



WEEKLY UPDATE



PARTNERSHIP NEWS & EVENTS

A promotional graphic for a webinar. On the left is the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership logo. To its right, the text reads "Presents:" followed by "Back to the Workplace After COVID-19". Below this, it says "with Ann K. Smith, Partner, AALRR". The date and time are listed as "May 13, 2020, 11 am online" with the website "sgvpartnership.org/events". On the right side of the graphic is a portrait of Ann K. Smith, a woman with blonde hair wearing a dark blazer. In the top right corner, the logo for "aalrr Atkinson, Andelson Loya, Ruud & Romo A Professional Law Corporation" is displayed.

Back to the Workplace Webinar

*May 13, 2020
11 am - 12 pm*

This timely webinar will guide employers as they reopen their doors to the public and their employees. Join us to discuss the issues employers will face when reopening such as: How to institute social distancing protocols and still work efficiently; What PPE is required and who provides it; How to reassure employees that the workplace is safe; and Adopt proper processes to call back employees on furlough.

Let us guide your next steps! Join Ann Smith, partner with **Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo**, to understand your options and obligations as an employer. This webinar will discuss the current situation; worker and workplace protections; employee communications; appropriate policies and what your organization should focus on now to prepare to be

operational in the coming weeks.

Ann Smith of AALRR represents management in all aspects of employment litigation, including defending claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation and leave of absence violations. Ms. Smith handles numerous matters in state and federal courts and before various administrative agencies, including the U.S. Department of Labor, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the California Department of Labor Standards Enforcement.

Ms. Smith was awarded the Cerritos Chamber's President's Award in 1999 and 2004, and the Business Person of the Year Award for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

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Partnership and Proline Distribute Masks to Local Chambers

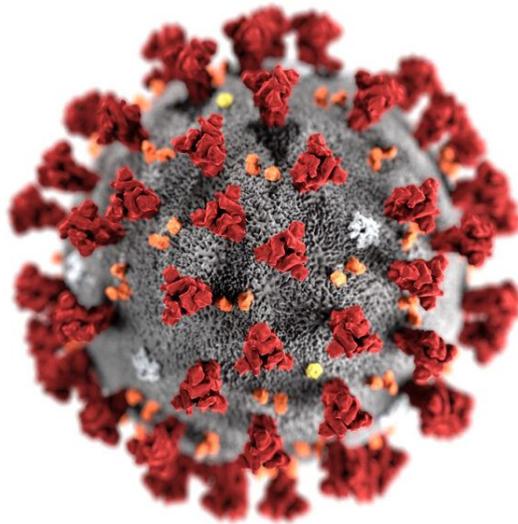
Thanks to the generosity of El Monte business owner Tony Liu of Proline Distribution Services, the Partnership received 1,000 protective masks for distributions to our local chambers of commerce.

These masks are being distributed on Monday while supplies last. If your

chamber and your local businesses are in need of masks, please contact us at pthomas@sgvpartnership and let us know. Our team will be onsite Monday at our office (4900 Rivergrade Road, Irwindale CA 91706) to distribute them *to those who have made reservations in advance*.

Proline has been transporting renewable energy shipments for the likes of LG and AES for the past ten years. (For example, if you've ever noticed the massive solar energy farm on the California/Nevada border on the way in to Las Vegas, that was brought to the U.S. and delivered by Proline.) During this period of working from home, the company decided to use their logistic connections to provide masks to those in need. 1,000 were already delivered to their home town of **El Monte**, and they asked the Partnership to help distribute more to chambers of commerce across the region.

As always, it is inspiring to see the local community stepping up to help each other!



COVID-19 Resource Hub

The Partnership has been keeping our social media followers up to date on the constant stream of Coronavirus news via our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#) feeds. News moved fast, so we recommend following one of these streams to have the latest news.

