



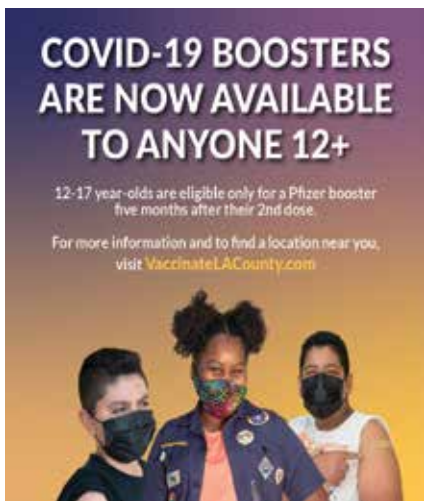
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Garfield Health Center, serving the community for 20 Years, expands in Rosemead

By Chris Ventura

Garfield Health Center has been serving the local community for over 20 years at its Monterey Park locations—one located at 210 North Garfield Avenue and the other located at 701 South Atlantic Blvd. In August 2021, Garfield Health Center expanded to an additional location in Rosemead at 7740 Garvey Ave. The mission of GHC is to provide comprehensive and culturally competent quality healthcare to the community in the San Gabriel Valley and Downtown Los Angeles.

Physicians and staff are on hand to meet a variety of healthcare needs such as primary care, pediatrics, dental, chiropractic, mental health, and obstetric services.

The recently opened Rosemead location provides pediatric and family medicine services. In both Monterey Park locations, the health center offers dental care, mental health services, chiropractors, acupuncture, OBGYN, family practice, and pediatrics services.

GHC strives to be the premier safety-net primary health care provider for low-income and disenfranchised community members. GHC is aware of the lack of bilingual and multicultural health care services offered to the local community and strives to meet their needs and expectations for professional health care services.

“Our staff is composed of folks who are bilingual and bicultural and who also live in the community that we serve,” said Ophelia Ng, Community Outreach Director for Garfield Health Center.

As the COVID-19 pandemic began to unfold, GHC was quick to adapt and modify their services to continue serving patients in the most safe and effective ways possible.

“During the beginning of the pandemic, we began to offer our patients telehealth appointments to ensure that they never missed a health screening or appointment,” Ng said. “Once we began to transition back into in-person doctor visits, our health center established a protocol that ensures the safety and well-being of our patients and health professionals.

“Additionally, one of our greatest challenges was transforming our in-person community

events into virtual community events. We put together goody bags and care packages that our community members could grab from a safe distance. Some of these included emergency kits for the elder members of our community.”

In one of those efforts, the GHC outreach team distributed over 200 whistles and name cards to local senior citizen community spaces throughout the San Gabriel Valley. They have also continuously provided access to COVID vaccinations and flu shots for the community throughout the pandemic.

Ng said that they have successfully overcome the challenges of being temporarily separated from the community by creating virtual spaces in which to share important health information and to grow communal strength between the clinic and their patients.

“When the pandemic was unraveling, our outreach team focused on providing resources and information to our community,” Ng said. “Through virtual webinars with organizations in the San Gabriel Valley, we informed our community about ways in which they could take care of themselves and their loved ones.

“As we have transitioned into in-person events, we had the opportunity to attend the Asian American Expo in Pomona, a health fair hosted by different organizations and cities in [the San Gabriel Valley]. We are currently working with our friends at the Asian Youth Center in San Gabriel to provide COVID-19 vaccines to our community. These clinics will be taking place once a month, along with a multilingual webinar series that we are organizing.”

The GHC community health center not only provides quality health care services to Medi-Cal and Medicare patients, they also provide low-cost healthcare service to individuals on a sliding-scale basis—pricing based on an individual’s income and ability to pay.

“A patient will never be turned away for lack of financial resources, and this is thanks to our hard-working team of case managers that work diligently with our patients to find and ensure that Garfield Health Center provides personalized care for the individual and their situation,” Ng said. “Our outreach team also works closely with organizations like WIC, Boys & Girls

Club, and school districts to connect individuals and families with services that they may need. In addition, we offer interpretation and language services, transportation, and family planning.”

As a non-profit health center, GHC relies on contributions from the community to continue their mission. They are grateful for any type of donations—from medical supplies, to food, to monetary donations, to volunteer work.

