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**CITY OF ONTARIO CONTINUES TO ELEVATE AS THE BEST PLACE
TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND VISIT**

*Annual State of the City focused on investment, safety, innovation, community life,
and opportunity*

(Ontario, Calif., March 20, 2019) – On Wednesday, March 20, the Ontario City Council hosted nearly 900 business leaders for its annual State of the City at the Ontario Convention Center. The event attracted representatives from the business, development, and real estate community from all over Southern California for a world class networking event with the region's top deal makers.

"Our State of the City is like no other," said Mayor Paul S. Leon. "It is an evening of celebration, appreciation and inspiration."

The 2019 State of the City theme, "Elevate", showcased how the Ontario Mayor and City Council is focused on investment, safety, innovation, community life, and opportunity. Ontario Officials recapped on accomplishments and partnerships made over the year and also gave some insight on what to expect in the future.

Mayor pro Tem Ruben Valencia said "Ontario continues to grow – and with growth comes more opportunity. There are great things happening all throughout the City."



This year's featured speaker was internationally renowned expert on workforce trends and generational dynamics, Seth Mattison. With a passion for helping to create greater understanding and collaboration in today's workplace, Seth brought an entirely unique perspective on the future of work, talent, innovation, and the power of relationships.

"Ontario strives to be the premier community and city of the Inland Empire," said Council Member Alan D. Wapner. "We're here to serve the needs of our residents and businesses and provide as high of a quality of life as we can."

Attendees were also presented with information from City Officials that discussed Ontario's commitment to public service; the future of business; continued enhancements made at public facilities, residential and commercial neighborhoods; provide updates on future developments; and show how the City continues to be the most business-friendly City in Southern California.

"We are excited about the future of Ontario and the many projects that are occurring throughout the City," said Council Member Jim W. Bowman.

Following the City Council and featured speaker presentations, guests enjoyed the networking forum where the Ontario City Council were present to discuss the details of development and business growth throughout the City, as well as speak on future projects.

Council Member Debra Dorst-Porada said, "We are truly elevating the quality of life for our residents, businesses and investors. We also want to thank the many sponsors that invest in our community and that helped fund this event."

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For more information regarding this event or to view the event videos, please visit www.ontariosoc.com or contact John Andrews, Economic Development Director at (909) 395-2242.

*** Note: A highlight reel will be posted in April at www.ontariosoc.com ***

About the City of Ontario

The City of Ontario elevates the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is



ideally situated as Southern California's gateway. With three major interstates, two railroads and the Ontario International Airport, Ontario offers direct access from Los Angeles to the rest of California and to North America. With over 177,000 residents and residential development on the rise, Ontario is well-positioned for growth in the next two decades, making it one of the 100 most populated cities in the nation. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Citizens Business Bank Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit www.ontarioca.gov or call (909) 395-2000.

About Ontario's State of the City

The 2019 State of the City: Business Leadership Symposium will be held on March 20, 2019 at the Ontario Convention Center, located at 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, California 91764. Registration and Pre-Event Networking begins at 5 PM followed by the State of the City Program presented by the Ontario City Council with a featured speaker, promptly at 6 PM. Following the State of the City Program there will be a Networking Forum.

About Seth Mattison

Seth Mattison is an internationally renowned expert, best-selling author, and business performance advisor. As Founder and Chief Movement Officer of Luminare Labs, Seth advises many of the world's leading brands and organizations on the key shifts happening around talent management, change and innovation, leadership, and the future of work.

Over the past decade Seth has shared his insight with thousands of business leaders around the world and has received accolades from many of the world's best brands including: MasterCard, Johnson and Johnson, IBM, The Dallas Cowboys, AT&T, PepsiCo, GE Energy, E&Y, Caterpillar, and The Walt Disney Company.

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