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REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Wednesday, February 25, 2025 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM

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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. Victor Parker, appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District.



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b. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE L.A. COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SBC) QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2025

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

Summary: This agenda item presents the Draft Minutes of the L.A. County Small Business Commission Quarterly Meeting held on October 8, 2025, for review, approval, and any additional action deemed necessary. **(ACTION ITEM)**

c. APPROVAL OF THE 2023 SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

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

Summary: This agenda item will provide an overview, status update, approval process and next steps. **(ACTION ITEM)**

d. SBC 2025 ANNUAL RETREAT

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

Summary: This agenda item presents an overview of the first SBC Annual Retreat. Commissioner Gibson-Shaw will summarize the retreat outcomes and recommendations, including how the results are reflected in the Annual Report and the Commission's Annual Work Plan. The Commission will then discuss next steps. **(DISCUSSION)**

e. SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2026 ELECTION

Presenter: Nominating Committee Chair Scott Mayers, L.A. County SBC

Summary: This agenda item presents the Small Business Commission 2026 Election. The Nominating Committee will lead the election in accordance with Appendix G of the SBC Commission Manual. **(DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM)**

G. PRESENTATION

DEO Small Business 2025 Recap

Presenters: Felipe Moscoso, Chief, Office of Small Business

Summary: This agenda item provides an overview of the Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) 2025 small business-focused activities, accomplishments, and programs. The presentation will highlight key initiatives, outcomes, and impacts delivered through the Office of Small Business, including technical assistance, legal aid, disaster recovery efforts, workforce-aligned business support, and Shop Local campaigns.



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H. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Public Comment

b. Items of interest to the Commission (Future Agenda Items)

c. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2026

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

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Attention:
Department of Economic Opportunity
Office of Small Business Commission
510 S. Vermont Avenue
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Los Angeles, CA 90020

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