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Forum Discusses Energy Costs and Reliability Impacts *Commerce Industrial Council Hosts Forum to Talk Energy Policy*

September 9, 2014, Commerce, CA -- The Commerce Industrial Council (CIC) Chamber of Commerce will host a community forum today to discuss the state's energy policies and their impact on economic growth, local industries and job creation for communities across the state.

The Chamber of Commerce is joined by community leaders, local industry experts and Californians for Affordable & Reliable Energy (CARE) for a roundtable discussion to examine the effects of energy policy on the heavy concentration of industrial and manufacturing sectors that vitalize the region. Speakers include Manuel Andrade, Plant Manager, RAMCAR Batteries, Inc., Eddie Tafoya, Executive Director, Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce, and the CARE Coalition.

"The Council values California's environmental and energy policy goals and is bringing together business leaders and elected officials to discuss the impacts of these unique state programs," says Commerce Industrial Council Executive Director, Eddie Tafooya, "Our community needs to better understand the impacts and associated costs as the state implements these first of their kind policies."

In an effort to address the growing concerns about energy costs and impacts affecting the City of Commerce, today's forum addresses issues involving energy costs affecting local business, energy policy considerations for industry and commerce, state energy policies implemented at the local level, and developing a statewide comprehensive energy plan.

*The **Commerce Industrial Council**, the official Chamber of Commerce for the City of Commerce, represents businesses and industries of all sizes throughout the diverse community, and shapes the City's dynamic business environment by creating wealth in the community and making the City a great place to live and work.*

***Californians for Affordable & Reliable Energy** is a non-partisan coalition advocating for a comprehensive state energy plan on fuels and electricity that prioritizes affordability, reliability and adequate supply. For more information please visit CAREaboutEnergy.org or connect with the coalition on twitter @CAREaboutEnergy.*

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