

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**24.1**

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Jim Niederecker, Veronica Langworthy, and Greg Langworthy spoke regarding ROV updates and ROV ballot statement records.

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**AGENDA NO.  
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SPEAKER'S NAME: JIM NIEDERCKER

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: TEMECULA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: 951-675-3923

Date: 12/16/25 Agenda # — PUBLIC COMMENT

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Greg Langworthy

Address: 21227 Front St

City: Wildomar Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: 951-704-5149

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During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, Tonya Gonzalez spoke in opposition to the Stone Ridge Commerce Center project and presented employment data.

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Tonya Gonzalez

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Flores, Kate**

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**From:** Tonya Guillen <tonyafguillen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 10:10 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Cc:** Lantz, Paul  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting 12/16 - Slide Submission  
**Attachments:** Tonya Gonzalez - Nuevo Jobs.pptx

Good morning,

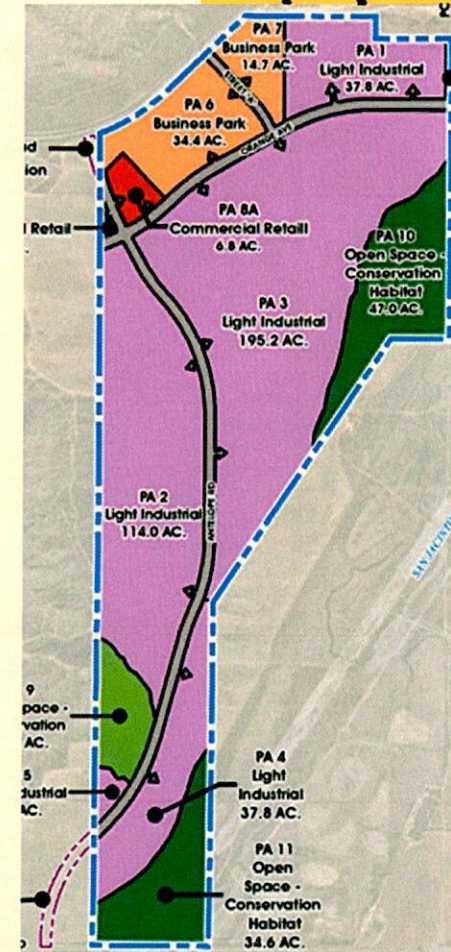
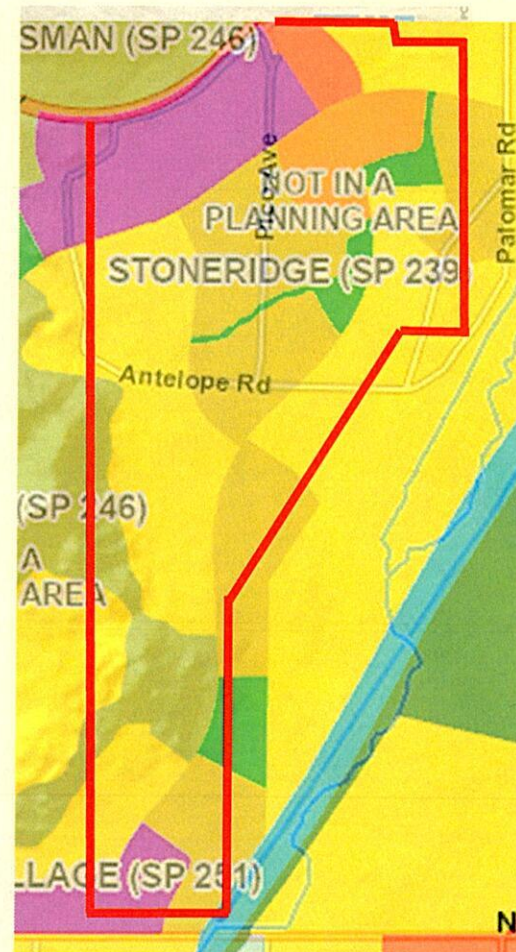
Hopeful I am still able to submit. I will be attending the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday. Please see attached my slide that I would like displayed upon my request to speak. Thank you!

