

South Bay Cities Economic Development Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 2012

10 am – 11:30 am

South Bay Environmental Services Center

20285 Western Avenue

Torrance

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Jacki Bacharach and Barbara Voss
- II. South Bay Entrepreneurial Center Presentation – Fran Fulton & Mike Grimshaw
- III. South Bay Entrepreneurial Center Feedback/Q&A – All
- IV. How we can most effectively work together - Roundtable Discussion – All

Food for Thought from Western City:

- What economic, demographic, environmental and fiscal trends will drive our community's economic future?
- What characteristics and assets can we build on to provide an economic foundation and competitive advantage for our community?
- What vision for a more prosperous future will community leaders and residents from all walks of life rally around, and how can we pursue that vision?

Discussion topics:

- Economic Development Best Practices
- Effect of the Loss of Redevelopment
- Opportunities for Regional Collaboration
 - a. Data – Industry clusters
 - b. Focus - Retention, attraction, trade, jobs, innovation
 - c. Education - Classes on understanding the components of trade and trade agreements; workshops on promoting the South Bay, etc.

- V. Next Steps - How often to meet?