Technical Services, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Thomas Wong, Senior Advisor, Southern California Edison (SCE)



OUR SACRAMENTO DELEGATION



LEGISLATIVE SPEAKER SERIES

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's Legislative Speakers Series continued to strengthen connections between the region's business community and its elected leaders. Designed to foster meaningful dialogue on the public policy issues shaping the San Gabriel Valley, the series provides members with a unique opportunity to engage directly with the policymakers representing our region.

The series returned after it was paused during the Covid-19 Pandemic and restarted in July 2025 featuring Assemblymember John Harabedian at the Monrovia Library. On August 19, the lunch program with Congressman Gil Cisneros was graciously hosted by Citrus Valley Association of Realtors. On September 18, Maryvale hosted a breakfast program on their campus in Rosemead for Senator Sasha Renée Pérez. Each of the elected officials shared valuable legislative updates, policy priorities, and insights into the challenges and opportunities facing California and the San Gabriel Valley. Their willingness to engage in thoughtful discussion with Partnership members reflects the strong relationships the organization continues to cultivate with elected officials at every level of government.

A distinguishing feature of the Legislative Speakers Series is its intimate setting and conversational format, which encourages meaningful dialogue and provides attendees with the opportunity for one-on-one interaction with their elected representatives. These personal conversations help strengthen partnerships between the public and private sectors while ensuring that the voices of San Gabriel Valley businesses and communities are heard.

The Partnership extends its sincere appreciation to our 2025-2026 Presenting Sponsors: Citrus Valley Association of Realtors, Foothill Transit, Kaiser Permanente, SoCalGas, and Southern California Edison.



"For Foothill Transit, these discussions have helped to further cultivate and strengthen relationships, improve understanding of the regional transit needs across San Gabriel Valley, and foster collaboration on policies that support economic vitality, mobility, and quality of life."

- Yoko J. Igawa
Director of Government Relations
Foothill Transit



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2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

The 2025-2026 *Legislative Guide* reflects our shared commitment to advocating for policies that strengthen our regional economy and enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in the San Gabriel Valley. The legislative focus continues to be on our ongoing priority to create opportunities for the San Gabriel Valley through job growth and economic development. As we continue to bring together stakeholders from all levels and all sectors to accomplish our shared vision of regional success, the guide helps inform Partnership members, local elected officials, and our representatives in LA County, Sacramento, and Washington D.C. about regional needs and the policies we support.

The guide provides quality policy information on sixteen important policy areas that impact the region and the tools to contact and effectively advocate with our elected officials. The Presenting Sponsor of the 2025-2026 *Legislative Guide* is the YWCA of San Gabriel Valley.

Download the
Legislative Guide



LEGISLATIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION

With our partners the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network, the Partnership hosted our annual Legislative Networking Reception at the picturesque Grapevine Arbor in the City of San Gabriel on June 12, 2026. On this beautiful summer day, the event welcomed over 200 guests. This yearly, highly anticipated event is always a great venue for forging new relationships and helping longstanding connections flourish.

Our 2026 event was presented by Citrus Valley Association of Realtors.

We thank our San Gabriel Valley elected officials for joining us:

- Senator Bob Archuleta
- Senator María Elena Durazo
- Assemblymember Mike Fong
- Assemblymember John Harabedian
- L.A. County Assessor Jeffrey Prang





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REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

SGV REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

2025 launched the inaugural San Gabriel Valley Regional Leadership Academy, a specialized program designed to help mid-to-senior-level city staff and public-private business partners understand key economic sectors and how they impact the region. This monthly program visits sites where participants see what makes the San Gabriel Valley work.

The first cohort consisted of 21 enrollees from eight cities, one realtor association, two advocacy groups, one public service agency, and one large nonprofit.

- Session One: Pasadena City Hall and Doheny Eye Institute, an example of economic development success in Pasadena's quest for expanding its presence in biosciences.
- Session Two: Southern California Edison Substation in Monterey Park, where experts from SCE and the California Energy Storage Alliance discussed the logistics of energy supply to SGV businesses and homes, and how these concerns affect policy and consumer needs.
- Session Three: Transportation challenges and opportunities, including tours of L.A. Metro El Monte Transit Center and Foothill Transit's Operations and Maintenance Yard.

- Session Four: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its impact on housing and affordable housing, with case study tours of the Lantern Terrace Project and the Monterey Bay Square mixed-use facility.
- Session Five: Water 101, including the Water Rights System, judications, the 2026 Non-Functional Turf Rule (AB 1572), and a tour of the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Sub-Area 1 Treatment Facility.
- Session Six: Manufacturing & Logistics, with an economic overview of the sector, plus discussions of relevant legislation, regulations, and challenges, and a tour of the iDC Logistics Facility.

This series was generously sponsored by Southern California Edison.



CITY MANAGERS APPRECIATION MIXER

Topgolf Montebello was buzzing with activity on February 5, 2026, as the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership hosted its second annual City Managers Appreciation Mixer. This second offering of the very popular, now-annual event brought together local business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders for a unique opportunity to connect directly with the city managers who help keep the San Gabriel Valley running smoothly. Between networking, conversations, and a few friendly swings, attendees strengthened relationships and gained valuable insight into the leadership shaping our region's future.



