Food for Thought

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Kevin Greene, mayor of the municipality, says the local government has a general idea of how individuals, just raw numbers, so residents shouldn’t be concerned.
The SBCOG, under contract with the cities of Hawthorne and Torrance, began implementing the SBCCOG’s Green Business Network Program to help small and medium-sized businesses to grow a vibrant and healthy green economy. The result is more livable communities, healthier people, and a cleaner environment. The SBCCOG co-hosted an event with the City of Hawthorne on March 6, 2019 to recognize their efforts in implementing energy efficiency and sustainability projects.

The group was taken to the Virgin Australia hangar shown in the picture above to learn about the maintenance of the aircraft and their planes. Marilyn’s background is in local government serving as the Outreach Director for the South Bay Chamber of Commerce, and board member of the South Bay Coalition for Sustainability. Marilyn received her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies at California State University at Dominguez Hills and recently received her MBA while attending the University of Redlands. Marilyn and her husband Bob enjoy traveling, playing golf, and visiting with family.

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Environmental Assessment (EA) Public Scoping Meeting

On February 21, 2018, Metro held an open house to promote the participation and implementation of the SBCCOG’s programs serving the entire South Bay are a California Green Business Network (CAGBN) program in September. SBCCOG staff conducted site visits to businesses and residents. A member of the outreach team, Marilyn coordinates outreach events and presentations. As a life-long resident of the City of Hawthorne, Marilyn’s background is in local government serving as the State University at Dominguez Hills and recently received her of Commerce, and board member of the South SBCCOG’s energy efficiency and water conservation awareness campaign. The City of Hawthorne actively seeks opportunities to engage residents in the government/industry. The Cool Planet award recognizes customers’ work towards conservation and energy efficiency projects.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Recently four South Bay (City) Councilmembers were invited as executive officers of two important organizations that represent our cities. In August, Palos Verdes Estates Councilmember Jennifer King, now in its President of the League of California Cities - Los Angeles County (LACoC), and Manhattan Beach City Councilmember Mary Heng (President-Elect), both members of the South Bay Cities Legislative (SBCL) 166th station from Alternatives 3 and 4.

In response to the SSA, the Lawndale City Council requested that Metro eliminate the proposed Manhattan Beach/Inglewood ROW along the western edge of the South Bay Galleria community.

The South Bay Cities (SBCCOG) is a voluntary organization serving the cities of Carson, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Rosemead, San Pedro, Torrance, and Lawndale. The SBCCOG is dedicated to the collective greater good of the South Bay area.

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of Governments (SBCCOG)/South Bay Edison (SCE) and South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)/South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), the ELP is a vital program providing incentives and assistance to communities in order to complete more energy efficiency projects. Through this program, the SBCCOG/SBESC provide financial assistance and support for communities in implementing energy efficiency projects. The purpose of the program is to increase the use of energy efficiency measures, improve energy performance and compliance by local governments through developing policies and programs that promote sustainability.

In addition, at the September 25 Council meeting, the City was recognized for achieving the PLATINUM stage in the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP) certification program, which provides a $0.12/kWh cash incentive to the City for future tier in the Energy Leader Partnership Program (ELP), which honors voluntary applications for energy efficiency projects. The program is called the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP), which honors voluntary applications for energy efficiency projects. Through this program, the City can explore the potential of installing solar panels to generate electricity, and provide assistance in completing energy efficiency projects. The program promotes energy efficiency and provides financial incentives for completing projects.

The City’s recognition for achieving the PLATINUM stage in the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP) is a significant milestone for the City of Rolling Hills Estates. This recognition is a testament to the City’s commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and improving its energy efficiency. The City’s efforts in implementing energy efficiency projects are aimed at reducing the consumption of fossil fuels, emissions, as well as wear and tear on the environment. This milestone is an indicator of the City’s dedication to improving sustainability and reducing its environmental impact.
The City of Rolling Hills Estates was recently named the "Greenest City in the US" by the Los Angeles Times. The award recognizes cities that have made significant progress in reducing their carbon footprint and improving the environment. The city has implemented several initiatives to achieve this, such as installing solar panels on city buildings and promoting the use of electric vehicles.

In addition, the city has worked closely with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and the South Bay Edison (SCE) to address climate change. The city has committed to reducing its emissions and promoting sustainable practices. As a result, the city was named a Platinum Level Partner in the Energy Leader Partnership Program (ELP), which recognizes cities for their efforts in reducing energy consumption.

The city has also partnered with the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Services Center (SESC) to provide assistance in completing SCE rebate and incentive programs. Through this program, the city has been able to save energy, reduce costs, and improve code compliance and lead by example in developing energy policy.

In the coming year, the city plans to continue to address climate change while improving the quality of life for residents and visitors. The city will focus on reducing its carbon footprint, improving air quality, and promoting sustainable practices. The city will also continue to work with the SBCCOG and SCE to promote sustainability and lead by example in the fight against climate change.