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REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

IN-PERSON MEETING INFORMATION:

Department of Economic Opportunity
510 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION:

Web Access: [SBC Meeting Link](#)

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- a. Marissa Lao, DEO, will deliver the acknowledgement.

C. ROLL CALL

D. CHAIR'S REMARKS

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. ADMINISTRATION

a. RECOGNITION OF INCOMING SBC COMMISSIONER

Mr. Ali Ataya, appointed by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District.



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b. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE L.A. COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SBC) QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Presenter: Angela Gibson-Shaw, Chair, L.A. County SBC

Summary: This agenda item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the Draft Minutes of the L.A. County SBC Quarterly Meeting held on February 27, 2025. **(ACTION ITEM)**

c. SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Presenter: Angela Gibson-Shaw, Chair, L.A. County SBC

Summary: This agenda item presents the survey results. The SBC Chair will discuss the next steps to enhance commission members' participation and attendance at the quarterly meetings. **(DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM)**

d. SBC BYLAWS

Presenter: Angela Gibson-Shaw, Chair, L.A. County SBC

Summary: This agenda item will provide a status update on the SBC Bylaws Manual. The SBC Chair will share the names of the ad hoc subcommittee members, along with their roles and the expected duration of their service. The subcommittee will be responsible for reviewing the manual and recommending updates. **(DISCUSSION)**

e. SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION 1ST ADVISORY MEMO

Presenter: Angela Gibson-Shaw, Chair, L.A. County SBC

Summary: This agenda item will present the 1st Advisory Memo for a vote. The SBC Chair will facilitate a discussion to determine recommendations for the 2nd Advisory Memo, which will be presented at the 4th quarterly meeting on October 8th. A list of recommendations will be provided for review and discussion. **(DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM)**

G. DEO UPDATES

a. WILDFIRE RESPONSE UPDATES

Presenter: Maurice Goldstein, Program Manager, and Felipe Moscoso, Chief OSB, Business and Economic Development Branch



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Summary: This item provides an update of the DEO's ongoing efforts to support small local businesses within the County that have been impacted by disasters. **(DISCUSSION)**

b. LA COUNTY BOARD MOTION: RESPONDING TO THE WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Presenter: Gary Smith, Principal Analyst, Business and Economic Dev Branch

Summary: This item provides an overview of the Board motion and outlines the specific request made to the Small Business Commission. **(DISCUSSION)**

H. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Public Comment
- b. Items of interest to the Commission (Future Agenda Items)
- c. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2025

10:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.

Meeting location: 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020
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Website: opportunity.lacounty.gov

Please note that public comments will be accepted by e-mail or mail.

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Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Small Business Commission
510 S. Vermont Avenue
11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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