



Meeting of the
Council of Business Sponsors
August 21, 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Looking Forward: COVID-19 Inclusive Recovery and Beyond

- 11:00** **Welcome, Introductions, and Goals of the Meeting**
Ashley Swearengin – CEO of Central Valley Community Foundation
- 11:10** **State / Regional / Local Recovery Efforts**
- **Governor’s Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery**
Chris Dombrowski – Acting Director of Governor’s Office of Business & Economic Development (GO-Biz)
 - **State Entrepreneurship Task Force / Silicon Valley Economic Recovery & Resilience Council**
Dilawar Syed, CEO, Lumiata
 - **Fresno Region Priorities**
Honorable Jerry Dyer, Mayor-Elect, City of Fresno
Tommy Esqueda, San Joaquin Valley Blueprint
- 11:50** **Race Equity and Economic Inclusion in the Era of COVID**
- **Equity and Inclusion: Data Analysis to Help Inform the DRIVE Initiative Post-COVID**
Tina Stacy, Economist, Urban Institute
 - **Operationalizing Race Equity in Economic Development - the Fresno DRIVE Initiative’s Theory of Change**
Geri Yang Johnson, Wells Fargo, DRIVE Race Equity Committee, CBS Member
- 12:30** **Fresno DRIVE Updates – Economic Development Initiatives**
- **Second Office**
Will Oliver, Fresno Economic Development Corporation
 - **Betting Big on Small Business Owned by Women and People of Color**
Tara Gray, Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce
 - **Fresno – Merced Food Innovation Corridor (F3)**
Ashley Swearengin, CVCF
- 12:45** **Adjournment**