



*Meeting of the*  
**Council of Business Sponsors**  
March 26, 2021  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**~ Agenda ~**

- I. Gathering, Welcome, and Introductions** **12:00 p.m. - 12:10 p.m.**  
Ashley Swearengin – Central Valley Community Foundation
  
- II. Partnering with the U.S. Small Business Administration (Pending Approval)** **12:10 p.m. –12:20 p.m.**  
Dilawar Syed – CEO Lumiata / Chair – CA Entrepreneurship Task Force, Biden Administration Nominee  
*Congratulations to our Council of Business Sponsors Ad Hoc Member Dilawar Syed who was selected by President Joe Biden to serve as Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration. If appointed, he will join fellow Californian Isabel Guzman who will serve as Administrator.*
  
- III. Betting Big On Small Business Owned by Women & People of Color** **12:20 p.m. –12:45p.m.**  
Tara Lynn Gray – CEO of Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce  
*Betting Big is a “best in class” small business support initiative including a \$102 million fund impacting 2,500 small businesses owned by women and people of color, creating 6,000 jobs.*
  
- IV. Healthy Harvest / Ag Worker Vaccinations** **12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Hannah Johnson MaCabee – Central Valley Community Foundation  
Ian LeMay – CA Fresh Fruit Association
  
- V. Council of Business Sponsors –2021 Priorities** **1:00 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.**  
All - Member Discussion
  
- VI. Summary of Discussion, Next Steps** **1:25 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
Ashley Swearengin
  
- VII. Adjournment** **1:30 p.m.**  
Next Meeting: **June 18, 2021**