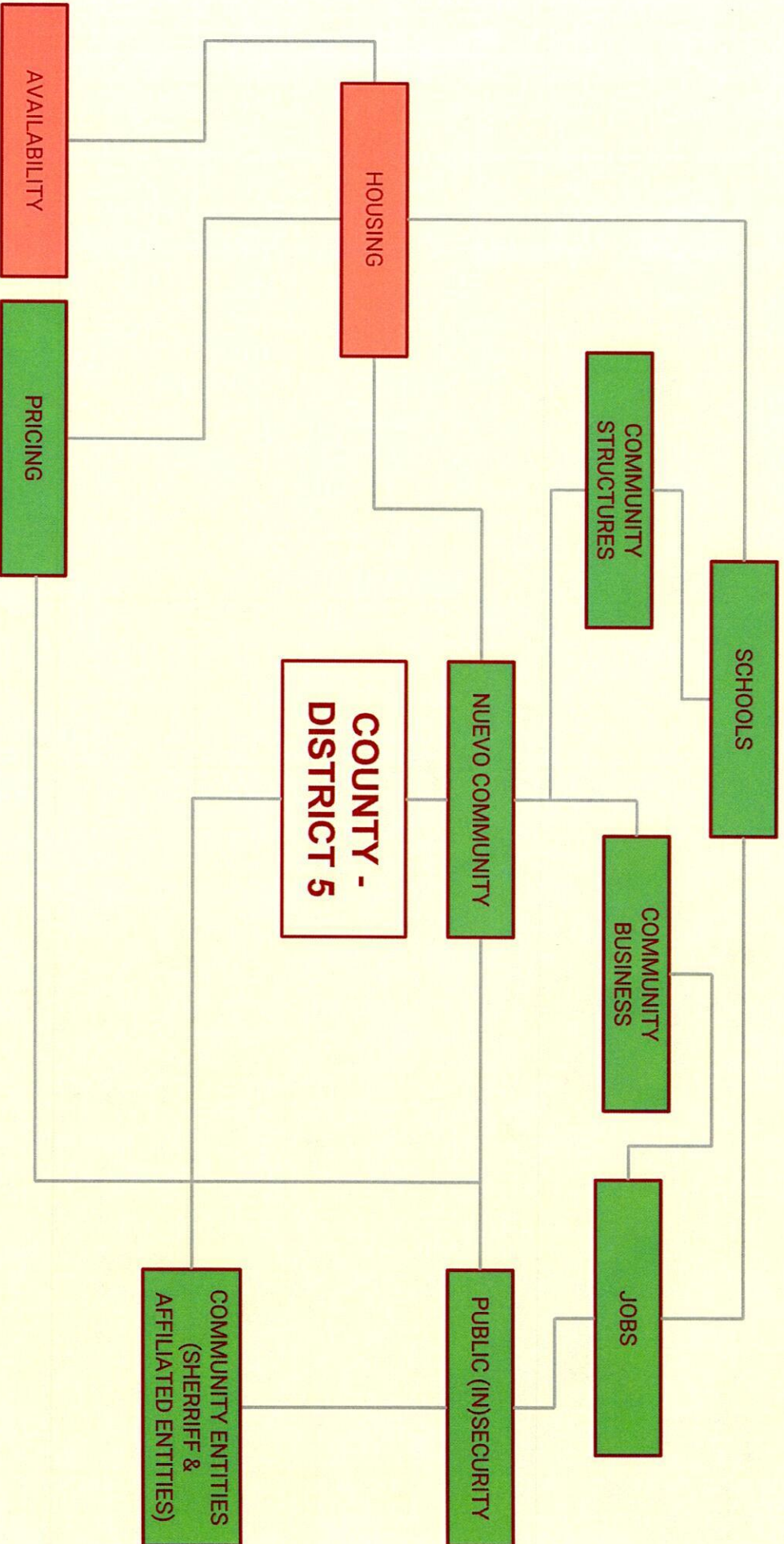
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Name: Tonya Gonzalez

Thank you,  
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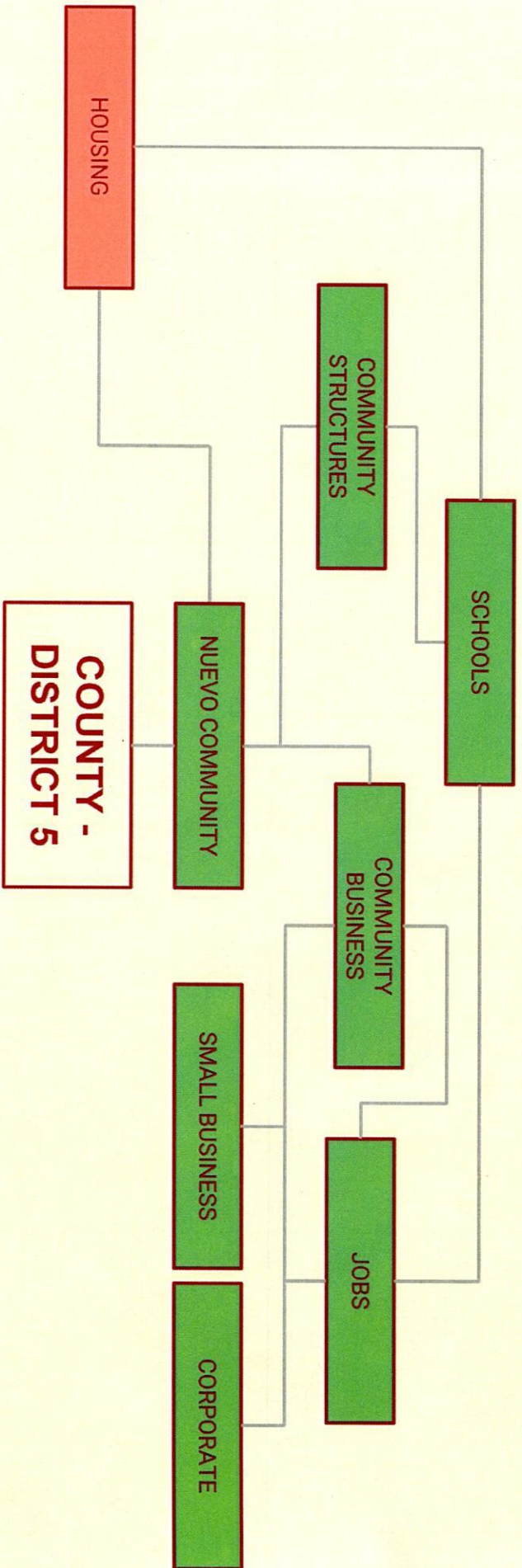
## Save a Nuevo Neighborhood

Help the community of Nuevo build the community that was set to be built since the 1900's while at the same time salvaging human development area that's not located in a threatened area by today's natural disasters.





