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**IMPERIAL VALLEY**  
 General Assembly  
 and  
 Economic Summit  
**2018**

**Thursday, May 31, 2018**

**LOCATION**

**Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse**

796 W Evan Hewes Hwy  
El Centro, CA 92243



## AGENDA

### Economic Summit – Thursday, May 31, 2018

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks**
- ◆ Raymond Castillo, Chairman, Board of Supervisor, County of Imperial
  - ◆ Stephen Benson, Chairman, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation
- 8:40 AM Opening Keynote Speaker sponsored by Southern California Association of Governments**  
**Michael Bracken, Managing Partner & Chief Economist, Development Management Group**
- 9:25 AM Movement of Goods Opportunity from the United States**
- Moderator: Jesus Escobar, Customs Broker, R.E Customs Brokers**
- ◆ Matthew Andersen, Director San Diego & Imperial Region, U.S. Commercial Service
  - ◆ Allen Vigil, Director International Business Development, Grupo Logistics
  - ◆ Mike Jones, Senior Regional Planner—Goods Movement, SCAG
- 10:10 AM Regional Online Platform Resources: Statebook**
- 10:40 AM Regional Infrastructure**
- ◆ Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission
  - ◆ Miguel Reyes, Manager, Maritime Trade Development, Port of San Diego
  - ◆ Jorge Ramos, Sales and Business Manager, Baja Rail
- 11:25 AM Lunch sponsored by Southern California Gas Company**   
**featuring Keynote Speaker, Iddo Benzeevi, President and Chief Executive Officer, Highland Fairview**
- 12:45 PM Closing Remarks**  
**Timothy E. Kelley, President & CEO, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation**



### Economic Summit Continue

- 1:00 PM Regional Tours**
- Logistics Tour: Calexico East Port of Entry, R.L Jones
- Intermodal Tour: Mesquite Intermodal Facility

### Opening Reception

- 4:30 PM Opening Reception**  
**sponsored by Southern California Association of Governments** 
- Hosted Wine Bar**  
**sponsored by SCS Engineers and International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

### General Assembly – Thursday, May 31, 2018

- 5:30 PM Networking Reception**
- 6:00 PM Welcoming Remarks**
- ◆ Luis Plancarte, Chairperson, Imperial County Transportation Commission
  - ◆ Cheryl Viegas-Walker, League Board Representative, League of California Cities
  - ◆ Darin Chidsey, Chief Operations Officer, Southern California Association of Governments
- 6:20 PM General Assembly Dinner and Program**
- 6:30 PM Keynote Speaker**  
**Congressman Juan Vargas, 51<sup>st</sup> District**  
 Congressman Juan Vargas was first elected to the United States Congress in 2012 with over 70 percent of the vote, the highest in both San Diego and Imperial counties. He represents California's 51st Congressional District which includes portions of San Diego County, all of Imperial County, and the entire U.S. - Mexico Border in California.
- 7:10 PM Closing Remarks**  
**Mark Baza, Executive Director, Imperial County Transportation Commission**