

California State Senate

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FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



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Dear Colleagues:

On Friday, February 26 I had the honor of meeting with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). As you know, economic development will be a centerpiece of our work this year.

From the governor's "jobs, jobs, jobs" commitment in his State of the State Address to the new Speaker of the Assembly's commitment to creating jobs, it is clear that this year will be focused on job creation and retention.

At this meeting, members of the LAEDC and I discussed how economic development affects everyone, businesses and individuals alike, and how the state is underperforming.

LAEDC and I are working on tangible solutions to many of our states economic problems. At the same time, LAEDC is taking it upon themselves to move the conversation forward.

I was extremely interested in their recently published Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development. I have provided you a copy of this innovative and aggressive plan set forth by LAEDC. I urge you to take the time to read and share it with your local economic development entities and lead similar planning efforts in your district.

We need to work together as a state to grow our economy. Clearly, LAEDC is taking a proactive role in the future economic solvency of the Los Angeles region.

I sincerely hope you take the time to review this document and discuss the ideas contained within it with cities and counties in your district. We must take action now in the Legislature and in our respective districts to lead aggressive and proactive efforts such as those championed by LAEDC.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

ABEL MALDONADO
Senator, 15th District