



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

Thursday, November 2, 2022, 3 p.m.  
County Center III – Room 1  
917 Oakdale Road  
Modesto, CA

**Meeting Minutes – *Draft for Approval***

**Members Present:** Supervisor Channce Condit (District 5/Seat 1); Javier Lopez (Ceres/Seat 2); Harold Hill (Hughson/Seat 3); Rosa Escutia-Braaton (Modesto/Seat 4); Marisela Garcia (Riverbank/Seat 6); Amy Bublak (Turlock/Seat 7-Chair); Elizabeth Talbott (Waterford/Seat 8); Alfred Parnham (Patterson/Seat 10); John Ismail (District 1, Seat 11); Doris Foster (District 2, Seat 12); Christine Schweininger (District 3, Seat 13); Cecil Russell (District 4, Seat 14); Harpreet Singh (Community, Seat 15); Rosalinda Vierra (Community, Seat 16); Jose Ibarra (Community, Seat 17); Dillon Olvera (Community, Seat 18); Ali Arshard (Community, Seat 20)

**Members Absent:** Leroy McDonald (Newman/Seat 5), Curtis Haney (Oakdale/Seat 9), Barbara Jensen (Community, Seat 19), David White (Community, Seat 21)

**Vacant Seats:** None.

**Others Present:** Patricia Lord (Secretary/Chief Executive Office), Asia King (EDA Representative), Jody Hayes (Chief Executive Office), Adriana Harakh (Chief Executive Office), David Wright (City of Modesto), Noe Paramo (CRLAF), Christopher Hoem (City of Ceres), Miguel Donoso (Member of the Public)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Committee Chair, Amy Bublak.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Committee Chair, Amy Bublak, welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members present to give a small introduction about themselves.

**II. Roll Call**

A quorum of members to conduct business was present at the meeting site.

**III. Public Comment – No Comments**

**IV. Presentation – Stanislaus 2030 by Chief Executive Officer Jody Hayes**

- Stanislaus 2030 blueprint for economic improvement with a priority to focus on the workforce.
- Overview, Key Data, and Recommendations
  - More young firms are a necessity
  - Driver:
    - Clusters – Ag
    - Talent
    - Innovation –
      - Patents -Key Indicators
  - Trade-Sector Jobs
    - Brings in new wealth
    - Need 40 thousand promising jobs with healthcare and career pathways.
- Next Steps
  - Workshop with Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2022, and January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - Brookings Innovations data on the current state
    - Public and Private Support
    - Community Engagement
    - Implementation
- Questions:
  - Cecil Russell (District 4, Seat 14)
    - Strategy number four – concern for education
      - RESPONSE
        1. Bio-industrial Manufacturing
        2. Prepare workforce
        3. Support of local business
        4. Share agenda with the community
        5. Address systemic issues such as housing constraints and childcare.
          - a. Childcare incentives
          - b. Transportation
    - Define Region
      - RESPONSE:
        1. Merced
        2. Stanislaus
        3. San Joaquin
  - Miguel Donoso (Member of the Public)
    - Aspiration of Stanislaus 2030 Blueprint

**V. Introduction of Central California Economic Development Administration Representative, Asia King**

**VI. Secretary Report**

**a. Committee vacancies**

Ms. Lord noted there were no committee vacancies and recognized new and long-term committee members

**VII. Roundtable Discussion**

**a. Update on Economic Development Projects and Initiatives**

- i. Workforce Development is set to release an Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2.1 million dollars for Youth Services for out-of-school youth to focus on technical training. There will be additional services for mental health, homeless youth, and disabled youth.
- ii. The City of Modesto is tracking the River District Project, which includes Class
- iii. The City of Modesto is working on the Enhanced Development Structure for a feasibility study

**VIII. Next 2023 Meeting**

- a. Thursday, April 27th – with EDA Representative

**IX. Adjournment – 4:48 p.m.**