

# SGV ECONOMIC Partnership



**2024-25**  
**Annual Report**





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As we reflect on the first half of 2025, we do so with deep gratitude and renewed purpose. This year began with profound challenges, most notably the devastating fire in Altadena that tested the strength and spirit of our communities. Yet, in the face of adversity, the San Gabriel Valley once again proved its resilience.

Our region responded not with despair, but with unity. Across neighborhoods, industries, and institutions, we came together to support one another, rebuild

what was lost, and reaffirm our shared commitment to progress. The Eaton Fires reminded us of the fragility of our environment—but also of the enduring strength of our people.

This Annual Report captures a pivotal moment in the life of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. It chronicles our collective efforts to navigate shifting national policies, economic uncertainty, and global change—all while advancing the values that define our region: collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity.

Through public-private partnerships, cross-sector alliances, and community-driven initiatives, the Partnership has helped foster growth in healthcare, manufacturing, education, and entrepreneurship. We've honored our cultural heritage while embracing new opportunities that position the San Gabriel Valley as a beacon of resilience and renewal.

As we look ahead to the 2025–26 fiscal year, we do so with optimism and resolve. The road may be unpredictable, but our commitment to this region and its people is unwavering. We invite you to join us — your voices, ideas, and leadership are essential as we continue shaping a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving San Gabriel Valley for today and for generations to come.

Best,

**Frances Teves**

Vice President for University Advancement, Cal Poly Pomona  
Chair of the SGVEP Board of Directors, 2025-2026



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# ABOUT THE SGV ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

## HISTORY

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

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

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

## OUR MISSION

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

## WHAT WE DO

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

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# We Thank Our Leadership Members!

## City of Industry

[cityofindustry.org](http://cityofindustry.org)

The City of Industry contains over 3,000 businesses employing 67,000 people, and is known as one of the most business-friendly cities in Southern California.



## Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

[lacsds.org](http://lacsds.org)

The L.A. County Sanitation Districts focus on converting waste into resources like recycled water, energy and recycled materials, serving 5.5 million people.



## San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

[wqa.com](http://wqa.com)

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



## Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

[upperdistrict.org](http://upperdistrict.org)

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



## Southern California Edison

[www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com)

SCE is an investor-owned public utility operating as a subsidiary of Edison International. As one of the nation's largest electric utilities, SCE deliver power to 15 million people in 50,000 square miles across central, coastal and Southern California.



# New Members, 2024-2025



**Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA)**, founded in 1917, is a trade association and government advocate serving rental housing providers throughout Southern California. With over 10,000 members, they offer webinars, seminars, lease forms, and legislative advocacy to support property owners and managers in maintaining safe and affordable housing. [aagla.org](http://aagla.org)



**Covina-Valley Unified School District (C-VUSD)**, serving over 11,000 students across 18 schools, is committed to delivering educational excellence in the communities of Covina, West Covina, Glendora, San Dimas, and Irwindale. With a focus on academic achievement, innovation, and whole-child development, C-VUSD prepares students for success in college, career, and life. [www.c-vusd.org](http://www.c-vusd.org)



**East Los Angeles College** is the largest community college in California, serving over 30,000 students annually. With state-of-the-art facilities, ELAC offers a wide range of academic and vocational programs, fostering educational excellence and community engagement. [www.elac.edu](http://www.elac.edu)



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**Managed Career Solutions** is a nonprofit organization focused on empowering individuals to achieve sustainable employment. They provide career development services, including job readiness training, resume building, and job placement assistance, aiming to enhance economic mobility for underserved communities. [www.mcscalifornia.com](http://www.mcscalifornia.com)



**Maryvale**, founded in 1856, is the oldest children's charity in Los Angeles and a trusted nonprofit serving the San Gabriel Valley. With a mission to heal, educate, and empower, Maryvale provides trauma-informed programs including early childhood education, mental health and wraparound services, transitional housing for mothers and children, and youth outpatient substance use treatment. [maryvale.org](http://maryvale.org)



**Options for Learning** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing children and supporting families for life success through innovative, quality child development programs. Serving over 9,600 children annually, they operate more than 300 classrooms across the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Whittier, and Northeast Los Angeles. [optionsforlearning.org](http://optionsforlearning.org)



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CITY OF INDUSTRY

# 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 2024–2025, 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, legislative updates, providing 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.

As we look ahead, the Partnership remains committed to

### PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS WITH ELECTED OFFICES, 2024-2025

#### FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS

- REPRESENTATIVE JUDY CHU (D), CD 28
- REPRESENTATIVE GIL CISNEROS (D), CD 31
- REPRESENTATIVE LINDA SANCHEZ (D), CD 38

#### STATE OFFICERS

- GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM (D)
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- TREASURER FIONA MA (D)

#### STATE SENATORS

- SENATOR BOB ARCHULETA (D), SD 30
- SENATOR SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ (D), SD 25
- SENATOR SUSAN RUBIO (D), SD 22

#### STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBERS

- ASSEMBLYMEMBER LISA CALDERON (D), AD 56
- ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE FONG (D), AD 49
- ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARK GONZÁLEZ (D), AD
- ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN (D), AD 41
- ASSEMBLYMEMBER MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ (D), AD 53
- ASSEMBLYMEMBER BLANCA RUBIO (D), AD 48

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICEHOLDERS

- SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER (DISTRICT 5)
- SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS (DISTRICT 1)
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG

engaging policymakers and strengthening our region’s voice on the issues that matter most to our communities and businesses.

### LEGISLATIVE STAFF APPRECIATION AT THE FAIRPLEX AND NHRA DRAG RACES

The success of the Partnership’s growing advocacy program would not be possible without the dedicated public servants who support our elected officials. In recognition of their hard

work and commitment, the Partnership partnered with the Pomona Fairplex in March 2025 to deliver a one-of-a-kind experience—an exciting day at the drag races. We extend our sincere thanks to the Pomona Fairplex for their collaboration and generosity in helping us create a memorable event. This staff appreciation gathering is a small token of our appreciation for the invaluable role that legislative staff play in advancing the interests of the San Gabriel Valley.

### LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS & LUNCHES

The Partnership has returned to our regular Legislative Breakfasts/Lunches, which were phased out during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The series restarted in July 2025 with a meeting with Assemblymember John Harabedian, to be followed with opportunities to connect and engage with other newly elected officials throughout 2025-2026.

### SACRAMENTO ADVOCACY TRIP

The Partnership returned to Sacramento in May 2024 for our 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.



THE SACRAMENTO DELEGATION



LEGISLATIVE STAFF TOUR THE NHRA MUSEUM & ENJOY DRAG RACES IN POMONA

### 2025 SACRAMENTO SGV DELEGATION

- Danaee Amaya, Director of Government Affairs, Athens Services
- Dr. Madelyn Arballo, Vice President, Mt. San Antonio College
- Patty Cortez, Assistant General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD
- Iris Espino, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Irwindale
- Ryan Ferguson, Manager, Government & Community Relations, Kaiser Permanente
- Peter Hidalgo, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Spectrum
- Yoko Igawa, Director of Government Relations, Foothill Transit
- Matthew Lyons, Director of Public Policy, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Matthew Nakano, Government Relations Coordinator, Foothill Transit
- Sam Pedroza, Assistant City Manager, City of Industry
- Luis Portillo, President & CEO, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Jake Stotz, Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
- Maureen Taylor, Vice President, Azusa Pacific University
- Lei Wang, Executive Vice President, Gemdale USA Corporation
- Thomas Wong, Senior Advisor Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison

# LEGISLATIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION

With our partners the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network, we hosted our annual Legislative Networking Reception at the picturesque Hurst Ranch in West Covina on June 20, 2025. On this beautiful summer day, the event welcomed over 250 guests. This yearly, highly anticipated event is always a great venue for forging new relationships and helping longstanding connections flourish.

