EDC WELCOMES NAN DRAKE AS 2020 BOARD CHAIR

Nan Drake of E.J. Harrison & Sons was recently installed as 2020 chair of the Economic Development Collaborative’s board of directors at the organization’s 23rd Annual Meeting.

“Nan Drake brings extensive experience and in-depth knowledge of our local business community and economy and the challenges we face. Nan has served on our board for 10 years and has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for business growth and workforce development,” said Bruce Stenslie, EDC’s president and CEO.

Drake has served as director of governmental affairs and public relations at E.J. Harrison & Sons for more than 30 years and has been an EDC board member since 2010. In 2019, for the 12th consecutive year, Drake was named as one of the tri-counties’ Top 50 Women in Business, by the Pacific Coast Business Times. A dedicated community servant, Drake has also served on the boards of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, the Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce, the Ventura Botanical Gardens, Ventura Music Festival, LA Regional Water Quality Board, CA Integrated Waste Management Board and the Ventura City Council.

She is joined by newly elected officers Ventura County Supervisor Kelly Long as vice chair and Peter Zierhut of Haas Automation, Inc., who is continuing as secretary/treasurer.

EDC 23rd ANNUAL MEETING

Facing the Future: Reimagining the path to economic inclusion and prosperity

EDC’s 23rd Annual Meeting proved to be a success as over 190 attendees from the greater Ventura County region joined us for a conversation concerning Ventura County’s economic future.

Panelists discussed building
sustainable economic communities and local challenges that lead some to relocate as well as the benefits of Ventura County that lead others to move to the area.

A special thank you to the Ventura County Star for covering the event. Read the article by following the link below.

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### NEED HELP THIS TAX SEASON?

**CONNECT WITH EDC SBDC ADVISOR ANTHONY ELLIOTT, CPA**

**Do you have tax related questions?**

**Do you need assistance in preparation for tax season?**

HELP is available for those looking for tax preparation assistance.

Anthony Curtis Elliott, B.A., CPA, is a forensic accountant and intellectual property “royalty audit” specialist who performs royalty and contract compliance and related consulting services to a broad base of companies. With more than 30 years’ experience in accounting and finance, he has held positions as accounting director and controller for both medium and large companies.

Connect with Anthony at no cost by following the link below.

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### EDC COLLABORATES WITH FATHOMWERX TO CONNECT ENTREPRENEURS WITH HIGH TECH

**Do you have an innovative business idea?**

**Do you enjoy helping others solve problems?**

FATHOMWERX might be the right community for you!
FATHOMWERX is an innovator of technology designs fusing academia, civilian companies and other nontraditional Department of Defense partners who work on United States Department of Defense and Maritime's most challenging problems.

Through the use of their growing ecosystem, promotion of divergent thought, and neutral facilitation, their goal is to bring the right minds together to solve challenging problems.

FATHOMWERX is a partnership between the Port of Hueneme, the Naval Surface Warfare Center- Port Hueneme Division, Matterlabs and the Economic Development Collaborative.

Interested in joining the FATHOMWERX community? Follow the link below to learn more!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE PARTNER NEWS

EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE

New employment laws went into effect on January 1, 2020. Learn about the new laws and requirements that will affect employers in 2020.

Presented in collaboration with Women’s Economic Ventures, attorneys Roy and Ted Schneider will present topics including employment classification, employment arbitration agreements, expansion of paid family leave, and much more.

VENTURA CITY HALL
January 27, 2020
8:00 to 10:00 am

REGISTER TODAY!

FEDERAL /STATE LABOR LAW AND PAYROLL TAX SEMINAR

There have been changes in California's employment rules & regulations in 2020. Make sure you
know your legal requirements and how these changes impact payroll taxes. Presented by the EDD, this workshop is one not to be missed!

**SANTA BARBARA EDD**  
February 20, 2020  
9:00 to 3:30 pm

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**COASTAL COWORKING OPENS IN DOWNTOWN VENTURA**

Looking for a new place to work?  
If you are an entrepreneur in Ventura this may the the right place for you! Coastal Coworking has opened in downtown Ventura offering a new option for building community and your business. Follow the link below to learn more!

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**SCORE INSPIRING WOMEN EVENT: CONTENT MARKETING**

Traditional marketing is becoming less effective by the minute; to get your business noticed you need to have a better way.

**Enter Content Marketing**  
Content marketing is a strategic marketing approach focused on creating and distributing valuable, relevant, and consistent content to attract and retain a clearly defined audience - and, ultimately, to drive profitable customer action.

Please join us for an informative evening! Our presenters will provide you information and inspiration that can help you move your business to the next level.

**CAMARILLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
February 26, 2020  
5:00 to 7:30 pm