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#### Regional Workforce Alliance Quarter 2

#### Note to Participants:

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#### **Regional Workforce Alliance Q2**

Monday, August 21, 2023



## Welcome

#### Minh Le, General Manager

Energy and Environmental Services Los Angeles County, ISD



#### Agenda

- 12:05 Welcome / Opening Remarks Minh Le, General Manager County of Los Angeles – ISD Energy and Environmental Services
- 12:10 Icebreaker Question and Attendee Introductions Tessa Charnofsky, Special Services Assistant SoCalREN
- 12:20 City of Los Angeles Green Workforce Goals Robert Zardeneta, Senior Manager, Green Workforce Mayor Karen Bass' Office of Energy and Sustainability
- 12:45 The Role of University Entrepreneurship Programs in Job Creation Monique Palmera, Institute Coordinator & Media Director, Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Cal State University Long Beach
- 1:05 Open Discussion—What are your current offerings, opportunities, or gaps? Tessa Charnofsky, Special Services Assistant SoCalREN
- 1:25 Closing Remarks / Adjournment Ann D'Amato, Managing Principal 3D Networks



#### **Icebreaker Question and Attendee Introductions**

#### Tessa Charnofsky, Special Services Assistant SoCalREN



#### Alliance Co-Hosts



## Southern California







#### **City of Los Angeles Green Workforce Goals**

#### **Robert Zardeneta**, Senior Manager, Green Workforce Mayor Karen Bass' Office of Energy and Sustainability





**Robert Zardeneta** serves as the Green Workforce Senior Manager in the Mayor's Office of Energy and Sustainability. Robert has more than decade of experience developing Green Career pathways for underrepresented communities on both a local and national level. Prior to joining the Mayor's Office, Robert served as the LINXS Deputy Inclusivity Manager for the Los Angeles World Airports' Automated People Mover Project and was the Executive Director of two nationally recognized Youthbuild programs- LA CAUSA and CALO Inc. Robert was the recipient of the 2010 Latino Leader of the Green Economy Innovation award by the Congressional Hispanic Congress Institute, was recognized by NBC Latino as 1 of 20 Latino Innovators of 2012 and Poder Magazine's Top 100 Green Latinos, and his work was featured in an award-winning book entitled Latinnovating: Green American Jobs and the Latinos Creating Them, by Graciela Tiscareno-Sato. Robert received his BA in Interdisciplinary Studies from California State University, Dominguez Hills.





### The Role of University Entrepreneurship Programs in Job Creation

**Monique Palmera**, Institute Coordinator & Media Director Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Cal State University Long Beach





SUPPORTING STARTUPS AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN JOB CREATION

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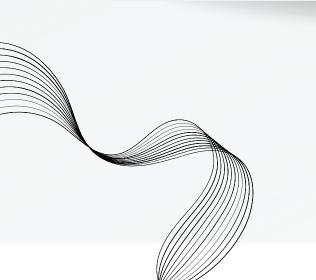


## MISSION





To provide programming and guidance for innovators and entrepreneurs that leads to success.



## OUR TEAM



FOR INNOVATION + ENTREPRENEURSHIP

> Wade Martin Director



Isabelle Bart Assistant Director



Monique Palmera

Coordinator & Media Director



Ebony Utley Associate Director WHAT % OF NEW JOBS ARE CREATED BY SMALL BUSINESSES?

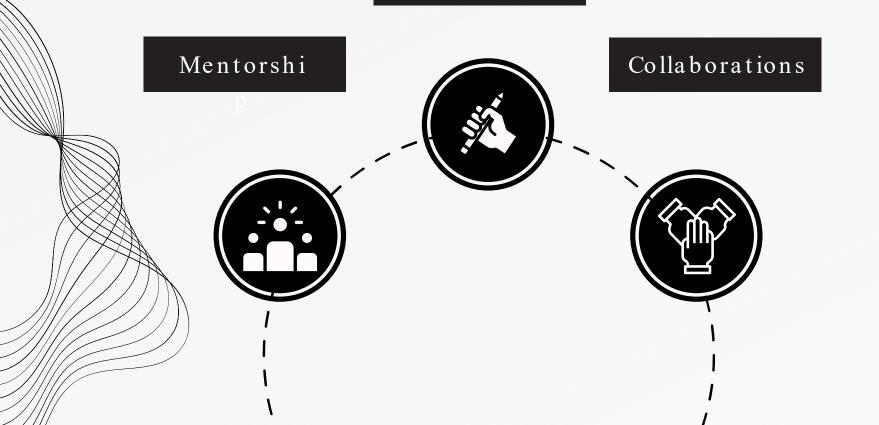
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Workshops







## STUDENT FOCUSED

- Apostle Business Ideation Challenge
- Sunstone CSU Startup Launch Competition
- Sunstone Innovation Challenge

Sunstone Innovation Challenge Winners: BookBound





## APOSTLE INCUBATOR

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- Helps in the ideation stage for startups and small businesses
- Assists in writing business plans

#### PARTNERS



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Business





## ENTREPRENEUR AND SMALL BUSINESS EDUCATION SERIES

 Serving startups and small businesses in the community

PARTNERS







## WOMAN -OWNED BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

 Serving existing woman-owned small businesses in the community

#### PARTNERS









## CSU DEMO DAY

• Access to capital and investors for startups

#### PARTNERS







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#### **Open Discussion**

#### **Tessa Charnofsky**, Special Services Assistant SoCalREN



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#### **Question 1**

# What are you doing currently at your **organization** that you are especially excited about?





#### **Question 2**

## Which **areas** of your organization are expanding or evolving?

#### **Question 3**

Are you noticing **skill gaps** among your current workers and job candidates that need to be addressed? Is there a type of **education**, **training**, **experience**, or **certification** (STEM, social media..) that would be beneficial to address/provide?





## **Closing Remarks**

Ann D'Amato, President 3D Networks Corp