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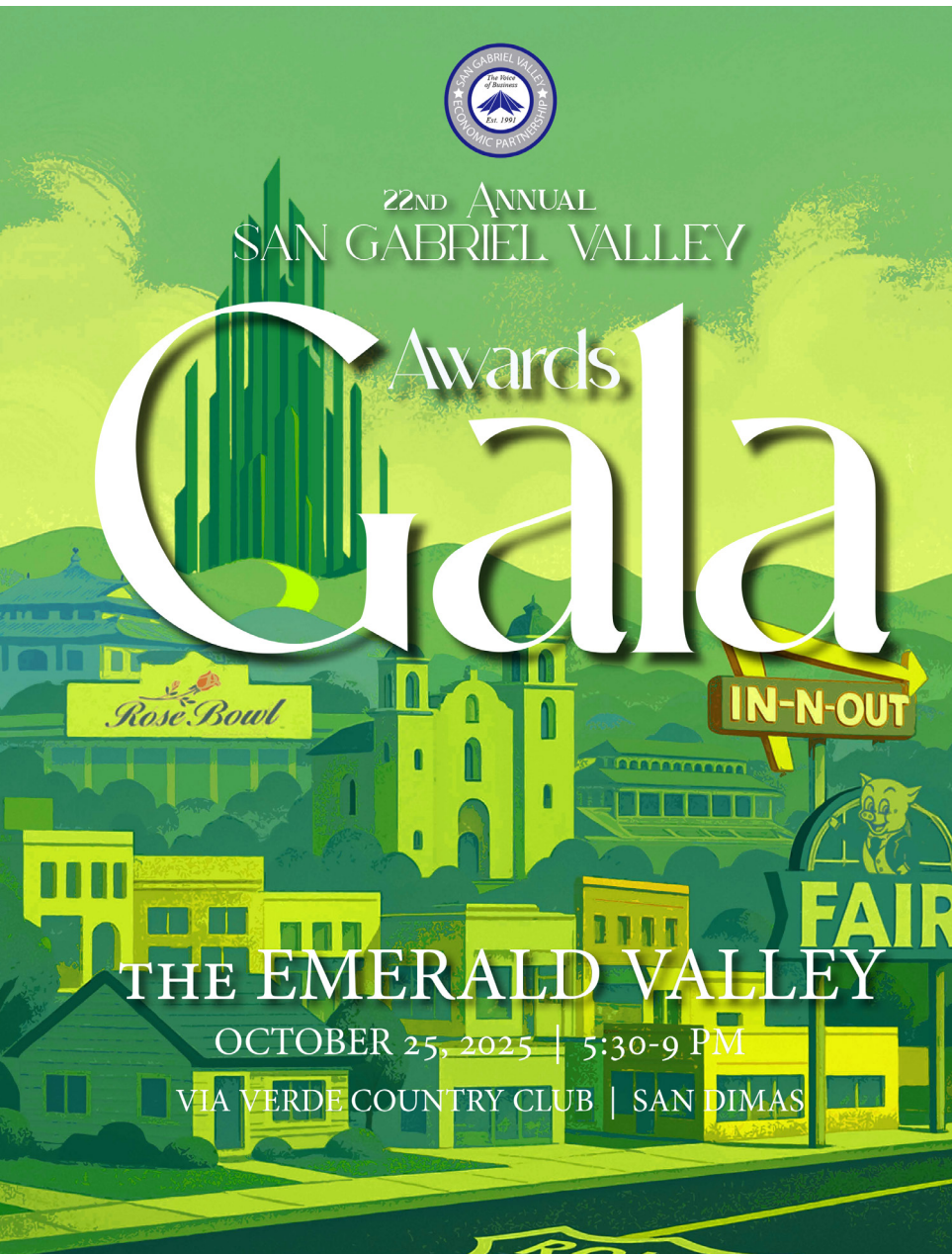


SGV AWARDS GALA: THE EMERALD VALLEY

On October 25, 2025, the best of the San Gabriel Valley gathered to celebrate the fact that there's "No place like home!" Our Wizard of Oz themed Gala was held at the verdant Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas atop the rolling hills. The evening celebrated the region's evergreen spirit in the wake of a turbulent year.

Award recipients included many who had responded in force to the tragedy of the Eaton Fire that destroyed and displaced much of Altadena and Pasadena, including three major local institutions who set everything aside to become beacons of hope and comfort, and turned entertainment venues into homes and shelters for the unhoused and an army of brave responders. SGV-YWCA CEO Debra Ward was also recognized for, among other things, leadership of her nonprofit and a county commission dealing directly with the long rebuilding process.

We also celebrated the return of the seat of In-N-Out Burger® to its birthplace in Baldwin Park, 100 years of education by the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center, the 170-year history of service to children and families in need by Maryvale, a lifetime of leadership in education by Dr. Soraya Coley, and the many important initiatives led by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio in Sacramento.





