

Fresno Business Council - Weekly Bulletin

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Message from the President—Dick Johanson (Out of town this week)

Dick is the chair of the **Arts to Zoo** campaign because he is committed to the community as a whole. While many view nearly everything through a lens of how it will benefit them, Dick sees most everything through a lens of how it will benefit us, all of us. One of his favorite poems, "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole explains why there are hundreds in our community sacrificing their evenings, weekends and working double time during the day to pass a measure to benefit all of us, especially the children. The poem tells the story of an old man who was easily able to cross a chasm with a sullen stream. Rather than going on his way, he stopped and worked hard to build a bridge. When asked why he would bother since he would not go that way again, he said, "This chasm was naught to me. To this fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim. Good friend, I am building this bridge for him." To all the bridgebuilders in Fresno working so hard to improve our community, this poem is about you. Help us pass Measure A—Arts to Zoo. For the children; for all of us.

Public Affairs Committee to Hear Congressman Cal Dooley and Congressional Candidate Dan Rosenberg

The Public Affairs Committee will have the opportunity to meet with **Congressman Cal Dooley** (20th District) and candidate **Dan Rosenberg** (19th District) at their October meeting. All members of the Business Council are encouraged to attend the Public Affairs committee meetings. The informal setting presents an opportunity to engage the candidates in meaningful dialogue and learn their positions on matters of critical importance to our region. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11th in the offices of Baker, Manock & Jensen.

Thanks to AT&T Broadband and Channel 14 for presenting Candidate Forums

If you missed them live and in color, you can catch the candidate forums on Channel 14 at these dates and times:

City Council District 2 Air Dates: October 11th, 25th 30th **All Debates, All Evening – November 6th:** Supervisors District 2: 6-7 p.m.; Council District 2: 7-8 p.m.; KSEE 24 News Replay 8-8:30 p.m.; Council District 4: 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Mayor's Race: 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Regional Efforts Cropping up Simultaneously

The seeds of regional collaboration are cropping up in three new arenas. The **San Joaquin Valley Civic Leadership** program, sponsored by the Bakersfield, Fresno and Visalia Chambers of Commerce, has as its mission to "maximize the potential of the San Joaquin Valley through regional collaboration, learning, vision, advocacy and action." **Collaborative Spirit, Inc.** was established to enhance the performance and productivity of public and not-for-profit organizations. The **Central San Joaquin Collaborative Region** is aimed at developing a four county region (Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare) for the purposes of economic development, education, land use, jobs and job training and other factors affecting the Central Valley in the new economy. Hats off to **Lynne Ashbeck, Tom Jones and Doreen Oken** for their part in initiating these collaborative efforts.

FYI Announces Jet Service to Denver Beginning October 1st

The inaugural celebration of new twice-daily jet service from Fresno to Denver took place on Sunday, October 1st at Fresno Yosemite International. Sky West will be providing the service on Sky West/United Express Canadair Regional Jets. Congratulations to city officials and the airlines for bringing expanded flight service to the Fresno area.

Governor Signs AB 1873 Supporting School-to-Career Sustainability!

The Business Council has been supportive of AB 1873, which would provide funding for School-to-Career programs. We are pleased to note that Governor Davis signed the Bill last week. In his message he stated his approval of School-to-Career activities. He did reduce the funding to \$2 million dollars because he believes that private sources should substantially support this activity. S-T-C will now be part of the Education Code for the State of California (a first in the nation) and will be administered through the office of the Secretary of Education. Continued funding will be available if matching funds are acquired from private sources. Many thanks to all of you involved in business/education partnerships and other school-to-career activities.

Upcoming Activities and Events:

Education Committee for October 4th **Cancelled**, please attend Fresno Compact on October 6th

Public Safety Committee, Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 am (Manco Abbott)

Public Affairs Committee, Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 pm (Baker, Manock & Jensen)

Guests: Congressman Cal Dooley, Candidate Dan Rosenberg – All FBC members are invited

Board of Directors, Thursday, October 12th at 4:00 pm (PESC)