“As of now, we are working on establishing our intake volunteer program,” Ng said. “Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can access the application through our website. All folks need to do is submit their resume, a brief statement of purpose, and their basic information. In addition, we have a group of high school students that are ambassadors for our health center.”

As Garfield Health Center continues to grow, the need for donations and volunteers will also grow.

Ng said that a new location would soon open in the Rowland Heights area and GHC is looking into expanding into other local areas as well.

“Our practice will continue to expand east towards Baldwin Park, West Covina, and Covina, and south towards Bell Gardens, Pico Rivera, and Huntington Park,” Ng said. “As our community grows and expands, so will Garfield Health Center.”

All three locations are once again open for in-person visits and are accepting new appointments. Each clinic is open with general service hours of Monday through Friday 9am-6pm, Saturdays 9am-1pm, and closed on Sundays. Specific hours for different services and for each clinic can be found on the Contact Us link on their webpage: garfieldhealthcenter.org. The website also provides further information on all services provided at each location as well as contact information for making appointments. Existing patients may also access a Patient Portal through the website.

GHC aims to keep and grow its strong connection to the communities in which they serve. For more information on community outreach programs and coordination, contact Ophelia Ng: ophelia.ng@garfieldhealthcenter.org

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The mission of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the catalyst for a prosperous business environment and contribute to the quality of life in the City of Rosemead and the San Gabriel Valley.

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For more information, contact Mandy Wong, Public Safety Supervisor, at (626) 569-2168 or mwong@cityofrosemead.org

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Rosemead Report Deadline 15th of Each Month

E-mail is preferred: news@rosemeadchamber.org

Please submit your press releases, news articles, photos, and ad before the 15th of each month to be published the following month. Our staff has been working diligently to arrange earlier delivery of your monthly newspaper so it arrives at the beginning of the month. Therefore, we must have your information by the 15th of the preceding month to make it possible. Stories submitted must be in Microsoft Word or plain text format and photos in a JPEG format. Stories cannot exceed 400 words. If you have any questions, please call (626) 288-0811.

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Rep. Chu Announces \$50 Million American Rescue Plan Grant for Foothill Transit

PASADENA, CA - This week, the US Department of Transportation announced that Foothill Transit, located in the San Gabriel Valley, will receive a \$50,000,000 grant through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The funding was made available through a discretionary process to eligible recipients of Urbanized Area Formula funds or Rural Area Formula funds in response to COVID-19. Rep. Judy Chu (CA-27) issued the following statement:

"I'm thrilled to be bringing millions of more federal dollars back to our district! When we passed the American Rescue Plan, we did so in order to help put an end to the pandemic and begin our economic recovery. Now, as the enhanced vaccine rollout and development of therapeutics have helped us start to get control of the coronavirus, I'm so happy to see this ARP funding coming back to our district to promote more jobs and growth. The Foothill Transit system has done a remarkable job connecting our communities while cutting congestion on our roads. Now, with this funding, they can continue to expand their bus service to further ease commutes with the added benefit of reducing our reliance on oil and helping promote cleaner air."

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Funding Solutions for Local Jurisdictions Administering Homelessness Programs at Supervisor Solis' Direction

LOS ANGELES, CA - Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District, released the following statement after the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved her motion on funding solutions for local jurisdictions administering homelessness programs:

"Local jurisdictions play a critical role in bolstering our homeless services systems. As the County considers how best to support cities that are willing to provide solutions for its unhoused residents, it must ensure that they have access to the funding needed to both launch new and continue to fund existing programming for people experiencing homelessness. It is only by working together

that we will find a solution to homelessness."

The motion approved today directs the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to make future Board approved County funding opportunities for local jurisdictions available to both cities and CoGs through an equitable and appropriate application process. Additionally, the motion requests the CEO to report back in writing in 90 days with an overview of the funding process for local jurisdictions and an assessment of CEO Homeless Initiative staffing requirements necessary to support increased contract administration and oversight for local jurisdictions receiving County funding.

Deadline for Business Property Statements Fast Approaching

By Jeff Prang Los Angeles County Assessor

There's a deadline fast approaching that oftentimes is overlooked but is significant nevertheless — the Business Property Statements. And the deadline is here.

