



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION COMMITTEE (EDAC)**

**Thursday, October 04, 2023
3:00 PM Meeting
Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Road
Modesto, CA 95355**

Meeting Minutes – Approved March 27, 2024

Members Present:

Voting members and alternates representing:

Seat 1	Board of Supervisors	Buck Condit
Seat 2	City of Ceres	Javier Lopez
Seat 3	City of Hughson	Samuel Rush
Seat 4	City of Modesto	Sue Zwahlen / Vice Chair
Seat 5	City of Newman	John Pimentel
Seat 6	City of Riverbank	Melissa Holdaway
Seat 8	City of Waterford	Jill Kitchens
Seat 9	City of Oakdale	Kayleigh Gilbert
Seat 10	City of Patterson	Carlos Roque / Chair
Seat 11	District 1	John Ismail
Seat 12	District 2	Doris Foster
Seat 14	District 4	Cecil Russell
Seat 18	Community	Dillon Olvera
Seat 19	Community	Barbara Jensen
Seat 20	Community	Ali Arshad

Members Absent (excused)

Seat 7	City of Turlock	Amy Bublak
Seat 13	District 3	Christine Schwieininger
Seat 15	Community	Harpreet Singh
Seat 16	Community	Rosalinda Vierra
Seat 17	Community	Jose Ibarra
Seat 21	Community	David White

Support Staff Present: Patricia Lord (Committee Secretary/CEO's Office), Tina Rocha (CEO's Office), Patrick Cavanah (CEO's Office), Michelle Avery (CEO's Office), Shaun Wahid (County Counsel), Monica Flynn (Opportunity Stanislaus), Christopher Hoem (Seat 2 Alternate/Ceres), Cristina Cruz (Spanish Interpreter), Trevin Barber (City of Modesto)

Public Signed In: Miguel Donoso, Debbie Martinez, John Mataka, Marylu Pelayo, Christina Vallejo-Cruz

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m. by Committee Chair Carlos Roque.

II. Roll Call

Committee Chair, Carlos Roque, welcomed all and conducted roll call.



III. Approval of Minutes from the July 27, 2023, Special Meeting

A motion was made by Doris Foster to approve the July 27, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Cecil Russell, with unanimous committee approval.

IV. Public Comment

Public comments during the meeting addressed several topics, including concerns about the lack of minority representation within Committee membership, proposals to revise the Committee Bylaws to shorten the duration of membership for Committee Members, and a request to launch an investigation into potential conflicts of interest.

V. Correspondence

The Economic Development Action Committee received a copy of a letter from Mr. Miguel Donoso addressed to Mr. Carlos Roque, Chairperson of EDAC dated October 4, 2023, and a letter addressed to Ms. Amy Bublak, former Chairperson of the EDAC dated June 5, 2023.

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Amended Draft 2023-2028 Stanislaus County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Related Actions

A motion was made by Vice Chair Zwahlen to approve the Amended Draft 2023-2028 Stanislaus County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Related Actions. The motion was seconded by Barbara Jensen, with unanimous committee approval.

VII. Committee Member Reports

- a. Updates on Economic Development Projects and Initiatives

The City of Modesto provided updates on multiple city projects, notably highlighting a \$12.2 million grant from the Federal Railroad for the enhancement of 22 railroad crossings across the city, aimed at improving public safety. This grant will also facilitate the upgrade of two locomotive diesel engines to mitigate environmental impacts.

VIII. Other Matters

Christopher Hoem's inclusion as the City of Ceres alternate on the committee will be presented for approval at the upcoming 10/17/23 Board of Supervisors agenda.

IX. Next Meeting Dates To Be Determined

The date for the next meeting will be decided and announced at a later time.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.