



City of Arts & Innovation

City of Riverside

Economic Development Committee

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Steven Robillard
Chair

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Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026
Publication Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

3:00 PM

City Hall - Art Pick Council Chamber
3900 Main Street, Riverside
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3:00 P.M.

CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

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PRESENTATIONS

- 2 Business Excellence Series: UCR Office of Technology Partnerships and ExCITE Incubator Annual Updates (20-minute presentation)

Dr. Rosibel Ochoa, Associate Vice Chancellor,
Technology Partnerships, UCR

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- 3 Innovation Month: April Programming Overview & Highlights (10-minute presentation)

Kimberly Wright, Economic Development Manager,
Riverside County Office of Economic Development

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- 4 Walk the Talk Initiative: Strengthened Through Strategic Partnerships (10-minute presentation)

Carlos Aguilera, Project Manager, Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- 5 Apprenticeship Week (April 26-May 2, 2026) Recognition & Celebration: LAUNCH Program (10-minute presentation)

Charles Henkels, Executive Director, Keith Gemell, Senior Manager
of Business Engagement, LAUNCH Apprentice Network

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Economic Development Week (May 4 -11, 2026) Recognition (10-minute presentation)

Miranda Evans, Community & Economic Development Interim Director

- 7 Legislative update

- 8 Items for future Economic Development Committee consideration as requested by Members of the Committee

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