We have also built a simplified hub where you can find links to the federal, state, and local resources from their websites:

<https://sgvpartnership.org/COVID-19-Response>



Regional Planning Commission Approves Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

On Wednesday, in a 5-0 vote the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) passed the County's Draft Inclusionary Housing Ordinance with several harmful amendments. The Partnership had strongly opposed the ordinance.

"The County's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance will only increase the cost of housing in the unincorporated areas while discouraging new construction," said Partnership President & CEO Bill Manis. "The amendments that were added, only make the new ordinance worse."

The added amendments include:

- A new definition of what is considered a "small project" - lowered from 20 or less units to 15 or less units.
- Amended the offsite option to require that offsite units remain in the same or higher opportunity band.
- Requires an MOU and report on contributions made if a third party partnership provides offsite units.
- Changed the covenant requirements from 50 years to 99 years contingent on a report from the County consultants on this feasibility.
- Based on a future review from County consultants, they will amend the previously exempted sub-markets to include a feasible percentage of inclusionary housing.

These new amendments significantly worsen the ordinance by making housing production more challenging. More updates will be forthcoming as the ordinance moves to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

[Read the Story on Our News Blog](#)



Partnership Supports Creation of L.A. County Task Force for Reopening

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is pleased to have supported the forming an L.A. County Economic Resiliency Task Force with leaders from the business, labor, government and education communities. This task force, which was agreed to by the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday morning, was created to develop actionable recommendations for the County and its 88 cities to lever government-business partnerships to improve the economy, create jobs and return to full employment.

[Read the Full Story](#)



LA County Supervisors Approve COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Ordinance

On Tuesday, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Ordinance. The ordinance applies to companies with over 500 employees nationwide as well as in the unincorporated parts of Los Angeles County. The County CEO Office said that there are 38 businesses that will be affected by this supplemental ordinance. Some of the provisions include:

- Employers must provide full-time employees 80 hours of supplemental sick leave for COVID-19 related reasons
- Requires a doctor's note to request leave.
- Employer offset: If an employer provided additional paid leave, the obligation to provide leave may be reduced by every hour the employer allowed an employee to take leave.
- Exempts emergency first responders and health care providers.
- Exemption for collective bargaining agreements if there is a waiver in the agreement.
- This was approved as an urgency ordinance.
- The supplemental ordinance sunsets Dec. 31, 2020.

The Partnership is working with our many business allies and partners to continue to advocate on the [Right of Recall](#) and [Countywide Worker Retention](#) ordinances which are expected to be considered by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2020.

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Virtual Interns Available June-August 2020

America now more than ever needs to remain globally competitive.

Career technical education (CTE) is crucial in order to close the skills gap and provide a local career ready workforce. The **K12 Foothill Consortium** is providing virtual internships for 11th and 12th graders enrolled in CTE programs at **Azusa, Charter Oak, Duarte, and Monrovia Unified School Districts**. Join our founding hosts as we prepare Generation Z for the real world. Contact Amy Foell at afoell@sgvpartnership.org or call 415-305-2219.

Interns will be ready for placement by June 2020.



Azusa High School Virtual Speaker Series

May 1, 2020

Schools may be closed but online work-based learning is still happening! **Azusa High School's** Engineering and Business Technology Academy is hosting a Friday virtual guest speaker series. Today's guest speaker is none other than the Partnership's own Workforce Development Consultant, Amy Foell, who will be teaching a soft skills workshop.

If your STEM organization would like to host a panel please contact Amy Foell, Youth Workforce Development Consultant at afoell@sgvpartnership.org or (415) 305-2219.

We are seeking companies every Friday morning between 8:45 am - 11:15 am through June 5.

RENEWED MEMBERS

Thank you for continuing to be a part of the Partnership!

We encourage all members to reach out if there is any way the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership can assist you.