Our 2025 event was presented by **Citrus Valley Association of Realtors**.

### SPEAKERS

- Representative Judy Chu
  - Representative Linda Sanchez
  - California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
  - Senator Bob Archuleta
  - Senator Susan Rubio
- Assemblymember Mike Fong
  - Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
  - L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
  - L.A. County Assessor Jeff Prang



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# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM

The K12 Foothill Consortium—representing Azusa, Charter Oak, Duarte, and Monrovia Unified School Districts—delivers robust Career Technical Education (CTE) programs that prepare high school students for high-demand industries including medical pathway programs, computer science, and engineering.

Over 70% of students in the program are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and many are first-generation college-bound youth. Despite these challenges, together, we are making a measurable impact year over year.

## VENTURE VALLEY FINANCIAL LITERACY TOURNAMENT AT MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL

On September 13, 2024, Monrovia High School students showcased their financial literacy skills at the Wildcats Biz Battle, a CTE-aligned tournament hosted in partnership with Venture Valley and the Singleton Foundation. All participating students downloaded the Venture Valley app and were encouraged to practice in advance of game day. Students competed in a real-world financial decision-making game in a fun and competitive way.

## SEIDNER'S COLLISION CENTERS

Founded in 1964, Seidner's Collision Centers is a family-owned and operated business committed to providing an "Extraordinary Repair Experience" across the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire.

Seidner's Collision Centers received the Excellence in

Workforce Development Award at the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Awards Gala in October. Gene Lopez, Seidner's Director of Development and Training, also chairs the K12 Foothill Consortium's Automotive Technology Advisory Board.

In May 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor officially approved a Collision Apprenticeship in partnership with Seidner's Collision Centers—creating a local earn-and-learn pathway for individuals 18 and older with a driver's license who are interested in a career in collision repair.

## PERATON DSN MURAL REVEAL

CTE mural interns were celebrated at Peraton DSN in Monrovia on October 24, 2024, for their restoration of the site's outdoor mural visible from Shamrock Avenue. This hands-on learning project was a partnership between Peraton DSN, Dionysus Creative, and the K12 Foothill Consortium.

Students received professional training in color theory and mural restoration from Dionysus Creative, while Peraton DSN provided industry context, including a tour of JPL and the mural's historical significance. Students, families, school board members, and key community stakeholders gathered to honor the interns' work. This collaborative project is a powerful example of education and industry coming together to build community pride and career readiness.

## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL CAREER EXPLORATION

In February 2025, thirty-seven engineering students from across the Consortium participated in a two-day immersive experience exploring careers in transportation. This included

a visit to Fresno State's Lyles College of Engineering, as well as a visit to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Central Office, followed by active construction site tours—including a thrilling climb up the 65-foot Cedar Viaduct.

## AWE CONFERENCE: AUGMENTED REALITY AND INNOVATION

In June 2025, in partnership with California High-Speed Rail, Dionysus Creative, and Leonardo's Apprentice, our interns developed a cutting-edge innovation project that includes:

- Designing a VR trade show exhibit
- Fabricating a mock-up train car
- Telling the story of high-speed rail through immersive media

This collaborative exhibit will debut at LA Train Fest at Union Station in September 2025 and later be featured at the iconic Philippe's Restaurant in Downtown LA.

## K12 FOOTHILL CONSORTIUM PODCAST LAUNCH

Hosted by Amy Foell, Workforce Development Consultant, our podcast features local champions and changemakers who are helping move the workforce development needle in the San Gabriel Valley.

