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INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ELECTS 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Inland Empire, CA - The Inland Empire Economic Partnership held its 20th Annual Dinner on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at the Ontario Convention Center. Over 300 business leaders from the Inland Empire and Southern California region were in attendance at the semi-formal event.

The election of IEEP's 2006 Board of Directors was conducted at the event. Those board members are:

Ramon Alvarez	Alvarez Lincoln Mercury / Jaguar
Ann Atkinson	Center Chevrolet/Mazda of S.B.
Donald F. Averill, Ed.D.	San Bernardino Community College District
Kathy Barr	SBC
Sue Barry	The Press-Enterprise
Craig Blunden	Provident Bank
Karen Bowerman, Ph.D.	California State University, S.B.
Maurice A. Calderon	Arrowhead Credit Union
Patricia Chavez	Bank of America
W. Augustus Cheatham, MSW	Loma Linda University Medical Center
Jerry Craig	County of Riverside
Linda Daniels	City of Rancho Cucamonga
Paul Earnhart	Lee & Associates-Ontario
Belinda Graham	City of Riverside
Jim Grimes	Coldwell Banker Running Springs

Linda B. Guillis	City of Moreno Valley
Jim Guthrie	Jim Guthrie Construction
Dave Harris	Soren McAdam Christenson LLP
Philip Hawkey	University of LaVerne
Mark Hawkins	Altura Credit Union
Bill Heitritter	RSM McGladrey, Inc.
Fran Inman	Majestic Realty Co.
Steve Lantsberger	City of Hesperia
Buck Long	Harpure Enterprises, Inc.
Mayor Ronald Loveridge	City of Riverside
John Magness	Hillwood Investments
Noel Massie	UPS
Bob Matich	Matich Corporation
Keith Metzler	City of Victorville
Jim Milbourne	The Business Press
Tony Mize	Native Building Corporation
Russell M. Moore	Community Bank
Rob Moran	County of Riverside EDA
April Morris	Associated Engineers, Inc.
Bill Nietschmann	City National Bank
Gwenn Norton-Perry	Carter & Burgess
Kevin Palmer	Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway
Pete Patel	Rezzline
Supervisor Bill Postmus	County of San Bernardino
Ron Rector	City of Barstow
George M. Reyes	Best Best & Krieger LLP
Dan Rendler	Southern California Gas Company
Jeff Sceranka	Enterprise Funding Corporation
Ronald Stephany	University of Redlands
Supervisor Jeff Stone	County of Riverside
Ellen Wartella	University of California, Riverside
Matt Webb	Albert A. Webb Associates
Jaime Wesolowski	Riverside Community Hospital
Michael Whyte	Southern California Edison
Linn Wiley	Citizens Business Bank
Judy Woolen	KB Home
TBD	County of San Bernardino

Additionally, the 2006 Executive Committee members were introduced. Those officers are:

Chairman Buck Long;

1st Vice Chairman Jaime Wesolowski;

2nd Vice Chairman, Tony Mize;

Treasurer, Ron Stephany;

Secretary, George Reyes;

Past-Chairwoman April Morris;

Chair, Government Affairs/Public Policy Committee, Ann Atkinson;

Co-Chairs, Education Committee, Dr. Don Averill and Dr. Karen Bowerman;

Chair, Community Partners, Rob Moran; and

Ex-officio members:

San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus

Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone.

Outgoing 2005 Chairwoman, April Morris, President of Associated Engineers, was honored for her dedication and leadership over the past year.

Jack Kyser, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation gave the keynote address. Additionally, Porter Novelli, Inc., the public relations firm hired by the IEEP, gave a presentation on the aggressive P/R campaign being conducted to focus attention on the economic attributes of the region, with the goal being the attraction of high paying jobs.

Sponsors for this year's event include: Glen Ivy Hot Springs Spa; Alliant Event Services; Southwest Airlines; Ontario International Airport (L.A. World Airports); KSPA Radio AM1510, County of San Bernardino; Riverside Community Hospital; National University; The Gas Company; Community Bank; Harpure Enterprises, Inc.; KB Home; Young Homes; The Press-Enterprise, and The Business Press.

Inland Empire Economic Partnership is the region's only private, non-profit economic development corporation that promotes Southern California's Inland Empire with the purpose of enriching the region's economy through business attraction, expansion, retention, and creation.

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