Each year Business Property Statements, which provide a basis for determining property tax assessments for business equipment and related fixtures, are mailed by my office to most commercial, industrial and professional firms.

Businesses with personal property with an aggregate cost of \$100,000 or more must file a Business Property Statement each year by April 1. This is required by state law. However, you have until May 7 to file. After that a 10% penalty will be applied. Business inventory is exempt from taxation.

Generally, businesses with total personal property that cost less than \$100,000 are not required to file a Business Property Statement annually. Instead, a value may be established based on an initial Business Property Statement filing or by an on-site appraisal. That value may be adjusted by subsequent annual on-site appraisals. Please note that if my office mails you a form, you are required by law to return the form regardless of the amount of personal property.

Business Personal Property is typically all property owned or leased by a business except Real Property and Inventory items.

Business Personal Property includes, but is not limited to:

- Machinery**
- Computers**
- Office Equipment (e.g. FAX machines, photocopiers)**
- Telephones**
- Furniture (e.g. desks, chairs, bookcases)**
- Supplies**

It's important to remember that Business Personal Property is valued annually as of January 1. If you were in business or owned personal property on that day and have the required amount of property, you are required to file, even if the Assessor does not mail one

to you. Business Property Statements are private documents and are held confidential by my office.

Having said that, I understand this has been a very difficult year for many businesses and I am inviting you to provide me with information about your business equipment for the possibility of some relief. The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions have had a negative impact on the value of many business assets, such as gyms, hotels and movie theaters, while others not so much. Businesses that were operating on Jan. 1 but then regrettably had to shutter are going to be considered. Make no mistake about this, I intend to be proactive about these reductions. As an example, our office proactively reduced Business Personal Property for about 47,000 businesses countywide last year.

Property taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. I also think it's important to note that the very reason for our property taxes is to support vital public services provided to all of us, including law enforcement, fire protection, education, parks and recreation, as well as roads.

Property tax bills show land and improvement values. Improvements include all assessable buildings and structures on the land. In general, properties that are owned and used by educational, charitable, religious or government organizations may be exempt from certain property taxes. You may also qualify for certain exemptions.

The bureaucratic name for the Business Personal Property form is the 571-L and as I mentioned it must be filed no later than May 7 to avoid a penalty. However, May 7 falls on a weekend this year so the deadline is actually May 9. To file the form online or just to learn more about this go to <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/businessowners/business-prop-statement-filing>.

Finally, if you want to contact us by phone, please call (213) 974-3211 or (888) 807-2111 toll-free.

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Senator Rubio Ribbon Cutting for Zocalo Park

Senator Susan Rubio at the unveiling of the Zocalo Park and Civic Center Plaza Conference project and ribbon cutting ceremony in Baldwin Park. This is a dream realized after fighting for it as a councilmember and now State Senator. This park is something residents deserve. Senator Rubio wanted to especially thank Mayor Emmanuel Estrada, the City Council, and the staff for all the hard work. Mayor Estrada has shown working with others, a bold vision, and strong leadership will help the City of Baldwin Park reach the heights I always believed it could.



Athens Services

2022 marks 65 years since Athens Services launched with one truck and the goal of delivering outstanding service to families all across Southern California. Since then, Athens Services has developed into the reliable household name that serves your communities every day. On this Employee Appreciation Day, we honor our incredible team that remains committed to supporting your community day after day.

Our mission to deliver outstanding service and keep our communities moving forward could not be accomplished without our team of hardworking individuals. They wear the principles of Athens on their sleeves, and we are so proud. To our team - thank you! You are an integral part of the Athens family. Happy employee appreciation day to all our Athens team members!



MEMBERS



Care Packages for Seniors

SUNNY CAL ADHC provided care packages for seniors to help them understand public safety tips with Yellow Whistle donated by APAPA Los Angeles Chapter and How to Report a Hate Crime Booklets in Chinese version donated by Supervisor Hilda Solis Office and Rosemead Chamber.



What Is an AB Trust for Married Couples?

When a couple gets married, they should remember that they can draft a specific trust to minimize their estate taxes. An AB trust, also known as a credit shelter trust, involves creating two separate documents after one spouse passes away.

