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Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon to Address Southeast LA Summit of Possibilities: People, Community, and Progress

New report finds that Southeast Los Angeles is well poised for gradual long-term growth.

Downey, CA – Independent research and consulting firm Beacon Economics will present findings of new research about the economic assets of eleven cities and four unincorporated communities in Southeast Los Angeles.

On October 27, findings of a new report commissioned by the California Community Foundation and the Pat Brown Institute, will be released to the members of the Southeast Los Angeles community at a Summit scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in Downey.

The report, Central 710 Corridor: An Asset –Based Analysis, covers a broad spectrum of socioeconomic data that can be used to create a unified vision for the region, and the assets that play a role in their future. One key finding is that Southeast Los Angeles is culturally and economically distinct and in positive transition. It has been beneficial to take a step back and look at the bigger picture vs. the traditional granular approach.

"This research has provided an opportunity to take inventory of the human, housing, transportation, and business assets in Southeast Los Angeles and shows that it is returning to be a place where many can come to achieve the American dream," said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, who will kick off the Summit.

The Summit is a partnership with the Pat Brown Institute at Cal State LA and the California Community Foundation. The Institute is well-known to Southeast Los Angeles, with years of public policy expertise in Los Angeles County and California. "We are very proud to have been invited to be part of this milestone effort," said Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute.

The research marks the first time in recent years that a look at the positive attributes of these cities has been explored. "This research demonstrates that there are many reasons to invest in Southeast Los Angeles," said Efrain Escobedo, vice president for civic engagement and public policy at the California Community Foundation. "We are honored that Speaker Rendon will provide the opening remarks and outline the themes of the day."

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