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Assembly Select Committee on Biotechnology Roundtable
Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Roundtable Discussion
BioscienceLA
4130 Overland Avenue, Culver City
Seminar Space
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Members Attending:

Assemblymember Chris Ward, Chair
Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, Assembly Majority Leader
Assemblymember Juan Carrillo
Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
Assemblymember Vince Fong (tour only)
Assemblymember Diane Papan

Roundtable Attendees:

Troy Barring, Founder, TAB Diagnostic
Vicki Brannock, Senior Director, Workforce Strategy & Innovation, Biocom California Institute
Sam Chung, California Life Sciences
Melanie Cohn, Senior Director, Regional Policy & Government Affairs, Biocom CA
Claire Conlon, Biocom CA
Flo Kahn, PhRMA
Jessica Ku Kim, Chief Deputy of the Dept. of Economic Opportunity, County of Los Angeles
Jeffrey Lersh, VP, Sales & Marketing, Karl Storz Endoscopy
Deborah Shepard, South Bay Workforce Investment Board
Willie Zuniga, Former Executive, Grifols Biologicals LLC

AGENDA

1. Opening Comments – Assemblymember Ward
2. Introductions of Attendees.
3. Questions for Discussion
 - a. What does the current life science landscape look like in Los Angeles?
 - b. What incubator programs exist?
 - c. For the companies, what factors do you consider when deciding your location?
 - d. What state or local resources have been helpful to your growth?

- e. Does your company utilize the state research & development tax credit & NOL deductions?
- f. How do you interact with the academic community?
- g. What pipeline programs exist to support workforce development?
- h. As companies, what outside resources help the most with company growth?

4. Closing Thoughts

Kite Facility Tour
1800 Stewart Street, Santa Monica
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
*Attendees are responsible for their own transportation.
Limited parking so please consider carpooling.

Kite will provide members with an understanding of a novel cell therapy technology, known as CAR-T, that harnesses the power of the patient's immune system to treat cancer.