First, the portion of property owned by the spouse who passed is put into the bypass trust (B). This arrangement passes the property to beneficiaries like the spouses' children upon the surviving spouse's death. It also cannot be revoked. As for the surviving spouse's assets, the remainder will be put into trust A. The surviving spouse can continue to access, control, and use this trust however they wish.

If you are interested in this option, our hardworking estate planning lawyers could help draft an AB trust that adheres to legal regulations.

The Pros of an AB Trust

One of the largest benefits of an AB Trust is that, since they avoid double taxation of a set of assets, can help a couple bypass and defer estate tax exemption amounts. For example, a surviving spouse could add the estate tax exemption from the deceased spouse to maximize their estate tax exemption and possibly avoid or minimize overall estate taxes. Another benefit is that even though trust B is irrevocable, a surviving spouse is still usually able to draw income from the arrangement and live in a family house, as long as the second document offers this permission.

What Are the Drawbacks of this Option?

Unfortunately, there are some drawbacks to consider when thinking about drafting an AB trust with a partner. AB Trusts were originally produced to reduce estate taxes between couples, but in many cases, this might no longer be necessary – the federal government provides for a lifetime estate tax exemption which is currently \$12 million. Additionally, AB trusts also limit the ability for the surviving spouse to use the deceased spouses' assets. Therefore, a family should think carefully about whether this type of estate planning is right for them. In general, these arrangements might be best for blended families with children from previous relationships or those that may want to maximize estate tax exemptions if they have large estates.

Meet With our Attorneys about AB Trusts for Married Couples

AB trusts can be an excellent option for families who want to protect their assets in the event of a spouse passing away. While they are not without their unique nuances and complications, they could help your family avoid substantial tax liability. Therefore, you should meet with one of our dedicated attorneys and discuss whether this option would work for your assets, property, and situation. To get started on planning for your future, reach out to us today.

Add Value and Reduce Costs:

Energy Efficiency Incentives for Property Owners and Contractors

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 26th at 12:00pm** via Zoom to learn more about the Common Comprehensive Area and Whole Building programs administered by the SoCalREN Multifamily Program.

What resources are available?

Each program offers technical assistance, including consulting services, and financial incentives for improvements that increase energy efficiency.

Who should attend?

- Multifamily property owners
- Contractors
- Those working in HVAC, lighting, or water heating

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Message from the Superintendent

Hello Rosemead Community,

In case you missed it, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School put on an amazing celebration on Friday, February 25, 2022, in recognition of being named A Leader In Me Legacy School by Franklin Covey. Janson is only the second school globally to receive this incredible distinction. As defined by Franklin Covey, "Legacy schools exemplify a strong leadership culture by unleashing the highest potential in students, staff, families, and community. A Legacy School stands as a global beacon throughout the world of greatness cultivated over time."



All of the schools in the Rosemead School District implement the Leader In Me framework. Four of our schools are designated Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools for the successful implementation of the Leader In Me program. This framework is best known as the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People:

- Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
- Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Speak)
- Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)



Congratulations to our Janson staff, students, and community!

Respectfully,

Alejandro Ruvalcaba
Superintendent of Schools

Educational Services Division



2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Registration is available starting on **February 22, 2022**, at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us or visit your school of residence.

- Enrollment has started at each school site:
- Encinita Elementary School
 - Mildred B. Janson Elementary School
 - Savannah Elementary School
 - Emma W. Shuey Elementary School
 - Muscatel Middle School

We now have full-day classes for our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs. For assistance, please contact your school of residence or the Rosemead School District at (626) 312-2900.

Parents can pick up instructions and sign up online for their school of residence beginning Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

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ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1ST-8TH GRADE

Enrollment for our 2021-2022 school year is ongoing. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488> to find more information on enrollment and registration.

Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program:

1) enroll online and 2) call the campuses. For more information visit our websites or call our campuses.

Encinita Elementary School (626) 286-3111 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/encinita	Mildred B. Janson Elementary School (626) 288-3150 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/janson	Savannah Elementary School (626) 443-4015 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/savannah
Emma W. Shuey Elementary School (626) 287-5221 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey	Muscatel Middle School (626) 287-1139 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel	Rosemead School District District Office (626) 312-2900 www.rosemead.k12.ca.us

For questions regarding enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th grade: Contact Ms. Myrene Mangali at (626) 312-2900, x230, or email mmangali@rosemead.k12.ca.us to reach the Student Support Services Department.

