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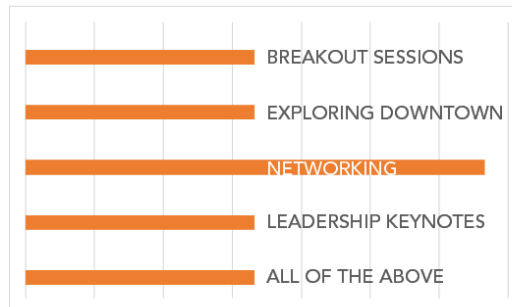
PRESIDENT'S POLL

Just a few weeks to go until the **West Coast Urban District Forum** in Walnut Creek! How many team members from your organization will be joining in on the fun?

[TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)



The votes from January's poll are in! What are you most looking forward to at CDA's annual conference?



Get social! What questions will you come ready to ask? Share them on Twitter using #WCUDF18.

A handwritten signature of Steven Welliver.

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MEMBER Q & A

[The Downtown Association of Santa Cruz](#) will host the Downtown Santa Cruz Pre-Am Mini Golf / Art Festival from Friday, February 23 through Sunday, February 25. The association invites attendees to "putter around" downtown on a miniature golf course with each hole designed by a local artist, engineer, architect or community group. We asked Executive Director Chip to tell us more.



Steven: What was the inspiration behind a pop-up, art driven miniature golf course?

Chip: There were a lot of different factors that inspired the event. We have a very rich creative community and we were excited to see what different artists, engineers, architects and others would do with the

highlight in the CDA *District Digest*?

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challenge of creating a temporary installation that functioned as a mini golf hole. It also checks all of the boxes for us, in terms of our goals as an organization: It's family friendly, which is a big focus for us right now. It drives traffic, not only to Downtown, but into stores, where the holes are located and gives us an opportunity to showcase some of the new stores in the district. It also works out that February is a slower retail time, so the stores are able to afford the space,

Steven: How will the golf tournament differ from past Downtown Santa Cruz events?

Chip: We made a decision a few years ago, based on feedback from our members move away from big footprint events that close streets and alter normal traffic. We have had a bit of success with our First Friday Art Tour and Wine Walk events and others that bring people into stores. This expands that format over a weekend. We also have ended up doing a lot of wine and now beer events, which is great from a revenue perspective, but excludes the under 21 crowd, which is of course an important demographic for Downtown.

Steven: How will you judge whether the event was successful?

Chip: That is a really good question. I have made an effort with this to talk about this year as a sort of prototype for what the event could be in future years. In other words, there is a lot of trying to explain the concept and the details and convince people to get on board - artists, host locations, participants everyone. I actually only was able to convince 8 designers to take this on this year, which means that I'm the 9th. But the interest for next year is very high. In short, the event will be successful in my mind if we get some good pictures and generate enough of a buzz to build on it next year. I imagine the hole designers will want to out do themselves, and the audience will grow. I think my Board will only really consider it successful if Bill Murray or Steph Curry come golf in Santa Cruz. I'm working on both fronts.

WEST COAST URBAN DISTRICT FORUM

Join Walnut Creek Downtown, California Downtown Association and IDA for the [West Coast Urban District Forum March 13-15, 2018!](#) Experts will share best practices on enhancing downtown quality of life and cultivating the next generation of leaders.

Book Your Hotel Room!

The Walnut Creek Marriott, located at 2355 North Main Street, is offering a rate of \$179/night for a standard room. Parking is available onsite during the day for \$10 and \$23 overnight. Rooms are also available at the Renaissance ClubSport Walnut Creek Hotel, located at 2805 Jones Road, for a rate of \$189/night for a standard room.

Please book your room by this Friday, February 23, 2018 at either hotel. More booking information is on our [website](#).

REGISTER
NOW

The regular registration deadline is Thursday, March 8. Secure the rate of \$395 before the on-site price increase. Visit the event [website](#) for more information and to register today.

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Legislative Update
Jason Bryant, CDA's Legislative Advocate, Bryant Government Affairs

No One Has a Right to Die on our Streets: Can our Mental Health System be Fixed?

Kerry Morrison, Executive Director, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance

Cities Can't do it Alone - How do We Tackle Homelessness at the Regional Level?

Tomiquia Moss, CEO, Hamilton Families

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Breakout Sessions Announced!

Join us in exploring topics such as Incubators - *A Shot in the Arm for your District, Demographic Inversion and Ethnic Sub-Markets, Internet VS IRL and the Power of FOMO...* and more! View the [preliminary program](#) online now.



Pre-conference Tour Added!

Policies and Partnerships: Fostering Growth and Harnessing Potential in Walnut Creek Walking Tour

Tuesday, March 13th
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25

Join City staff on a walking tour of downtown Walnut Creek where guiding policies and successful partnerships have created opportunities, attracted investment to promote Walnut Creek as a regional leader with a strong local economy, and generated a wealth of community investment.

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CDA POLICY CORNER

Bill Introduction Deadline Passes - CDA Reviewing Hundreds of Legislative Proposals

Last Friday was the legislative deadline to introduce all bills for the year and accordingly, approximately 2,000 new measures have been introduced since January. CDA staff is reviewing each bill and doing an analysis on all relevant legislation that would impact our membership. Along with the roughly 2,000 new bills there are about 500 bills that are left over from last year's legislative session that are making their way through the process.

CDA's Legislative Committee and Board will now begin the process of considering relevant legislation and potentially taking a formal position on important bills. A bill of particular interest is SB 946 by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Long Beach). The bill would prohibit a city/county from banning sidewalk vendors unless that jurisdiction had an existing sidewalk vending licensing program allowing for food or merchandise sales. Furthermore, the city/county could not restrict the location of the licensed vendor unless the vending activity directly impacted health, safety or welfare. The bill also makes violations of a vending ordinance punishable by an administrative fine program instead of a misdemeanor.

The bill's supporters argue the criminalization of vending has impacted immigrant communities where penalties and jail time can be imposed and criminal prosecution can have severe consequences for undocumented immigrant vendors. It's possible any conviction could increase an undocumented resident's priority for deportation under Federal Homeland Security enforcement programs.

According to the author, the problem lies when a city/county prohibits all sidewalk vending or places onerous restrictions on vendors which relegate vendors to the underground economy. Without the proper authorization, a vendor is subject to enforcement and or prosecution. The criminalization of vending has impacted immigrant communities where penalties and jail time can be imposed and criminal prosecution can also have severe consequences for undocumented immigrant vendors. Any conviction could increase an undocumented resident's priority for deportation under Federal Homeland Security enforcement programs.

While we are sensitive to these issues and understand the objectives of the bill, CDA is concerned that local jurisdictions authority to properly regulate and enforce an ordinance on street vendors will be significantly diminished. If a city/county had an existing ordinance, SB 946 could limit the "time, place and manner" that a jurisdiction saw fit to allow or prohibit vending activities.

In consultation with our allies at the League of California Cities and

the CA State Association of Counties, CDA will be coordinating a meeting with the author's office to discuss the bill further. CDA will continue to engage on this bill and may take a formal position on this bill later this month. If you would like to express your views on SB 946, or any other bill for that matter, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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February 2018 Legislative Update

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