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2025 Awardees

In-N-Out®

Business of the Year

Debra Ward, San Gabriel Valley YWCA

CEO of the Year

W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center

Heritage Award (Centennial Anniversary)

Pasadena City College

Rose Bowl Stadium

Santa Anita Park

Heroes Among Us - Wildfire Response

Maryvale

Nonprofit of the Year

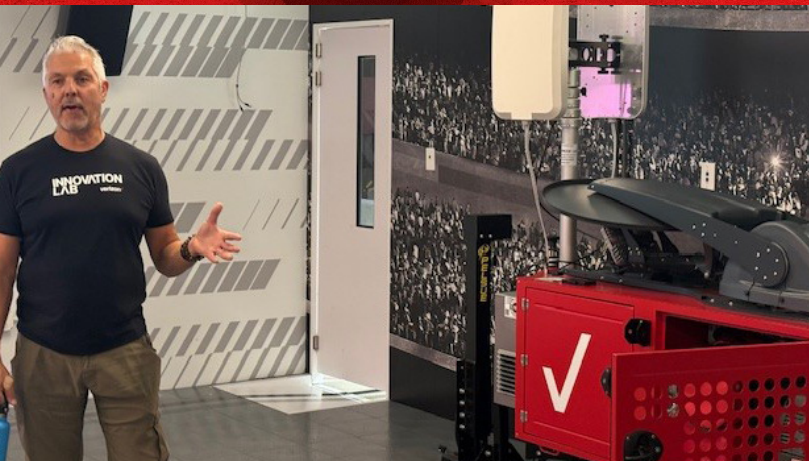
Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio

Public Service Award

Dr. Soraya Coley

Legacy Leadership Award, President Emeritus
Cal Poly Pomona





OUT AND ABOUT

With 31 cities to cover, the Partnership team is constantly seen all around the Valley, supporting members and providing occasions for learning and networking.

Sector-specific meetings for education, water, healthcare, legislative staffers, city management, and more are detailed throughout this Annual Report. In addition, our team supported ribbon cuttings, galas, open houses, chamber events, and more across the entire region.

Here are a few additional highlights from the year's events:

VERIZON INNOVATION LAB TOUR

On November 10, members from the public and private sectors were treated to an up-close-and-personal showcase of the latest in communications technology from Verizon at the telecom giant's Innovation Lab near Santa Monica. Attendees were treated to insights on how portable communication hubs, drones, and other technologies integrate with large-scale emergency response (such as wildfires and other disasters), remote medical care, and even major international sporting events.

HAHN & HAHN LLP LEGAL BRIEFINGS RELAUNCH

On May 27, 2026, the Partnership re-launched our popular lectures showcasing the expertise of members Hahn & Hahn LLP, the venerable legal firm now marking its 126th year. This lunchtime series is planned as a quarterly information session on legal topics pertinent to small businesses. Working in conjunction with local chambers of commerce and other nonprofit pro-business groups, the series is intended to provide world-class legal advice in an intimate setting to mid- and micro-sized organizations.

Our first session, presented by former SGVEP Board member Jason Lyon, covered legal disputes in "From Formation to Fracture" on May 27, 2026. Subsequent sessions are planned for September 9 (real estate) and November 11 (business taxes). The sessions are broadcast online and presented live in the Hahn & Hahn Library Room in downtown Pasadena.

ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERS MEETING

We closed out 2025-26 with a meeting of the Board and general membership at the University of La Verne for our annual June All Members' Meeting. A lively cross-section of businesses, nonprofits, local government gathered to network and catch up on what the Partnership has accomplished in 2025-2026.

The program included a special presentation by Marcel Rodarte, Chair of the Los Angeles County Measure G Governance Reform Task Force, as well as a welcome from Dr. Martin Yousef, Associate Dean at the La Fetra College of Education at the University of La Verne, to highlight continuing education designed to support working adults.

THE MERRY MINGLE

On December 4, 2025, the Partnership hosted our annual holiday party for the entire San Gabriel Valley community. This year, we were hosted by Fairplex, who opened their lush farm area for a memorable night under the stars, a country holiday getaway in the midst of Los Angeles County. Fairplex even arranged for ice cream and cotton candy giveaways!

As always, it was a lively gathering for all members, with 233 registrants from all sectors - healthcare, education, business, nonprofits, city, county, and state government. Donations were made to help fund The Learning Center at Fairplex.

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2026-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

In February, 2026, the Partnership's Board of Directors adopted a new 2026-2028 Strategic Plan to outline the organization's goals.

These three Strategic Goals described in the Plan will drive the work of the Partnership through the end of 2028 and are written to be accomplished in the three-year timeframe:

- The Partnership will drive economic growth in the San Gabriel Valley by partnering with cities, nonprofits, and employers to expand entrepreneurship, employment, and expansion opportunities.
- The Partnership will initiate or champion state and local policy changes that remove barriers, accelerate opportunities, and improve the business climate in the San Gabriel Valley.
- The Partnership will serve as the cross-sector regional convener to create a shared vision and joint actions across sectors for the San Gabriel Valley.

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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, environmental 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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