Episodes as of July 2025:

- *San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership & The California High-Speed Rail Authority*
- *Meet Stakeholders: Dionysus Creative & Leonardo's Apprentice Academy*



STUDENTS LEARN FINANCIAL LITERACY VIA THE VENTURE VALLEY GAME

## SUMMER 2025 CTE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Now in its fifth year, the K12 Foothill Consortium Summer Internship Program continues to provide high-quality career experiences to students in grades 10–12. A heartfelt thank you to our school partners, families, educators, and amazing host organizations for supporting this transformational work. This year is our largest cohort to date with 88 student interns gaining invaluable employment training and exposure.

This summer also features an innovative cross-disciplinary internship combining carpentry, computer science, engineering, and digital media. Students will collaborate on an augmented reality exhibit for L.A. Train Fest 2025, showcasing the powerful future of transportation and technology through youth-led creativity.

## COMMITMENT TO YOUTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The San Gabriel Valley Foundation for Economic Growth raises funds to provide qualified K12 Foothill Consortium interns with a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and investment in themselves. Your support can help us reach that goal and as we cultivate and create our local workforce. All donations are tax deductible.

## 2025 SUMMER INTERNSHIP HOSTS

Big thanks to our 2024 host companies, organizations, industry collaborations and complimentary programs developing CTE students in critical sectors:


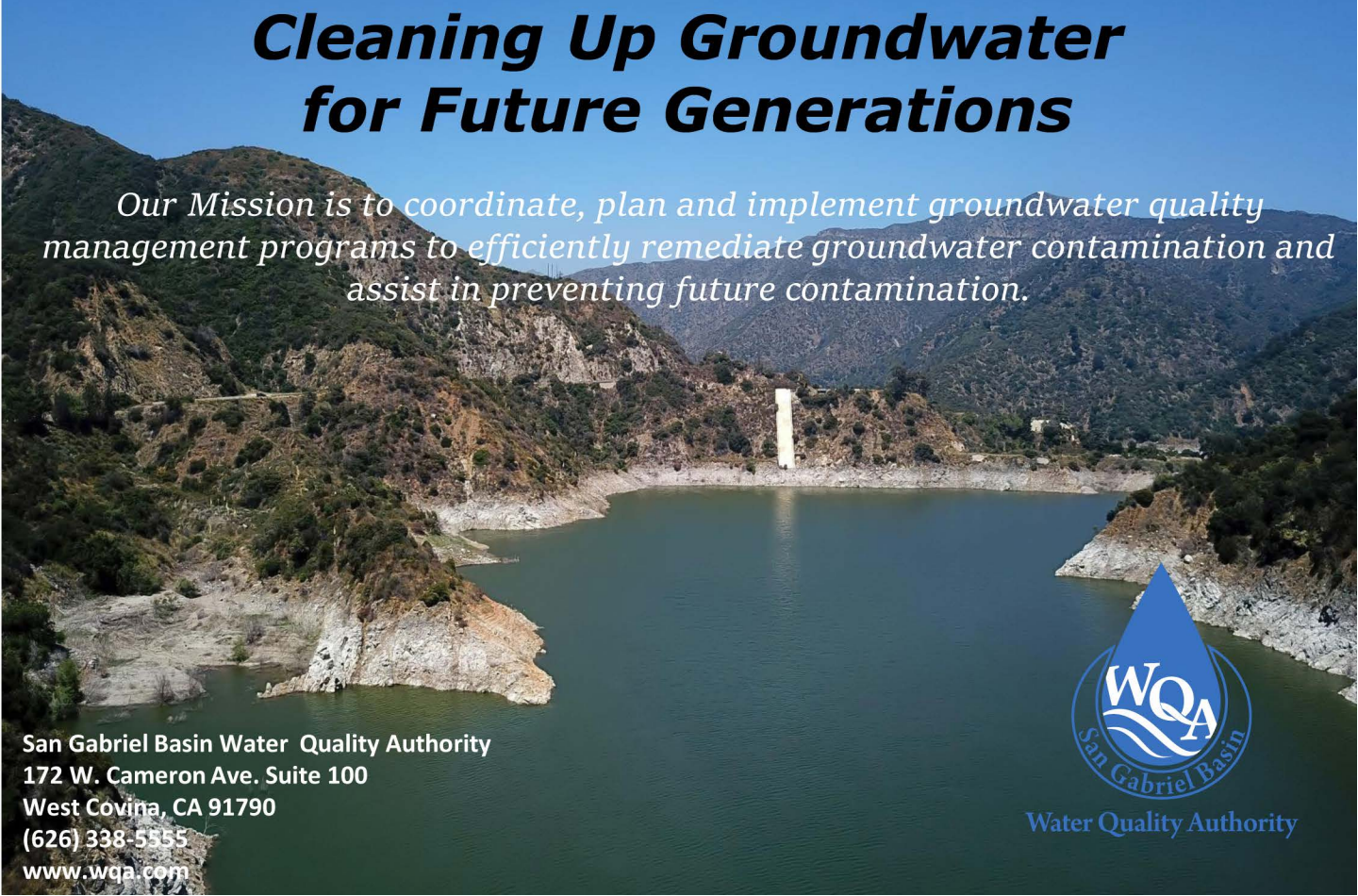
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- Dionysus Creative
- California High-Speed Rail Authority
- Charter Oak USD Communications Department
- Charter Oak Trainer Program
- City of Hope Bioscience Research
- Foothill Workforce Development Board
- Leonardo's Apprentice
- NAF: Raytheon & Northrop Grumman
- Nexus Wellness Center
- Peraton DSN
- Rose Water Umbrella
- Simply Divine
- The Coder School Pasadena
- The Ryan Law Firm