ENROLLMENT - PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Enrollment for our 2021-2022 school year Preschool program is continuous. Please visit the District website at <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/407> to find more information on enrollment and registration.

Preschool Program:

For questions regarding Preschool enrollment and qualifications: Contact Mrs. Bella Galvan at (626) 312-2900, x235, or email bgalvan@rosemead.k12.ca.us to reach the Child Development/Preschool Department.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wed.	Mar. 16	Late Start (school starts at 9:30 am)	All school sites	School main office
Thurs.	Mar. 17	Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Open Session	Superintendent's Office
Wed.	Apr. 6	Late Start (school starts at 9:30 am)	All school sites	School main office
Thurs.	Apr. 7	Board of Trustees Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session 7:30 p.m. Open Session	Superintendent's Office
Thurs.	Apr. 14	Board of Trustees Study Session Meeting	6:30 p.m. Open Session	Superintendent's Office
Mon-Fri	Apr. 18-22	Spring Break (Schools Closed)		

COMMERCE



Rethinking Money in the Age of Cryptocurrencies

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00-8:30pm

Jointly Organized by the UWest and UCI Paul Merage School of Business

Professor Rod Garratt, UCSB
Former VP, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Fellow of the Luohan Academy (Alibaba Group, China)



Dr. Rod Garrett

Dr. Rod Garrett is invited to give a special seminar on "Rethinking Money in the Age of Cryptocurrencies", at University of the West (UWest), Wednesday, April 13, 7-8:30pm.

Dr. Garrett was the Maxwell C. and Mary Pellish Chair and now is the Professor in Economics at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has served as a Technical Advisor to the Bank for International Settlements, a Research Advisor to the Bank of England and is a former Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY). During his time at the FRBNY he co-led the Virtual Currency Working Group for the Federal Reserve System. After leaving this position he consulted for Payments Canada and R3 on

Project Jasper: a proof of concept for

a wholesale interbank payment system that uses distributed ledger technology. Professor Garratt is also the Fellow of the Luohan Academy, an open research institute initiated by the Alibaba Group Inc., China and launched by world-renowned social scientists, including seven Nobel Prize laureates in Economics.

Professor Garratt received his BA from the University of Waterloo and his PhD from Cornell University. He has published in the top journals, including *Econometrica*, the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Political Economy*. He is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Financial Market Infrastructures*, the *Journal of Network Theory in Finance and Digital Finance*.

During the lecture, Prof. Garrett will share his many years of research and work experience on the cryptocurrency, especially its developments and effects and discuss the relevant challenges and issues that the global society needs to face and deal with.

This seminar is jointly organized by the UWest and UCI Paul Merage School of Business, partnered with Rosemead Chamber of Commerce and co-organized by the College of Applied Business, Nepal and the following ones in China: School of Insurance of Central University of Finance and Economics, Int'l Business School of Beijing Foreign Studies University, Henan University School of Business Administration, Nanchang University College of Economics and Management, Finance School of Shanghai University of Int'l Business and Economics, Business School of Shaoxing University, China Academy of Actuarial Sciences, and Sichuan Risk Science and Emergency Management Research Association.

To reserve a seat and access to the seminar, please contact Dr. Bill Y. Chen at billchen@uwest.edu. UWest is a private, accredited university, located at 1409 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770; Tel. (626) 571-8811; website: www.uwest.edu.



Diverse Businesses Awarded Over \$972 Million in SoCalGas Contracts in 2021, 42% of Total Spending

Minority, women-owned, service-disabled veteran, and LGBT-owned business get largest share of SoCalGas' spending ever, breaking record for the 29th consecutive year

LOS ANGELES – March 15, 2022— Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) announced today the company achieved another record year of spending with over 570 diverse business enterprises in 2021— at \$972.6 million, the highest in company history. SoCalGas exceeded the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) goal of 21.5% for the 29th consecutive year by procuring over 42% of total goods and services from women, minority, service-disabled veteran, LGBT, and small disadvantaged businesses, and increased spend with African American vendors by 49%. Over the last five years, SoCalGas has spent \$3.9 billion with diverse business enterprises.

