# The Value of Local Economic Development

City of Santa Fe Springs
Economic Development Element
and Implementation Strategy

# **Background on Consultant Team**

The Natelson Dale Group, Inc. (TNDG) - Economic development and real estate consulting firm, established in 1974.

### TNDG has:

- Prepared ED Strategic Plans for jurisdictions throughout the United States.
- Worked extensively in Los Angeles County over the past 47 years.

# Why do cities pursue economic development?

- Secure long-term fiscal strength
- Foster quality employment growth
- Create balanced, amenity-rich community (i.e., expanding local availability of goods and services for residents, employees and visitors)

# **Best Practices: City-level Economic Development**

- Marketing and business development
- Integration with land use planning
- Integration with housing issues
- Integration with workforce development
- Community image and amenities
- Business friendliness
- Infrastructure planning
- Connecting to external resources/partners

# **Approaches to Business Development and Job Creation**

- Retention
- Expansion
- Attraction
- Entrepreneurial development

# Purposes of Economic Development Element & Implementation Strategy

# **Economic Development Element**

- Identify and prioritize Santa Fe Springs' most significant business/ development opportunities
- Provide foundational policy direction on General Plan issues influencing Santa Fe Springs' economic development potentials
- Provide an overall framework for the City's long-term economic development programming – i.e., a broad set of long-term policy objectives

# **Implementation Strategy**

- Leverage Santa Fe Springs' longestablished position as a leading industrial center in Southern California
- Maintain the City's excellent reputation for business friendliness
- Strategically position key "opportunity sites" for development/ intensification

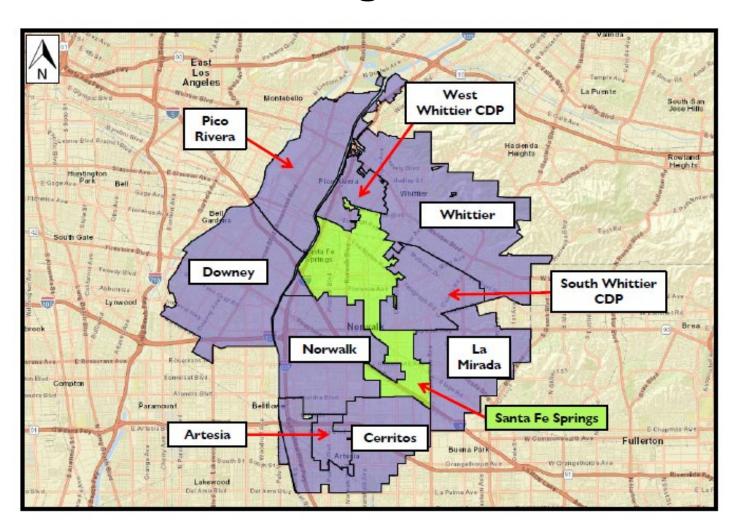
# Implementation Strategy (cont.)

- Refine the City's business retention/expansion/attraction goals (i.e., target industries and business types)
- Identify critical infrastructure investments needed to ensure an innovative, competitive business environment
- Address the technical and financial assistance needs of the local business community
- Maximize and diversify City revenue sources

# Summary of Market Opportunities

# Real Estate Demand and Development Opportunities

### **Southeast Los Angeles Submarket**



# **Retail Market Summary**

	Retail Summary (Q1 2020 QTD)			
	City of Santa Fe Springs	Southeast Los Angeles Submarket	Los Angeles County Market	
Availability				
NNN Rent \$PSF/Yr.	\$26.84	\$21.60	\$32.90	
Vacancy Rate	1.7%	4.7%	4.8%	
Vacant SF	18,491	1,052,703	21,117,281	
Net Absorption	(6,410)	(43,272)	(595,274)	
Inventory				
Existing SF	1,081,498	22,619,583	442,963,373	

Source: Costar (2020); Kosmont, DRAFT – WORK IN PROGRESS

# **Office Market Summary**

	Office Summary (Q1 2020 QTD)			
	City of Santa Fe Springs	Southeast Los Angeles Submarket	Los Angeles County Market	
Availability				
Gross Rent \$PSF/Yr.	\$25.98	\$25.42	\$39.49	
Vacancy Rate	5.7%	5.7%	10.0%	
Vacant SF	61,883	557,979	42,404,606	
Net Absorption	(3,328)	20,431	3,908	
Inventory				
Existing SF	1,079,525	9,811,445	422,393,909	

