



Dear CALED Members and Friends,

Thank you to all of you who reach out to me with your input on the information and services we provide. As we continue to enhance our membership benefits, we really look to you for direction and feedback on how we can serve you. We have been very busy since my last update to you.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A lot has happened in the last few months: the Enterprise Zone program is ending, economic developers will have three replacement tools, and we are still waiting to see if any legislation proposing Tax Increment Financing will make it through this year. CALED's Legislative Action Committee continues to meet, strategize and engage on these issues as we provide a voice for CALED's members. We will share a final annual update with you at the end of this session, but in the meantime, I encourage you to visit CALED's Legislative Watch page to see the status of bills we are working on and to download a larger list of bills on our watch list.



EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Now, each month in 2014, CALED members can take advantage of free education/professional development opportunities. Many of you have shared the need for more economic development training. Please look out for our economic development training calendar for 2014, which we will release in the upcoming months.

The calendar will highlight a series of webinars and conference calls on relevant issues to keep you informed as well as up-to-date on model practices in these areas. More information and registration will be available on CALED's web site this fall.

CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

We are excited to announce that the California Academy for Economic Development, a foundation managed by CALED, has formed a partnership with the Center for Strategic Economic Research to provide a quarterly California Economic Snapshot of economic performance in the state and its major regions. Please check out the Q2 2013 snapshot in this *Bulletin*.

Some other things to keep an eye out for include a working group on ED funding, the California Financing Roundtable Conference on Advancing Development Finance in the Golden State, and new CALED web site with member-specific information.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BEING A CALED AMBASSADOR?

We are looking for six Regional Ambassadors to work with us on providing local training and networking opportunities for economic developers in California. Our hope is to partner work with the selected Ambassadors to present training on a topic impacting their region and close the day with a networking event, allowing attendees to share solutions and model practices. Watch your email for the application release or contact gsahota@caled.org if you have any questions.

As you can see, CALED staff, board members, and volunteers are working to continually provide you more benefits and support. Some other things to keep an eye out for include a working group on economic development funding, the California Financing Roundtable Conference on *Advancing Development Finance in the Golden State*, and new CALED web site with member-specific information.

If you have questions regarding any of these or other input, please feel free to contact me or any of the CALED staff. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,
Gurbax Sahota