- [City of Alhambra](#)
- [City of Irwindale](#)
- [Hospital Association of Southern California](#)
- [Southern California Gas Company](#)
- [Azusa Unified School District](#)
- [Western University of Health Sciences](#)
- [San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority](#)



MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Join WSP USA's Webinar:

Emergency Funding Options and Strategies for Transit Agencies

Monday, May 4, 2020, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT



Emergency Funding for and From Transit Agencies

Transit agencies are facing unprecedented challenges with the current

COVID 19 crisis. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and other federal emergency funding provides relief to transit providers, but agencies should carefully consider opportunities to optimize the use of funds.

This webinar will present the key features and limitations of the different forms of federal emergency funding available, as well as strategies to use all sources of funding to foster financial sustainability and strengthen financial positioning. The presentation will also address key elements to consider within the context of annual operating and capital budgets, as well as multi year capital plans. We will also review the impact of current FAST Act requirements for Transit Asset Management Plans, providing recommendations for how to utilize federal funding to support asset management improvement initiatives.

WSP supports financial planning and strategy for transit agencies of all sizes across the U.S., helping them with funding their daily operations, prioritizing projects, and advancing major capital programs. Our team of executive advisors can help state and local transit agencies move critical infrastructure programs forward by providing expert planning guidance and supporting the pursuit of federal and other discretionary funding opportunities. Since 2009, WSP has helped clients secure over \$25 billion in federal grants and loans for over 140 projects nationwide from a variety of discretionary programs.

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Hahn & Hahn Partners Named Among Most Influential Attorneys

Christianne Kerns of **Pasadena-based Hahn & Hahn LLP's** managing partner and a member of its business & finance department, and Candice K. Rogers, a partner in its litigation department, were named Monday in Los Angeles Business Journal's annual roundup of the region's most influential women attorneys.

The Journal's Publisher and CEO Josh Schimmels writes, "during this challenging time battling the coronavirus, we are relying on our trusted advisers more than ever. In times of uncertainty, lawyers [...] are particularly needed to help our businesses respond and react to issues at hand."

"This recognition underscores the value that Candice and Chris consistently deliver to our clients, even under these arduous circumstances," said Hahn & Hahn Litigation Department Chair Rita M. Diaz. "Hahn & Hahn has always prided itself on hiring top legal talent, but as a certified women & minority owned business enterprise, we are especially proud to be recognized for the

excellent counsel of the firm's women lawyers."

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Kaiser Permanente Provides Guidance on Managing and Working from Home

Kaiser Permanente has created two very clear, direct handouts on how to stay healthy while you work from home - or if you manage from home.

[Work-from-Home Guidelines](#)

[Managing from Home Guidelines](#)



Tax Law Recap

The mayor of the **City of San Gabriel** is offering regular updates on how the city is responding to COVID-19.

Is your city making similar efforts to keep the public informed? Let us know by emailing pthomas@sgvpartnership.org and we'll spread the word!

[San Gabriel's YouTube Channel](#)

HONOR YOUR FALLEN HERO



Virtual Remembrance for Memorial Day

Rose Hills proudly honors and remembers local heroes.



Rose Hills Hosts Virtual Memorial Day

For 99 years, **Rose Hills Memorial Park** has honored our fallen heroes. This year the ceremony is virtual. Submit a photo or 10-second video by May 13 to events@rosehills.com along with the name, years of service, and conflict served.

DRIVE-THRU

POMONA FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 2nd
8:00AM - 12:00PM
*while supplies last
Washington Park
865 East Grand Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

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Pomona Drive-Through Popup Food Pantry

May 2, 2020

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The **City of Pomona** is hosting a drive-through food pantry tomorrow! The

event will take place in Washington Park on Grand Avenue.

We know many of our cities are doing great work - please let the Partnership know so we can share! Send information and photos to pthomas@sgvpartnership.org.

Have Something to Share?

Has your organization been in the news recently? Do you have an event coming up of interest to the SGV business community? The Partnership would love to hear about it!

Submissions for the SGV Economic Partnership's Weekly Update can be sent to Paul Thomas, Director of Marketing and Communications, at pthomas@sgvpartnership.org.



ABOUT US

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley.