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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Leading Economist Robert Kleinhenz Joins LAEDC as Kyser Center's New Chief Economist**

*Kleinhenz brings over 25 years of economic research and analysis; specializes in regional economics, land use, transportation, and real estate*

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**LOS ANGELES, CA** - The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's (LAEDC) is pleased to announce the hiring of Robert A. Kleinhenz, Ph.D as the new Chief Economist at the Kyser Center for Economic Research. The appointment follows the December retirement of Nancy Sidhu, Ph.D who had led the Center, which was named for the late economist Jack Kyser.

Kleinhenz recently served as Deputy Chief Economist at the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.). In that role, he managed C.A.R.'s Economics Department which gathered and published housing market information on the state of California and its counties, and conducted consumer research. He also participated in the organization's Strategic Planning and Finance function. He has spoken to national, state, and local audiences and was a frequent contributor to the media coverage of the housing market in California. Prior to his work at C.A.R., Kleinhenz taught economics for over 15 years, most recently at California State University, Fullerton.

Holding a Ph.D from the University of Southern California, Kleinhenz specialized in urban and regional economics. He also holds Masters of Arts in economics from the University of Southern California, and a Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan.

Former President of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Association for Business Economics (2007-2008), Kleinhenz is a much sought after regional specialist in Southern California with knowledge of the Los Angeles County economy and its diverse industry sectors.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Kleinhenz as the new head of the Kyser Center, particularly as he was heartily recommended to us by both its founder Jack Kyser, and its chief economist Dr. Nancy Sidhu," noted LAEDC CEO Bill Allen, "when we began long term succession planning for the Center's leadership about two years ago."

The LAEDC also announced the promotion of Christine Cooper, Ph.D to Vice President of the LAEDC's Economic and Policy Analysis Group (EPAG), a department she has managed for the past several months. EPAG has been

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## LAEDC Announces New Chief Economist for Kyser Center

instrumental in conducting targeted economic analyses for regional and statewide private, public, and non-profit entities.

### **ABOUT THE KYSER CENTER**

The Kyser Center for Economic Research provides economic information on the Southern California market, including a six county area: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. The Center also provides data on key industries in the region and expert analysis of the local, regional, and statewide economy.

### **ABOUT THE LAEDC**

The LAEDC, the region's premier economic development leadership organization, is a private, non-profit organization established in 1981 under section 501(c)(3). Its mission is to attract, retain, and grow business and jobs for the regions of Los Angeles County. Since 1996, the LAEDC has helped retain or attract more than 171,300 jobs while providing \$8.4 billion in direct economic impact from salaries and more than \$144 million in annual tax revenue benefit to local governments and education in Los Angeles County.

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