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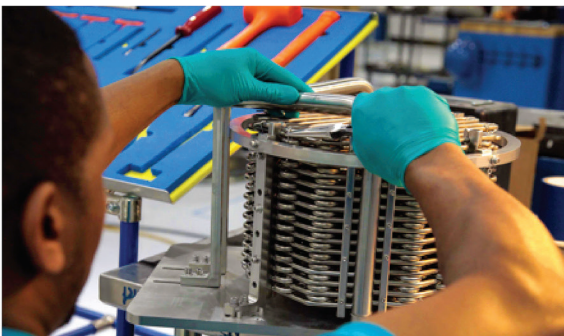
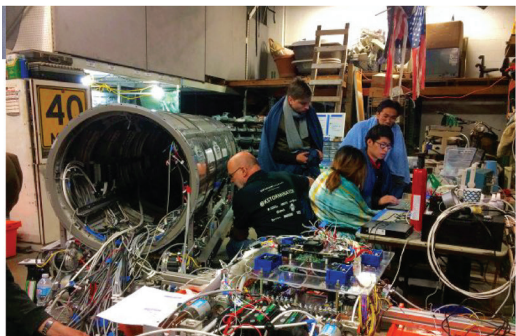


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FURTHERING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY'S SECOND DISTRICT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2017



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W E L C O M E T O

Furthering Economic Opportunity in Los Angeles County’s Second District

Hosted by: Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Second District

Friday, September 22, 2017

California State University, Dominguez Hills

12:30 - 1:15 pm	Registration & Networking (Desserts and Refreshments)
1:30 pm – 1:35 pm	Welcome Remarks - <i>Dr. Willie Hagan</i> , President, CSU Dominguez Hills
1:35 pm – 1:45 pm	Fostering Greater Intra-Regional Collaboration in Economic Development - <i>Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.</i> , Chairman, Economic Development Committee, Los Angeles City Councilmember, 9th District
1:45 pm – 2:05 pm	Second District Overview – Trends, Challenges, Opportunities - <i>Dr. Jose N. Martinez</i> , Co-Director, CSUDH Economics Institute
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm	Economic Opportunity Presented by the Region’s Thriving Sports Economy (w/audience Q & A) - <i>Mr. Benny Tran</i> , Senior Vice President of Development and Strategy, Los Angeles Football Club
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Fostering Innovation and Growing Key Clusters across the Second District (w/audience Q & A) - <i>Mr. Michael Grimshaw (Moderator)</i> , Director, The Ei Entrepreneurial Institute, CSUDH - <i>Ms. Dina Lozofsky</i> , Executive Director, BioCom - <i>Mr. Praveen Penmetsa</i> , Chief Executive Officer, Motivo Engineering - <i>Mr. Shan Sunder</i> , Chief Executive Officer, EdgeSoft, Inc.
3:35 pm – 3:40 pm	Introduction to Working Sessions - <i>Mr. David Riccitiello</i> , Senior Deputy for Economic Development, Second District

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Working Sessions – Addressing Challenges, Constraints & Identifying Solutions to Further Economic Growth and Opportunity

A) Access to Capital

As capital is a necessary ingredient for fueling innovation and growth, this working session will address issues ranging from capital for start-ups, small business lending, and community development financing opportunities.

Co-Chair: *Mr. Kevin Klowden*, Milken Institute

Co-Chair: *Mr. Sal Mendoza*, City National Bank

B) Education, Training & Workforce Development

In today’s digital age and with the flow of retirements occurring in business and industry, there is increased demand for a pipeline of prepared workers. This working session will address how education must align with industry sectors and clusters to provide skilled workers in what is now called ‘new collar jobs.’

Co-Chair: *Dean Rick Hodge*, Los Angeles Southwest College

Co-Chair: *Ms. Alana Sotiri*, California Resources Corporation

C) Housing a Growing Workforce

As the availability and cost of housing impact the region’s economic competitiveness, this working session will consider necessary tools to develop housing that is critical to facilitating new investments into the cities and neighborhoods of the 2nd District, including addressing workforce housing needs, and overall issues of land use across the district.

Co-Chair: *Mr. Ehud Mouchly*, Readi LLC

Co-Chair: *Ms. Dalila Sotelo*, Integral Development LLC

D) Technology Infrastructure

In today’s digital world, high-speed internet access is essential to ensuring equity and opportunity for residents of all communities. Getting everyone connected and benefitting from technology infrastructure is a key aim of initiatives such as Smart Communities; Smart Housing; School2Home; and Telehealth. This session will focus on the region’s technology infrastructure needs, strategies to attract and grow knowledge-based companies and how to better prepare the local workforce for new opportunities arising from technology infrastructure.

Co-Chair: *Mr. Dale Bonner*, Plenary Group

Co-Chair: *Mr. Jan Vogel*, South Bay Workforce Investment Board

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Working Group Reports

5:05 pm – 5:10 pm

Introduction of L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

- *Mr. Dwayne Gathers*, Gathers Strategies

5:10 pm – 5:20 pm

Remarks by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second Supervisorial District

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Networking Reception on the Terrace

- *Music by Mr. Surena Saffari, guitarist/composer*