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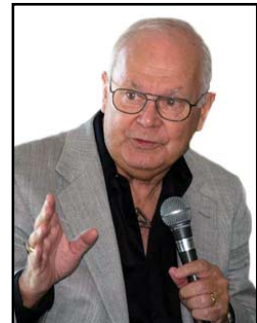
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**ECONOMIST JOHN HUSING TO SPEAK AT THE INLAND
EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S
23RD ANNUAL MEETING**

INLAND EMPIRE, CA (February 23, 2009) – The Inland Empire Economic Partnership will hold its 23rd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the Historic Mission Inn. We are pleased to announce that this year's Title Sponsor for the event is Verizon. Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be John Husing, Ph. D. speaking on "*The Inland Empire's Recession... It's Causes & Likely Solutions.*" For more information regarding the event, please visit www.ieepmeeting.eventbrite.com.



In August 2006, Dr. John Husing was listed by the L.A. Times Magazine as one of the 100 most powerful people shaping life in Southern California. He is a leading authority on the impact of the goods movement industry on the region, and in particular its role as a provider of upward economic mobility to blue collar workers. He has just completed major studies on the impact of the proposed Clean Truck Program at ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and has recommended some changes in strategy.

In addition, Dr. Husing has spent decades studying the city & county economies of Southern California with a specialty on the Inland Empire.

This research began when he started working on his doctoral thesis at Claremont Graduate University in 1964. For the past 43 years, Dr. Husing has conducted extensive research plus interviews with executives and entrepreneurs to understand the forces shaping Southern California. He has a deep understanding of our political process, having managed over 100 partisan and non-partisan campaigns. Today, he uses his extensive knowledge of the region and his political experience to explain the economy to business leaders and policy makers throughout the Southland.

To purchase your seat(s) in advance, please register online at www.ieepmeeting.eventbrite.com. For further information or questions, please email events@ieep.com.

About IEEP

The Inland Empire Economic Partnership is a not-for-profit economic development organization serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Its mission is to provide a strong and unified regional voice for the development of human, political and financial capital, which support and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Inland Empire.

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