HIGH SCHOOLERS FROM THE K12 FOOTHILL CONSORTIUM TOUR THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL CONSTRUCTION SITE

# Cleaning Up Groundwater for Future Generations

Our Mission is to coordinate, plan and implement groundwater quality management programs to efficiently remediate groundwater contamination and assist in preventing future contamination.



San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority  
172 W. Cameron Ave. Suite 100  
West Covina, CA 91790  
(626) 338-5555  
www.wqa.com

Water Quality Authority

# Helping with Sustainability

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



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# CITY OF INDUSTRY

Where People go to Work.

With over 230 manufacturers employing over 19,000 area residents, the City of Industry is the San Gabriel Valley's regional leader in providing high quality jobs. The City's initiative, "Made in the City of Industry", coordinates workforce development, career placement and connections for area residents to thrive in rewarding jobs with plentiful opportunities for growth.

The City of Industry was established in 1965 with 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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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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



THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MET AT THE BALDWIN PARK KAISER PERMANENTE HEADQUARTERS IN SEPTEMBER 2024.

## ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For over 30 years, the Partnership's focus has been on building the economic development of our 31 cities. New initiatives have pushed this forward: our Leadership Academy for new city council members and staff (page 18), and the launch of a series of "Cities and Businesses Connect" events, which bring developers into direct contact with cities to explore immediate development needs and opportunities. Look for expansive ways to get involved in 2025-2026.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BEST PRACTICES**

On September 3, 2024, we hosted an Economic Development Best Practices Session focused on "Innovative Real Estate Strategies & Tactics to Jumpstart Your Economy". This session featured Jennifer McLain Hiramoto of the Ontario Economic Development Agency and Chair of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) Board of

Directors. McLain Hiramoto outlined progressive strategies the City of Ontario has used to rejuvenate its downtown and other crucial sectors. This was followed by a special session on CALED Training Resources and their ACE Accreditation Program.

**ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Over the past year, the merger of the Partnership's Economic and Workforce Development Committees has become an evident necessity. A new Workforce and Economic Development Committee, co-chaired by Angela Bernacki (Emanate Health), Dr. Salvatrice Cummo (Pasadena City College), Ken Lee (Pacific Plaza Premier Development Group), and David Klug (City of Pasadena), launched on November 14, 2024.

# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS 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.

The Olson Company and Transtech 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.



