



Meeting of the
Council of Business Sponsors

September 6, 2019

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Legacy Commons – Community Room
2255 South Plumas Street - Fresno, CA

~ Agenda ~

- I. Gathering, Welcome, and Introductions** **12:00 p.m. - 12:10 p.m.**
Ashley Swearingin
- II. Roundtable Discussion on the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative** **12:10 p.m. –1:00 p.m.**
While much work remains to be done on the DRIVE Investmen Plan, we will dedicate time to discuss lessons learned to date, early priorities that are emerging, and where we go from here. The DRIVE Initiative (Developing the Region’s Inclusive and Vibrant Economy) seeks to develop a 10-year investment plan to achieve an inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy for the residents of the greater Fresno region. Over two hundred steering committee members and eighteen workgroups have been meeting over the past eight weeks to develop viable, investable business plans in preparation for the California Economic Summit in Fresno in November.
- Roundtable Discussion Featuring:**
- Lenny Mendonca – Chief Economic and Business Advisor for Governor Newsom
 - Dilawar Syed – Chair of CA Entrepreneurship Task Force
 - Marek Gootman – Non Resident Senior Fellow at Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings Institute
 - Kunal Modi – Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company
 - DRIVE Executive Committee
- III. California Economic Summit Overview** **1:10 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.**
Peter Weber – Chair of California Forward
The 2019 California Economic Summit takes place in Fresno on November 7-8, marking the eight annual convening of private, public and civic leaders from across California’s diverse regions. The summits bipartisan network of business, equity, environmental and civic organizations is unique in championing solutions that meet the triple bottom line – simultaneously growing the economy, improving environmental quality and increasing opportunity for all. Pete will update us on the progress being made for the Summit.
- IV. Summary of Discussion, Next Steps** **1:20 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
Ashley Swearingin
- V. Adjournment** **1:30 p.m.**
Next Meeting: December 6, 2019