



Meeting of the
Council of Business Sponsors

June 18, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83305278531>

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- I. Gathering, Welcome, and Introductions** **11:00 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.**
Ashley Swearingin – Central Valley Community Foundation
- II. Community Economic Resilience Fund – CA Budget** **11:10 p.m. –11:30 p.m.**
Micah Weinberg – CEO – CA Forward
*The Governor’s May Revise budget included an historic opportunity to reimagine the rebuilding of regional economies in a more equitable, sustainable way through the **Community Economic Resilience Fund**. This fund would be supported with a \$750 million one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act allocation to support regional and local planning and implementation of strategies (such as Fresno DRIVE) to adapt to and seize upon the opportunities that come with a changing economy. The framework for the legislation is similar to the legislation introduced by Assemblyman Rudy Salas (D-Hanford) to create the Regions Rise Grant program.*
- III. Conversation with California SBA Director** **11:30 p.m. –12:00 p.m.**
Tara Lynn Gray – Director of the CA Small Business Advocate (SBA)
Director Gray will brief the Council of Business Sponsors on the newly introduced California Toolkit for Small Business and new resource opportunities available to help our entrepreneurs plan, launch, manage and grow their business in California.
- IV. Discussion on Regional Funder Priorities** **12:00 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.**
We have received a request from a CBS member to open up discussion for possible inclusion of a funders network discussion amongst our Council of Business Sponsors members for areas of possible alignment. We would like to take this time to receive feedback on this suggestion.
- V. Summary of Discussion, Next Steps** **12:25 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
Ashley Swearingin
- VI. Adjournment** **12:30 p.m.**
Next Meeting: September 24, 2021