

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Announces Bill Manis as New President & CEO



Irwindale, CA – (Oct. 31) – [The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership](#) is delighted to announce the appointment of Bill Manis as its new President & CEO, effective January 1, 2019. The Partnership Board of Directors has unanimously chosen Manis, who currently serves as the city manager for the City of Upland, to succeed Jeff Allred, who will retire at the end of December.

"We are most fortunate that Bill Manis has emerged as the outstanding candidate from a competitive field of several highly qualified applicants for this key leadership position," said Reyna Del Haro, Chair of the Partnership Board of Directors and Director of Public Affairs and Brand Communications for Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center. "His long career and many accomplishments in economic development have been dedicated to attracting new businesses and creating jobs. Among his many strengths, Bill has strong connections to cities and the business community, all of which will enable him to be an effective leader in helping Partnership to move forward."



A strong leader in economic development, Manis has had a 33-year career in the public sector serving eight cities. He has a proven track record of enhancing the communities he has served by expanding their local employment and sales tax base, improving public facilities and infrastructure, and by providing a variety of housing opportunities. Notably, he has been involved in over 7 million square feet of development projects that have generated over 10,000 new jobs during his career. He was also part of the Executive Team that helped the City of San Bernardino exit bankruptcy.

"I am truly honored and extremely excited about taking on this opportunity with the Partnership, and serving our members," Manis said, stating his appreciation for the Board's decision in selecting him as the new President and CEO. "This is an exciting time for the Partnership as growth in the San Gabriel Valley and our local region is really taking off – from healthcare, aerospace, bioscience, and tourism to what is taking place at the Ontario International Airport – this growth all equates to amazing economic opportunities for the San Gabriel Valley, and the Partnership plays a key role."

Allred, the outgoing President & CEO, expressed confidence in the board's choice. "Working closely with businesses, local governments, and education institutions to advance the economic vitality and quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley has been an exciting and rewarding labor love for me," Allred said. "I'm confident Bill will ensure that the Partnership continues as a premier economic development engine for the region."

Manis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is also a pioneer graduate from the Certified Downtown Professional Program of Cal State San Bernardino and the California Downtown Association.

A resident of Claremont, Manis was born in the San Francisco Bay Area and spent a portion of his childhood attending school in Bristol, England, before returning to the United States and graduating from high school in Southern California. It was during his time in Europe that Bill realized his interest in downtowns, city planning, architecture, and landscape architecture. He and his wife, Judi, who is an executive with AT&T, have two adult children who both graduated from USC Marshall School of Business.