PARTNERSHIP AND CITY STAFF MIX AT THE BOOTH.



PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS UNITE!

# 2025 SGV ECONOMIC FORECAST SUMMIT

On the morning of March 20, 2025, 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 an up-to-the-minute discussion. A sold-out room enjoyed insights into the local economy by Dr. Gerd Welke and Dr. Anthony Orlando of Cal Poly Pomona's College of Business Administration.

This year's forecast was generously hosted by City of Industry at the Industry Hills Expo Center.

The Forecast was held at a tumultuous time, as the region was still reeling from the Eaton Fire that had left many without shelter in Altadena and Pasadena. California State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara fielded audience questions and held a fireside chat led by the Partnership's Chair, Dr. Salvatrice Cummo of Pasadena City College.

The packed morning also included a panel discussion on "The Road to the Future San Gabriel Valley". Panelists included Stephen Cheung, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation; Jennifer Ferrara, Avanade; Todd R. Moore, Hahn & Hahn LLP; and Partnership Board Member Lei Wang of Gemdale U.S.A.



INSURANCE COMMISSIONER RICARDO LARA WITH PARTNERSHIP CHAIR, DR. SALVATRICE CUMMO



OUR PANEL OF THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE SGV

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ANOTHER SOLD-OUT EVENT!



MAKING CONNECTIONS



PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS WITH DR. TERRI GOMEZ AND PRESIDENT SORAYA COLEY OF CAL POLY POMONA



THE AUDIENCE QUESTIONS COMMISSIONER LARA

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## SGV REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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

The initial sessions in Q4 2025 included an onsite visit to Pasadena City Hall and Doheny Eye Institute, an example of economic development success in Pasadena's quest for expanding its presence in biosciences.

Our second session took place at the 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. As of July 2025, four additional sessions are planned for the first round, with a second session in 2026.

This series is generously sponsored by Southern California Edison.



# CITY MANAGERS APPRECIATION MIXER

The Covina Performing Arts Center, home of the Laugh Factory, was packed elbow-to-elbow on January 23, 2025, for the Partnership's first ever "City Managers Appreciation Mixer".

The evening brought old colleagues and new connections together. Everyone's excitement, eager for an upbeat evening, was palpable. We heard from the city manager of Diamond Bar, Dan Fox, who is also President of the San Gabriel Valley City Managers Association, and Chris Marcarello,

city manager for the City of Covina and Covina's economic development team. Finally, we heard from Diana Pineda Ramirez, Executive Director, San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, who spoke about some of their efforts to alleviate the effects of the natural disasters that have rocked Southern California.

A portion of the proceeds went to the San Gabriel Valley Red Cross, to help support wildfire relief efforts.



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# 2024-2025 CONVENINGS

## HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

On August 30, 2024, a passionate group of business leaders, nonprofits, and city staff met in Altadena to discuss best practices in the hotbed issue of homelessness, a crisis that impacts all Californians. The group discussed how they might best lend the Partnership's efforts to groups currently addressing the problem, and how our unique connectivity might be able to push efforts forward impactfully.



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# HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

Making connections between businesses,  
nonprofits, and local governments  
to improve the quality of life.

Union Station  
Homeless Services  
Facility, Altadena

Friday, Aug. 30 2024  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom Option will also be available.  
Please register for link & onsite address.

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## “MEASURE A” INFORMATION SESSION

On September 30, 2024, the Partnership hosted an online forum to discuss the controversial Measure A, which extends a sales tax to fund homelessness efforts. The group discussed how to ensure that the San Gabriel Valley receives a fair portion of the proceeds.

# MEASURE A INFORMATION SESSION

### ZOOM WEBINAR

What is Measure A & how might it  
affect the San Gabriel Valley?