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## THE INLAND EMPIRE 2024

by

Manfred Keil, Robert Kleinhenz, Fernando Lozano<sup>1</sup>

TABLE 1: COMMUTERS, INLAND EMPIRE, 2023

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Riverside County</b>	<b>San Bernardino County</b>
To LA	53,000	132,000
To San Diego	47,000	3,000
To Orange County	75,000	38,000
Total Coastal	175,000	173,000
SBC/RIC	113,000	78,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>288,000</b>	<b>251,000</b>
<i>Share of Total Employment</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>23%</i>

Source: <https://www.cmc.edu/sites/default/files/SOTR%202024%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

**Jobs - County**

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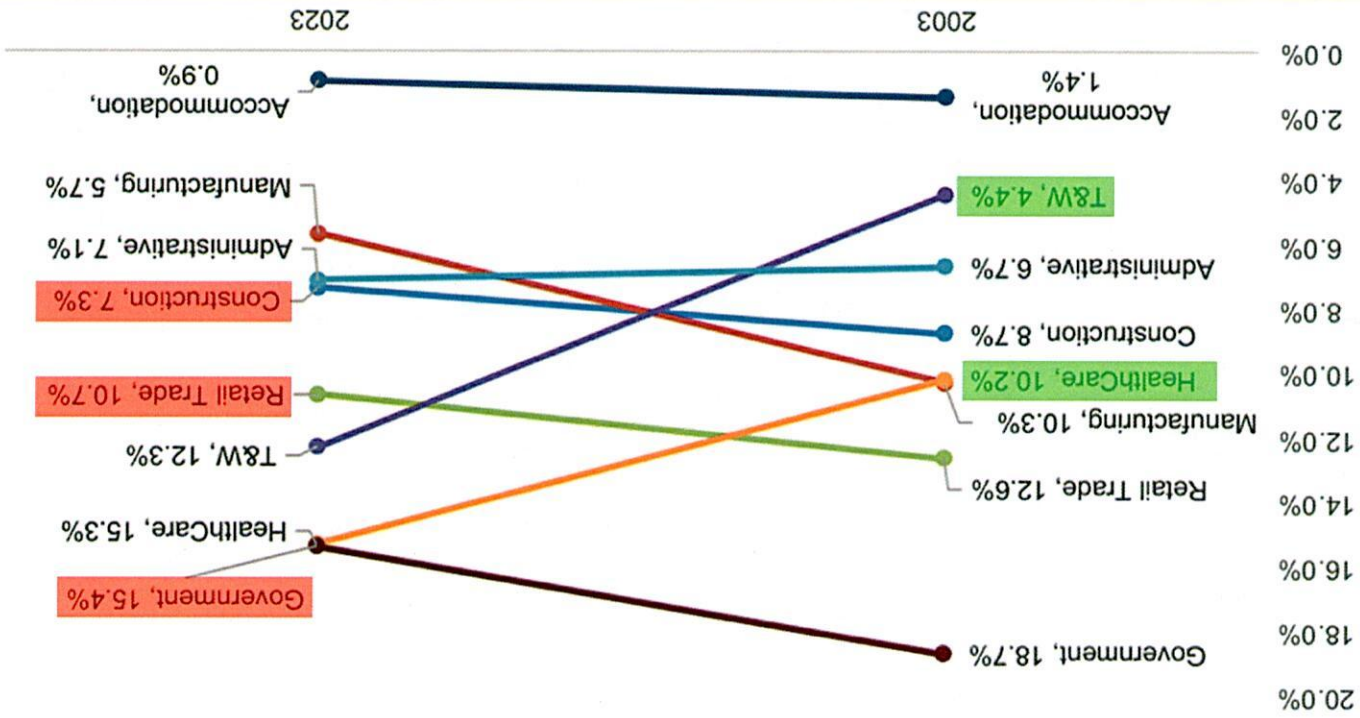
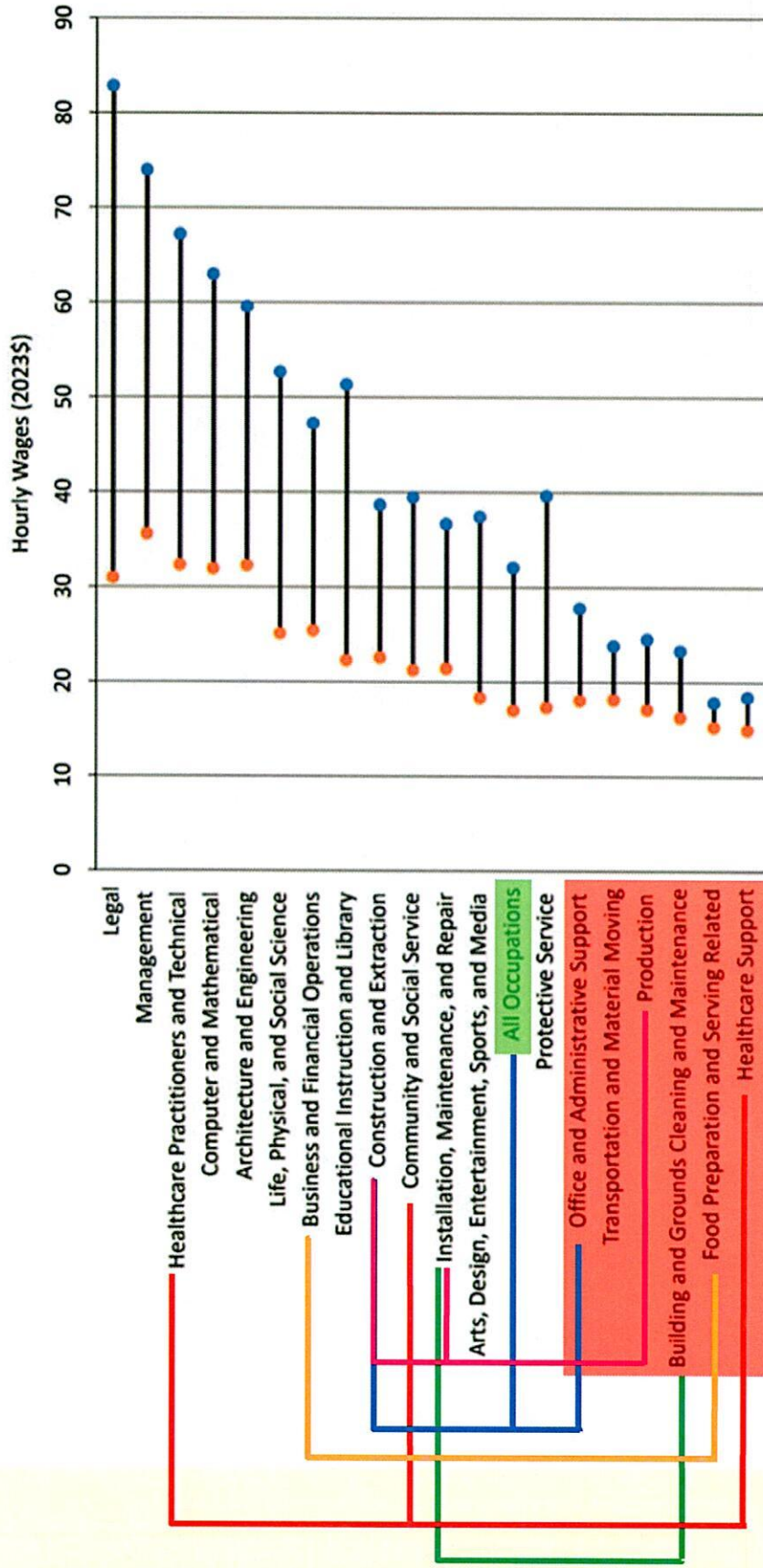


