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## San Bernardino County Means Business

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Curt Hagman today high-lighted the County's economic growth and the 21 federal, state and local programs that Fourth District businesses can be connected to through the San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency (EDA).

"The EDA can help you with site selection, the labor market, market analysis, project facilitation, permitting, regulatory and tax assistance," said Hagman. "San Bernardino County is open for business and job creation. Economic growth and high paying jobs for my constituents are top priority, and I encourage you to them directly or contact me through my District Office if we can help connect you to resources you need to start or grow your business."

Economic sectors leading the way during 2016-17 in San Bernardino County were Construction with a 13.6% increase in the past year, Finance/Real Estate at 3.9% and Education/Health Services at 3.7%. Fourth District cities had the largest percentage in the First Quarter 2017 Industrial Market Inventory Report. Ontario had 21.7% of this inventory while Chino had 8.8%, ahead of Riverside's 8.5% and San Bernardino's 7% according to the Cushman Wakefield Industrial Overview.

Since Ontario International Airport was returned to local control in November 2016, passenger numbers are consistently up month over month. Ontario served 4.3 million passengers in 2016 and airport officials predict a 5% growth rate in 2017. Next steps for the airport include making Uber and Lyft services available for travelers, attracting JetBlue back to Ontario and persuading Chinese carriers to include Ontario on their expanding list of air destinations.

The 21 programs offered by the County to assist local businesses include the California Competes Tax Credit, California State Hiring Credit, California Sales and Use Tax Exemption, California Research and Development Tax Credit, California Employment Training Panel, California Sales and Use Tax Exclusion, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, Figtree Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing, GO-BIZ Permit Assistance, Federal Investment Credit, Workforce Development Incentives, Foreign Trade Zones, EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, Recycling Market Development Zones, California Veterans (CALVETS) assistance program, California Film and Tax Credit Program, New Market Tax Credits, Industrial development Bonds and the USDA Rural Development Business Programs.

The California Competes Tax Credit is a good example of a program that can put money in a business owner's pocket. Two hundred million dollars is allocated in the upcoming fiscal year for businesses that want to locate in California or stay and grow in California. Applications are being accepted today online at [www.calcompetes.ca.gov](http://www.calcompetes.ca.gov).

The Economic Development Agency is located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 and their phone is (909) 387-4700. They can be reached online at [www.SBCountyAdvantage.com](http://www.SBCountyAdvantage.com).

Supervisor Hagman's District Office is located at 14010 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709 and the phone number is (909) 465-5265. He encourages all constituents with questions about these programs or who are interested in applying for any of them to contact his staff today for assistance.

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