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CITY OF ONTARIO'S 2016 STATE OF THE CITY ATTRACTS NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE

On March 23, the Ontario City Council hosted nearly 1,000 people for a one-of-a-kind State of the City that brought together the region's most influential decision makers.

The 2016 State of the City: Business Leadership Conference demonstrated how the City of Ontario is reaching new heights through investments in community, culture, and commerce, to make Ontario the most business-friendly city in Southern California.

City officials celebrated the return of local control of the Ontario International Airport and featured many development projects that are underway through a series of videos that appeared throughout the evening. The Ontario City Council also announced that 2016 marks Ontario's 125th Anniversary since its incorporation on December 10, 1891. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to celebrate Ontario's heritage with a year-long celebration of exciting community events and programming.

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Mayor Paul S. Leon • Mayor pro Tem Debra Dorst-Porada
Council Members Alan D. Wapner, Jim W. Bowman and Paul Vincent Avila

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“Our State of the City is like no other,” said Mayor Paul S. Leon. “It is an evening of celebration and appreciation with those who have invested in the economic growth and expansion of the City of Ontario.”

This year’s featured speakers were *The Queen of QVC*, Lori Greiner, and *The Human Spark Plug*, Rebecca Ryan.

Lori Greiner started with one idea and turned it into a multi-million dollar international brand. She is now regarded as one of the most prolific investors of retail products, having created over 500 products, and holds 12 U.S. and international patents. On the stage, she shared her story of success in her presentation titled “You Can Make Anything Happen.”

Trained as a futurist and an economist, Rebecca Ryan helps clients figure out what’s next, so they can be ready for the future. Rebecca is the Resident Futurist at the Alliance for Innovation, a Senior Advisor at the Governing Institute, a faculty member at the Institute for Zen leadership, and the owner of NEXT Generation Consulting, Inc. Rebecca spoke about “Ontario: The Next 125 Years,” and challenged the audience to reflect on what is timely, and what is timeless?

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

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“We are proud that Ontario continues to be a place where you can live, work and play, and we thank our supporters for their continued investment in our wonderful community,” Mayor Leon said. “We also want to thank the many sponsors that helped make State of the City a reality.”

Sponsors included: Lee & Associates; Sares-Regis; SMG; Ontario Auto Center; Amrep, Inc.; Snackable Video; Ortiz Enterprises, Inc.; Brookfield Residential; Majestic Realty Co.; Danken Construction Engineering Group; Niagara Bottling, LLC; Burrtec Waste Industries; The Stratham Group of Companies; AKM Consulting Engineers; Best Best & Krieger, LLP; Psomas; T.E. Roberts, Inc.; Prologis; Albert A. Webb Associates; Harris & Associates; Mark Christopher Auto Center; RCCD; National CORE (National Community Renaissance); Southern California Edison; Parsons Corporation; Ontario Mills; Fruition; Waste Management; and Lewis Group Of Companies.

For more information regarding this event or to view the event videos, please visit www.ontariosoc.com or contact Jacob Green, Assistant City Manager at (909) 238-8536.

Note: A highlight reel will be posted by April 4, 2016 at www.ontariosoc.com

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