FIGURE 2: EMPLOYMENT SHARES, INDUSTRIAL SECTORS  
INLAND EMPIRE, 2003 AND 2023, CES

FIGURE 16: WAGES BY OCCUPATION, INLAND EMPIRE, 25TH TO 75TH PERCENTILE, 2023 QUARTER 1



## Jobs - County

The figure also contains the reason for the 400,000 or so daily commutes from the Inland Empire into the Coastal Regions: commuters are simply not willing to work for the relatively low wages offered by many of the industries in the region. Note that no one in their right mind enjoys commutes that last as long as 4 hours on a round trip per day (Upland to Downtown on a Thursday; the 37 mile distance takes 4.5 hours to cover if you leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.). These individuals would rather just have a job in Ontario, Riverside, Covina, or Fontana. Unfortunately their human capital endowment allows them to make considerably more money, on average, than the jobs that are available to them in the Inland Empire - hence the commute.

**Logistics is, no doubt, important to the region.**

However, if you want to attract industries that produce more value-added products, and thereby lift per capita GDP perhaps to levels that we observe in the Phoenix MSA (ranked about 190), then you have to find ways to increase the average human capital level of its workers. Firms that are higher value added-producing otherwise simply will not come. Note that the percent of residents holding at least a Bachelor's degree is 35% in the Phoenix area. Bottom line, if your labor force has half of its workers who have never attended a college class, then firms will not settle here. **If you don't build it, they will not come.**

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**Jobs - County**

## THE INLAND EMPIRE IN 2045

The Wall Street Journal ran an article on February 17 (recently) under the following title:

**“62% of Americans Lack a College Degree. Can They Solve the Labor Shortage?”**

The article mentioned that some large firms such as IBM, Delta, Google, Walmart, GM etc. no longer require a college degree for some of their better paying jobs. In doing so, these companies were hoping to cope better with the labor shortage observed in the nation.

