



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Furthering Economic Opportunity Summit

WHEN: Friday, September 22, 2017
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: California State University Dominguez Hills – Loker Student Union
1000 E Victoria St, Carson, CA 90747
See attached map for parking details

WHO: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas
CSUDH President Willie Hagan
Councilmember Curren Price
Los Angeles Football Club SVP Benny Tran

WHAT: Chairman Ridley-Thomas will convene a first-ever gathering of leading economic development officials, policy makers, practitioners, and business organizations within the 2nd Supervisorial District of LA County. The purpose of the event is to discuss economic development priorities, address challenges, identify solutions, and encourage greater intra-regional collaboration amongst key-economic development stakeholders by bringing together academic, business, community, and governmental leaders across a diverse Supervisorial District of 8 cities and nearly 2 million residents.

PROGRAM:

- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Registration & Networking (*Desserts and Refreshments*)
- 1:30 pm – 1:35 pm Welcome Remarks
- **Dr. Willie Hagan**, President, CSU Dominguez Hills
- 1:35 pm – 1:45 pm Furthering Economic Opportunity in LA County's 2nd District**
- **Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas**, Second Supervisorial District
- 1:50 pm – 2:00 pm Fostering Greater Intra-Regional Collaboration in Economic Development
- **Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.**, Chairman, Economic Development Committee, Los Angeles City Councilmember, 9th District
- 2:00 pm – 2:20 pm Second District Overview – Trends, Challenges, Opportunities
(w/audience Q & A)
- **Dr. Jose N. Martinez**, Co-Director, CSUDH Economics Institute
- 2:25 pm – 2:45 pm Economic Opportunity Presented by the Region's Thriving Sports Economy
(w/audience Q & A)
- **Mr. Benny Tran**, Senior Vice President of Development and Strategy, Los Angeles Football Club
- 2:50 pm – 3:35 pm Fostering Innovation and Growing Key Clusters
(w/audience Q & A)
- **Mr. Michael Grimshaw** (Moderator), Director, The *Ei* Entrepreneurial Institute@CSUDH
- **Mr. Jose J. Gonzalez**, Chief Diversity Officer, Media Health Technologies
- **Ms. Dina Lozofsky**, Executive Director, BioCom
- **Mr. Praveen Penmetsa**, Chief Executive Officer, Motivo Engineering
- 3:35 pm – 3:40 pm Introduction to Working Sessions
- **Mr. David Riccitiello**, Senior Deputy for Economic Development, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
- 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm Working Sessions – **Addressing Challenges, Constraints & Identifying Solutions to Further Economic Growth and Opportunity**
- a) **Access to Capital**
Co-Facilitator: **Mr. Kevin Klowden**, Milken Institute
Co-Facilitator: **Mr. Sal Mendoza**, City National Bank
 - b) **Education, Training & Workforce Development**
Co-Facilitator: **Dean Rick Hodge**, Los Angeles Southwest College
Co-Facilitator: **Ms. Alana Sotiri**, California Resources Corporation
 - c) **Housing a Growing Workforce**
Co-Facilitator: **Mr. Ehud Mouchly**, ReadI LLC
Co-Facilitator: **Ms. Dalila Sotelo**, Integral Development LLC

d) **Technology Infrastructure**

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

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

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Working Group Reports

5:05 pm – 5:15 pm

Closing 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*

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