City of South Gate
Local Economic Advisory Program (LEAP)

In 2018, the City prepared an economic development strategy, identifying four core focus areas intended to guide City leaders in developing and implementing a successful economic development plan. Since then, the City sought the California Academy for Economic Development (CALED) to facilitate the preparation of a LEAP program in South Gate to provide recommendations on how the City can better support small businesses.

This year, the City is focusing on continuing to implement the recommendations provided by the LEAP team and expanding on the collaboration and partnerships the City has with regional and local partners.

Some of the recommendations from the LEAP Team included:

- Actively engaging with the local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide more local programming such as SBDC workshops and training;
- Distributing a survey to business owners to get more details about assistance needs from a broader contingent of businesses;
- Assembling information about the real estate market and sales trends;
- Expanding startup and business expansion funding; &
- Building a business database to promote broker networking.

Some initial steps recommended by LEAP that the City has began to do include:

- Asking businesses to share data with the City
- Maintaining a list of useful resources, and partners, on the City’s webpage;
- Promote shopping small/shopping local campaign;
- Celebrating local success stories;
- Evaluating the existing façade improvement program; and
- Meeting and seeking input from local businesses, particularly small businesses.

These recommendations are intended to help address the areas of greatest needs among local businesses, to ensure effective communication between local business owners and organizations that can help them. The City hopes implementing these recommendations will support the City’s businesses and enable them to thrive, providing benefits to the community in the form of employment, economic activity, and tax revenues.
(AB 1826) Mandatory Recycling for Businesses & Multifamily Properties

In April 2016, AB 1826 California’s Mandatory Organic Waste Recycling Law, went into effect. It requires businesses and multi-family properties of five units or more to recycle their organic waste depending on the amount of waste they generate per week. Effective January 2019, businesses and multi-family properties that generate 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week must arrange for organic waste recycling services.

*Organic waste includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste and food-soiled paper that is mixed in with food waste. While businesses must divert all of these materials, multi-family properties are not required to have a food waste diversion program.

To sign up for organics service, contact Waste Management at (626) 260-2586 or email us at equinter@wm.com. Waste Management will be able to tell you if your business is required to have organic services.

Overview of AB 1826 Requirements

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Save the Date—Upcoming Events