Had this article been written about the Inland Empire, the headline would have been as follows:

**“78% of Inland Empire Residents Lack a College Degree. Can They Solve the Labor Shortage?”**

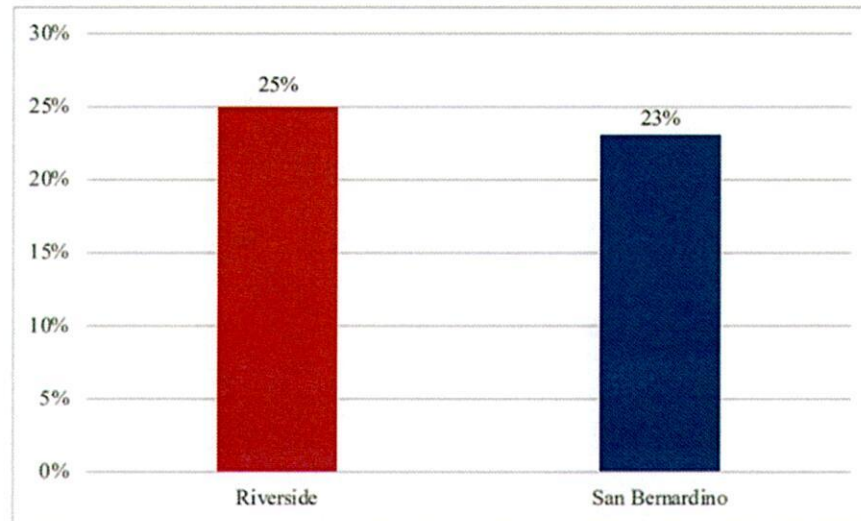
To make matters more serious, the Inland Empire number includes commuters, and while we do not have the exact figures, it is fair to assume that a higher percentage of commuters has a college degree. They are more qualified to take on jobs that require more skills than those who work and reside in the Inland Empire. This is, after all, the reason for their commute: while they could take on a job in the Inland Empire, which would avoid long commutes, they choose not to do so because the coastal area jobs are better paying. To qualify for these coastal jobs, you need more human capital.

Figure 15 shows the percent of Prime-Age Workers with at least a bachelor's degree in Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

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FIGURE 15: PERCENT OF PRIME-AGE WORKERS WITH AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY RACE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY



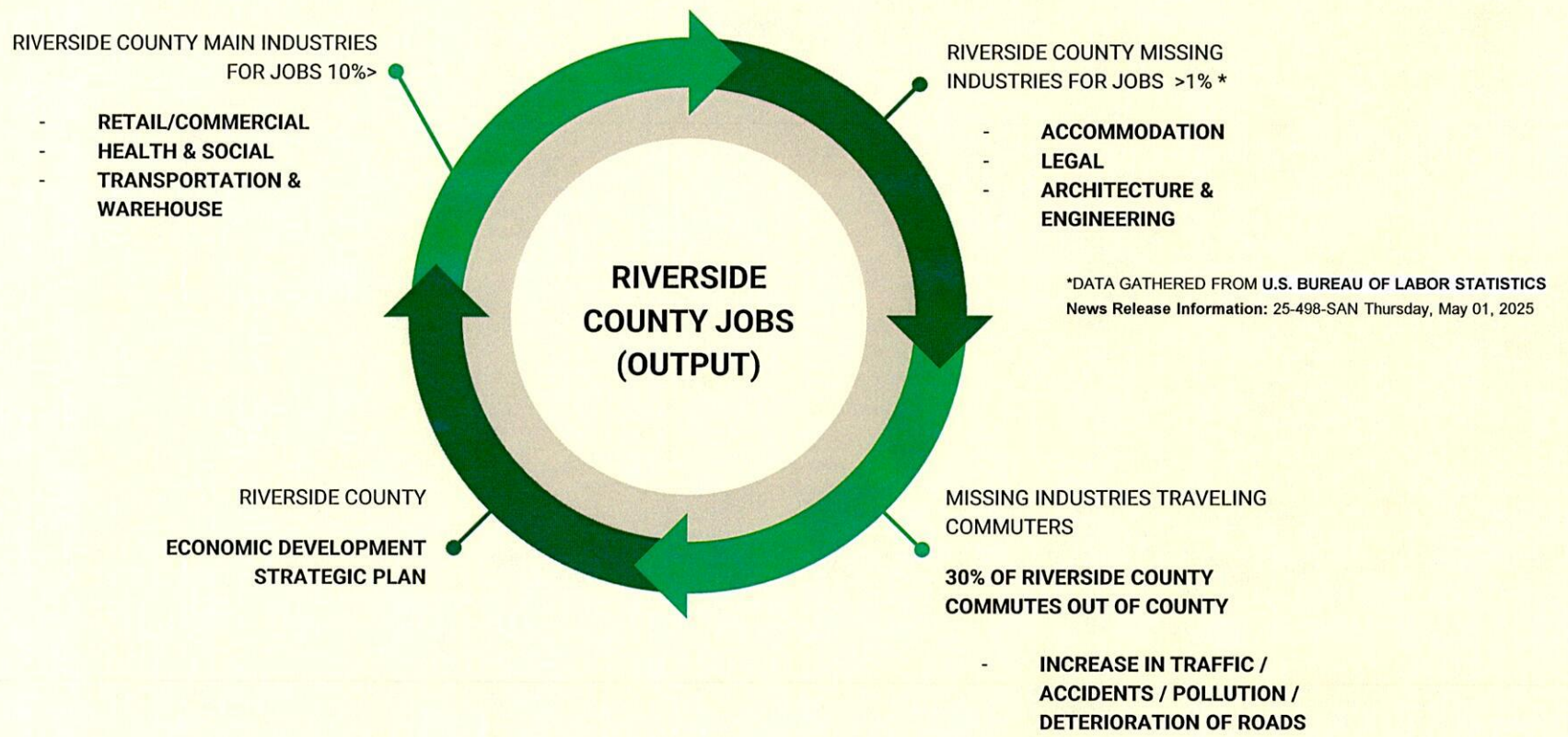
The lack of qualified workers plays directly into our outlook for the Inland Empire in 20 years or so. Even without considering the results of increased pollution, automation, and energy-use in the area, which we will address in a moment, there are other concerns regarding the weight