"SoCalGas is proud to have worked with over 570 diverse suppliers in 2021," said Jeff Walker, chief administrative and diversity officer, and senior vice president at SoCalGas. "Earlier this year, we released our Sustainability Strategy, which includes achieving 45% spend with diverse business enterprises by 2025. In partnership with diverse firms and community partners, we can help California implement clean energy solutions at scale and achieve our ASPIRE 2045 sustainability goals, which includes achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in our operations and delivery of energy by 2045."

SoCalGas has also made a commitment to increase African American supplier participation and growth over the next five years. Key to these efforts will be working with organizations such as the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC), which advocates for African American-owned business enterprises and provides a variety of programs and services to assist in their growth and development.

"SoCalGas creates pathways for underserved small businesses that have not traditionally had access to opportunities," says Gene Hale, chairman of GLAAACC. "They also help guide us in removing obstacles and challenges small businesses face."

Despite 2021's global health and economic crisis, SoCalGas increased its focus with community-based organizations to promote its supplier diversity. In addition to spending with diverse enterprises, SoCalGas also invests in the development of these firms. Development opportunities include business boot camps, mentoring events, business assessment programs, entrepreneurship courses, organizational and operation strategy programs, mentorship, and technical assistance. The programs are designed to help diverse suppliers enhance their operations and help ensure success in their business partnerships.

"SoCalGas has been an important wind under our wings and our ability to employ more people," said Christine Halley, president of Cornerstone Engineering, a woman-owned firm that supports SoCalGas on several engineering projects. "It's impressive how purposeful the company is in its outreach to minority businesses. They take it seriously. The feeling we walk away with is SoCalGas is invested in our success. When others in the marketplace hear we're a trusted supplier of SoCalGas, it heightens our reputation."

"Congratulations to SoCalGas for another record-breaking year in diverse, business contracts," says Elizabeth Martinez, vice president of business development at Meruelo Enterprises Inc. "As someone who works at a Latino-owned firm, I am continuously impressed by SoCalGas' commitment to diversity. SoCalGas' supplier diversity team holds themselves accountable to exceed goals, which translates to tangible opportunities for diverse businesses that are providing needed services."

"Of all the companies I've seen, SoCalGas is the most committed to supplier diversity," says Christine Keith, president of Elite Auto Network, an African American-owned firm, which provides auto purchasing services to SoCalGas. "The Supplier Diversity department gives us updates and invites us to educational and networking events," adds Todd Keith chief executive officer of Elite Auto Network. "Without them, I don't know if we would've been able to get these contracts. They have a huge impact."

"Congratulations to SoCalGas for a record year of spending with Minority, women-owned, disabled veteran and LGBT-owned business. Your continued commitment to supplier diversity helps businesses to thrive and grow, but there is much to be done to improve equity" said California State Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena).

Other 2021 highlights include:

- \$640 million spent with minority-owned businesses (category includes both minority men and women-owned)
- 42.42% total purchases with diverse suppliers
- 105 new diverse partners added
- 13 firms among the top 25 SoCalGas suppliers are diverse firms
- 91% of suppliers are based in SoCalGas' home state of California

In addition to its supplier diversity efforts, SoCalGas supports social impact by aiming to increase diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and the communities it serves. The utility is positioned to be an industry leader in racial and ethnic diversity representation in leadership roles and is taking actions to enhance the presence of women in leadership roles and the overall workforce by 2025.

SoCalGas also plans to invest \$50 million to positively impact diverse and underserved communities over the next five years.

Last month, SoCalGas announced its proposal for the Angeles Link, which aims to be America's largest green hydrogen infrastructure system. The utility plans to continue its best practices in supplier diversity and identify opportunities for diverse suppliers as it looks to achieve its net zero goals and advance California's clean energy and climate goals. More information on the company's mission and strategic priorities can be found at socialgas.com/mission.

More information about SoCalGas' commitment to supplier diversity can be found in the newly released 2021 Supplier Diversity Annual Report. SoCalGas invites diverse businesses to engage and learn more about the Supplier Diversity Program at socialgas.com/for-your-business/supplier-diversity.



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