



California State Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

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**MEETING REGIONAL STEMM WORKFORCE
NEEDS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19**

Workshop #4: Riverside, California

Assembly Committee on Jobs

- ▶ Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
- ▶ One of 32 standing committees
- ▶ Jurisdiction includes economic disaster relief, small business development, international trade, diverse public procurement programs, impacts of federal budget on high tech projects, and local economic development projects
- ▶ Workforce development issues are shared between four policy committees
- ▶ Develop and hear legislation
- ▶ Hold public hearings and briefings
- ▶ Publish reports, fact sheets, and other materials



Our focus during COVID-19 has been on the Demand Side of Workforce Recovery

- ▶ Support for small businesses through the Budget and new Legislation.
 - ▶ Helping businesses to pivot
 - ▶ Accessing federal and state programs, such as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
 - ▶ Filling gaps to full economic recovery, such as the production of PPE
- ▶ Includes current essential businesses, as well as businesses in dominant and emerging business sectors in the post-COVID-19 economy.
- ▶ Short term certifications that connect within high road career pathways.

JEDE COVID-19 Activities

- ▶ **Conference Calls:** JEDE is sponsoring monthly conference calls where stakeholders can share program and service delivery challenges in real time and seek resolution and mitigation actions within the broader business, economic, and workforce development community.
- ▶ **COVID-19 Updates:** JEDE regularly publishes economic and business development updates to professionals engaged in meeting the needs of small businesses and local communities caused by the coronavirus emergency.
- ▶ **Resource Webpages:**
 - ▶ JEDE COVID-19 Resource Page:
<https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/covid-19-resources>
 - ▶ Small Business Roundtable:
<https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/small-business-roundtables>
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