logistics has received in terms of attention by local politicians.

First there is the idea that the **logistics industry does not generate much value added** in terms of its output and income.

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## Jobs - County




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## Jobs - County

## Targeted Industry Performance (Riverside County)

Riverside County's clear strength in transportation and logistics provides an opportunity for utilizing local innovation to transform the future of this industry. Likewise, the opportunities in other industries provides opportunity for increased economic diversification. Full target industry analysis available in appendix G.

### Strengths:

- **Transportation & Logistics: 75,305 jobs; LQ 2.14.**
- Hospitality & Tourism: 4,500+ establishments; LQ 1.18.

### Opportunities:

- Advanced Manufacturing: Weak presence in aerospace, semiconductors, and medical devices relative to peer counties.
- AgTech: Low employment and establishment LQs in most components of this cluster.
- Biotech: Low employment and establishment LQs in most components of this cluster.
- Clean Energy: Low employment and establishment LQs.
- Cybersecurity & Media Production: Minimal presence; LQs near zero.

Riverside County is on a strong upward trajectory, consistently outperforming peer regions in job creation and business formation. To evolve from a fast follower into a regional leader, the County must address key structural challenges, particularly in workforce readiness and industry diversification. With strategic investments in education, infrastructure, and targeted sector development, Riverside County is well-positioned to become an innovation-driven economy over the next decade, setting a new benchmark for growth and adaptability across the Western U.S. and outperforming peer communities.

An LQ of 1.0 indicates that an industry's concentration (percentage of total jobs) in a local area is the same as the national average.

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Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage (\$)
	United States	Riverside	
Total, all occupations	100.0	100.0	30.90
Management	7.1	5.1	62.83
Business and financial operations	6.7	4.2	42.15
Computer and mathematical	3.4	1.2	51.82
Architecture and engineering	1.7	0.9	49.20
Life, physical, and social science	0.9	0.7	43.62
Community and social service	1.7	1.9	34.19
Legal	0.8	0.4	69.03
Educational instruction and library	5.8	6.4	37.81
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.4	0.9	33.35
Healthcare practitioners and technical	6.2	5.5	58.92
Healthcare support	4.8	7.5	18.66
Protective service	2.4	2.8	32.31
Food preparation and serving related	8.8	10.0	19.66
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	2.9	2.9	21.24
Personal care and service	2.0	2.1	20.19
Sales and related	8.7	8.0	24.05
Office and administrative support	11.8	10.6	25.27
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3	0.4	19.35
Construction and extraction	4.1	5.0	34.64
Installation, maintenance, and repair	3.9	3.8	32.19
Production	5.7	4.5	23.96
Transportation and material moving	8.9	15.3	24.01

# United States<sup>®</sup> Census Bureau

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Display Sources



### Populations and People

Total Population  
**2,418,185**

*P1* | 2020 Decennial Census



### Employment

Employment Rate  
**57.9%**

*DP03* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Business and Economy

Total Employer Establishments  
**46,244**

*CB2300CBP* | 2023 Economic Surveys Business Patterns



### Income and Poverty

Median Household Income  
**\$93,172**

*S1901* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Housing

Total Housing Units  
**888,084**

*B25002* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Families and Living Arrangements