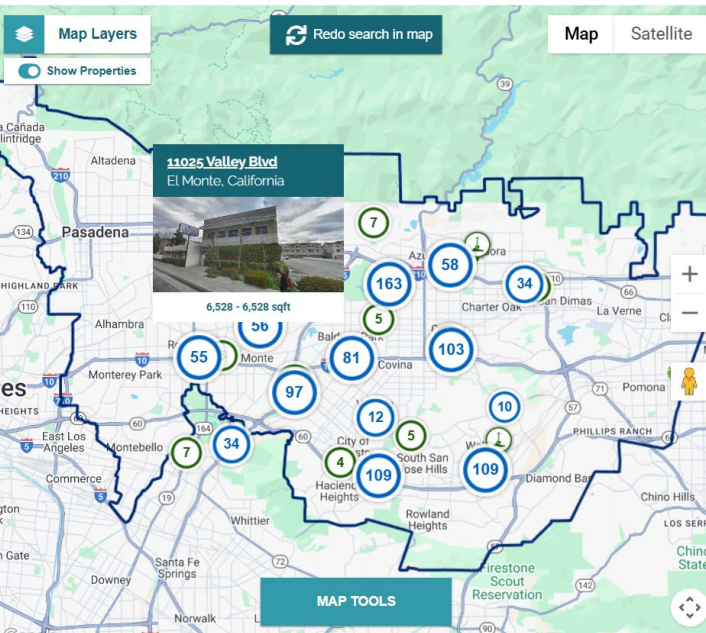
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## SGV POWERSITE TRAINING

The Partnership offers a powerful online tool, the “SGV Powersite”, which allows members to search a vast amount of data about the region: available sites, infrastructure, demographics, and businesses. On September 12, 2024, we hosted an online tutorial for members to learn how they can leverage this tool to better keep tabs on what opportunities are available for investment.



## ANNUAL ALL-MEMBERS MEETING

The 2025 Partnership All-Members and Board Meeting took place on June 11 at the Southern California Edison Training Center in Irwindale. Our guest speaker was Jessica Ku Kim from the L.A. County Department of Economic Opportunity. As always, the meeting was a great time for regular members to meet with our Board and hear about the progress made by the Partnership over the past fiscal year.



# THE MERRY MINGLE

On December 6, 2024, the Partnership hosted our annual holiday party, poolside, at Maryvale in Rosemead. Maryvale very generously worked alongside the Partnership team in making this event happen.

As always, it was a lively gathering for all members, with 233 registrants from all sectors - healthcare, education, business, nonprofits, city, state, county, and state government.

Maryvale families were the focus for the seasonal fundraiser. Gift cards were collected for Maryvale families, who are transitioning to permanent housing situations.

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A TOUR OF THE MARYVALE CAMPUS

# 2024 GALA: A BLACK & WHITE AFFAIR

On October 24, 2024, leaders in business, nonprofits, education, healthcare, and the public sector gathered at the elegant restaurant NOOR in Pasadena for a glamorous evening. The theme was “A Black and White Affair”, and guests dressed up in their finest to honor the best and brightest of the San Gabriel Valley.

We thank all of our sponsors for making this event a warm way to celebrate all that is great in the San Gabriel Valley.

We also took time to honor the memory of Watne Ratkovich of The Ratkovich Company, who was instrumental in the founding of the Partnership and served on the Board for decades.



- President/CEO of the Year: Roger Sharma, Emanate Health
- Business of the Year: Foothill Transit
- Nonprofit of the Year: Five Acres
- Excellence in Workforce Development: Seidner's Collision Centers
- Public Service Award: Senator Josh Newman
- Heritage Awards:
  - Arcadia Association of Realtors (100th Anniversary)
  - Azusa Pacific University (125th Anniversary)
  - Hahn & Hahn LLP (125th Anniversary)
  - Pasadena City College (100th Anniversary)
  - Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (100th Anniversary)



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# JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP!

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

To advance this mission, we engage in:

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

## POLITICAL ADVOCACY

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

## NETWORKING

The Partnership provides social and informational events such as Legislative Networking Reception, 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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