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**ONTARIO TO RECEIVE \$5 MILLION AS PART OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN**

ONTARIO, CA – The City of Ontario will receive \$5 million to help finance workforce attainable housing in the downtown area. The funding helps bring to fruition a City-led development also featuring a business technology incubator and a workforce development center.

As part of the state's 2019 budget act, adopted June 13 by the State Legislature, the funding builds upon a \$35 million Transformative Climate Communities grant the City received from the California Strategic Growth Council in 2018 to revitalize Ontario's historic downtown core.

"We're grateful for the support of the Legislature – and, in particular, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, in securing this critical piece of funding," said Mayor Paul Leon. "Providing accessible housing is key to the future of the downtown area and the City as a whole. This is a major step forward in ensuring that the downtown revitalization proceeds as planned."

Rodriguez, who represents the 52<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District, which includes Ontario, pushed hard to include the funding in Assembly Bill 74 – The Budget Act of 2019. Ontario's \$5 million is part of \$25.7 million set aside for local assistance through the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

"The revitalization of Ontario's historic downtown core is a critically important project for the City and the community as a whole," Rodriguez said. "I am happy for the partnership and support of our office and look forward to see this vision become a reality."

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**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, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.