Total Households  
**797,569**

*DP02* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Education

Bachelor's Degree or Higher  
**26.2%**

*S1501* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



### Health

Without Health Care Coverage  
**7.2%**

*S2701* | 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



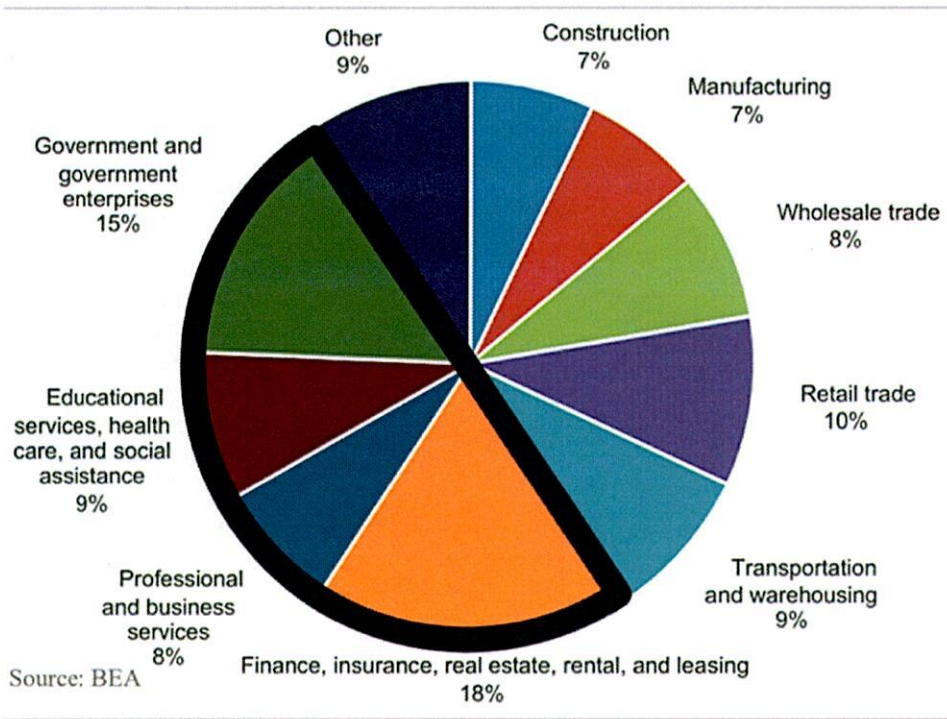
### Race and Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)  
**1,202,295**

*P9* | 2020 Decennial Census

## Jobs - County

FIGURE 31: SHARE OF TOTAL OUTPUT BY INDUSTRY  
INLAND EMPIRE, 2022



- The industries with the highest share of output in the Inland Empire MSA are government and government enterprises and finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing. Real estate, rental and leasing makes up a significantly higher share of output over finance and insurance, making up 86 percent of the output within that industry.
- The “other” category consists of (1) mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, (2) agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, (3) utilities, (4) information, and (5) arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.

**Jobs - County**

TABLE 3: EMPLOYMENT LEVEL, LARGE MSAs/COUNTY, CES, CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO, DEC 2023

Area	Dec-23	YtY Change	% Change
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA	1,703,700	32,400	1.9%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metro Div	4,682,300	95,900	2.1%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura MSA	322,200	8,100	2.6%
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine Metro Div	1,730,400	35,900	2.1%
Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade MSA	1,102,900	29,700	2.8%
Fresno MSA	394,900	8,400	2.2%
Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley Metro Div	1,206,500	22,100	1.9%
San Diego-Carlsbad MSA	1,581,400	23,400	1.5%
San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco Metro Div	1,214,400	15,600	1.3%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA	1,190,300	13,400	1.1%
Bakersfield MSA	293,100	3,100	1.1%
Stockton-Lodi MSA	277,800	1,600	0.6%

