

2/29: Join me for a Forum on the State of the Economy in Silicon Valley

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Later this month I will be hosting a forum on the State of the Economy in Silicon Valley.

This important event will be held on **Friday, February 29, 2008** at the [San José City Hall Rotunda](#) from 8:00AM until 10:00AM and will address the current economic slowdown that is leaving too many Silicon Valley families and businesses struggling just to get by.

We are fortunate to have [Cromwell Schubarth](#) of the Silicon Valley Business Journal moderating the discussion, as well as a number of local economic experts and business leaders participating, including:

- [Judy Chirco](#) – Councilmember, City of San José
- [J. George Doerr](#) - Deputy Regional Director, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- [Carlos Figueroa](#) - President, the Greater San José Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- [Carl Guardino](#) - President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- [Doug Henton](#) – President and Co-Founder, Collaborative Economics, Inc.
- [Paul Krutko](#) – Chief Development Officer, City of San José
- [Carl San Miguel](#) – Past President, the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors

Democrats, Republicans, and President Bush joined together to pass a bipartisan economic stimulus package earlier this month that provides tax credits for 130 million families to help jumpstart the economy. The stimulus package will also help Americans in danger of losing their homes secure financing and help to create 500,000 new jobs by the end of the year. We recognize that this is only the first step toward recovery, however, and that solutions to current economic challenges require the input of the entire community.

I hope you will be able to join us for next week's forum, where we can have a frank discussion about the state of our economy and the steps that can be taken to improve it. I am especially eager to hear your personal experiences and for our panel's reaction to the real-life challenges Silicon Valley residents face. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Honda.RSVP@mail.house.gov. For more information about the event, please feel free to contact my office at (408) 558-8085.