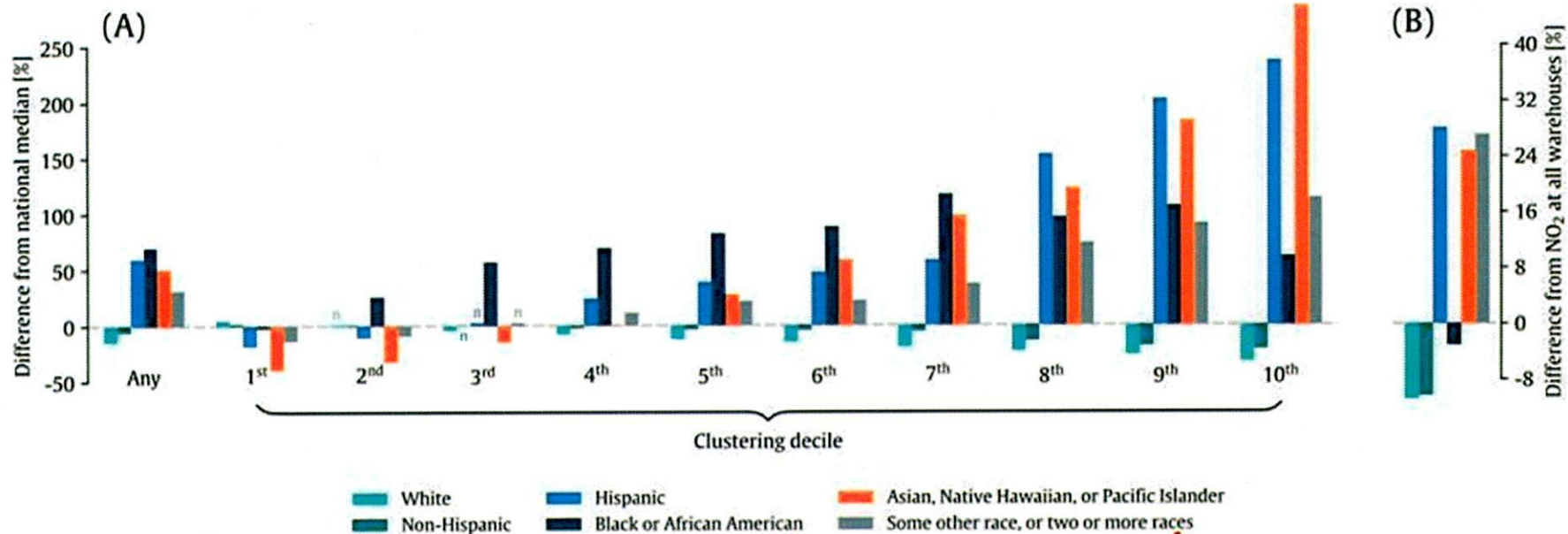
Note: SoCal areas highlighted in blue

**Jobs - County**

# Jobs - County

		Real gross domestic product				Percent change from preceding period			
County	Rank in state	Thousands of chained (2017) dollars				Percent change			
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2020	2021	2022	2023
Imperial	2	8,764,641	8,402,635	8,994,544	10,467,574	-4.1	7.0	16.4	2
Inyo	17	1,136,875	1,134,970	1,089,927	1,141,849	-4.0	4.8	4.8	17
Kern	16	45,610,265	46,383,111	44,626,843	46,941,848	-3.8	5.2	5.2	16
Kings	32	6,531,692	6,604,670	6,868,202	7,041,297	4.0	2.5	2.5	32
Lake	28	1,879,722	1,940,505	1,902,809	1,954,710	-1.9	2.7	2.7	28
Lassen	34	1,175,128	1,157,718	1,116,864	1,142,546	-3.5	2.3	2.3	34
Los Angeles	43	729,068,982	773,571,300	793,716,985	801,967,353	2.6	1.0	1.0	43
Madera	25	6,201,866	6,448,515	6,043,485	6,226,914	-6.3	3.0	3.0	25
Martin	36	29,348,325	30,392,613	30,168,355	30,661,017	-0.7	1.6	1.6	36
Mariposa	4	661,568	683,994	709,217	786,148	3.4	3.7	10.8	4
Mendocino	18	3,395,421	3,590,938	3,508,130	3,667,396	-2.3	4.5	4.5	18
Merced	49	9,115,222	9,294,314	9,511,320	9,548,937	2.0	2.3	0.4	49
Modoc	1	459,550	448,056	466,071	554,727	-2.5	4.0	19.0	1
Mono	9	931,741	1,024,799	1,085,719	1,178,510	10.0	5.9	8.5	9
Monterey	19	27,384,056	27,567,952	27,891,144	28,980,213	0.7	1.2	3.9	19
Napa	26	10,431,615	11,466,302	11,077,239	11,412,110	-3.4	3.0	3.0	26
Nevada	31	4,304,596	4,472,549	4,629,590	4,747,160	3.9	3.5	2.5	31
Orange	48	252,885,765	268,088,252	271,594,865	273,063,592	6.0	1.3	0.5	48
Placer	39	23,905,563	26,026,237	26,650,663	27,022,666	8.9	2.4	1.4	39
Plumas	3	895,325	840,333	923,602	1,035,904	-6.1	9.9	12.2	3
Riverside	40	89,428,650	95,104,339	97,560,909	98,880,553	6.3	2.6	1.4	40
Sacramento	29	92,219,821	97,522,589	99,742,125	102,387,018	5.8	2.3	2.7	29
San Benito	57	2,203,403	2,330,960	2,320,574	2,273,410	-0.4	-2.0	-2.0	57
San Bernardino	44	94,067,565	100,046,884	101,393,574	102,307,449	6.4	1.3	0.9	44
San Diego	38	233,308,848	250,384,596	258,035,086	261,671,687	7.3	3.1	1.4	38





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## Air pollution impacts from warehousing in the United States uncovered with satellite data

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African American population (by 69.5%); Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander population (by 50.9%); and population identifying as some other race or two or more races (by 31.5%) in 2021 (Fig. 4A). As the number of clustered warehouses increased, the proportions of racial-ethnic minorities also increased. In the top ten percent of tracts with the most warehouses, the proportion of the Hispanic population was nearly 240% higher (28.1% versus 8.3%) and the Asian population nearly 290% higher than U.S. median values (6.2% versus 1.6%).

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**Flores, Kate**

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## Support

### **Comments**

The ban of highly concentrated Kratom products in Riverside County is a good thing. I'm very supportive of the ruling as the drug has been a nightmare and dangerous for many. Stopping the drug is very difficult and many residential detox facilities currently have patients suffering from acute withdrawals. One of the more disturbing aspects of the products is the manufacturers market the item as a way to help with "cravings" from alcohol and other drugs. It only takes a couple times using the drug for addiction . Store level sellers know as the same people purchase more and more of the product daily.

When and how will the sales be banned? It's still available in many locations around the valley. There are door banners outside the Circle K in La Quinta. Perhaps a hotline or website where the public can report the sales? I know so many people are unaware of this gateway drug, but it does exist and it's only a matter of time before it will hit someone you know if this ban is not put into effect. I'm retired and have time to help if manpower is an issue.