Source: Costar (2020); Kosmont, DRAFT – WORK IN PROGRESS

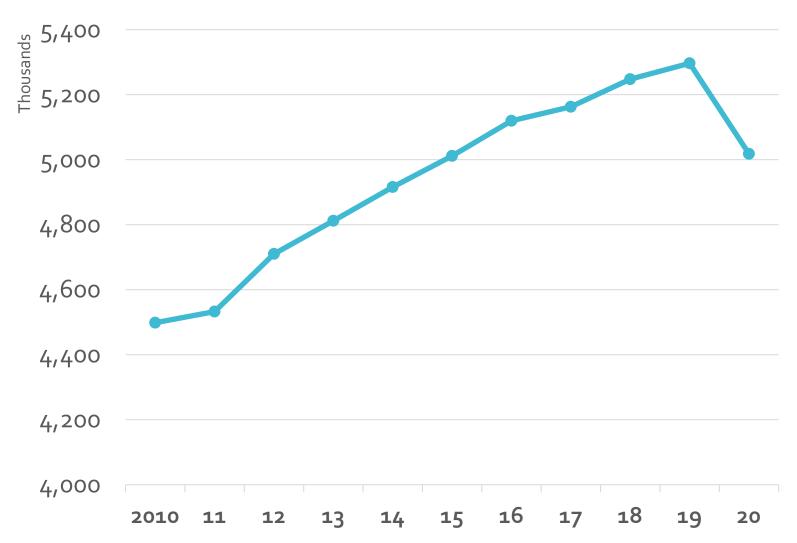
# **Industrial Market Summary**

	Industrial Summary (Q1 2020 QTD)			
	City of Santa Fe Springs	Santa Fe Springs Ind. Submarket	Los Angeles County Market	
Availability				
NNN Rent \$PSF/Yr.	\$10.14	\$10.18	\$13.06	
Vacancy Rate	1.3%	1.4%	2.9%	
Vacant SF	703,856	738,451	25,364,406	
Net Absorption	(73,481)	95,682	(3,782,530)	
Inventory				
Existing SF	53,318,668	51,630,150	876,020,065	

Source: Costar (2020); Kosmont, DRAFT – WORK IN PROGRESS

# Santa Fe Springs' Key Industries

# L.A. County Change in Employment (2010-2020)



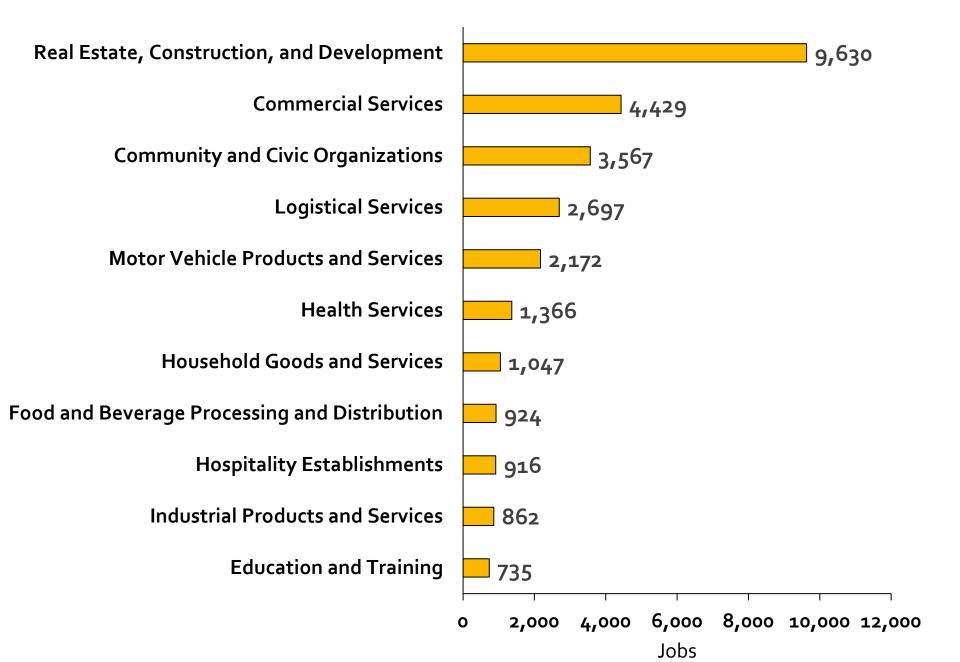
# **Measuring Industry "Clusters"**

**Clusters** – groups of closely affiliated industries

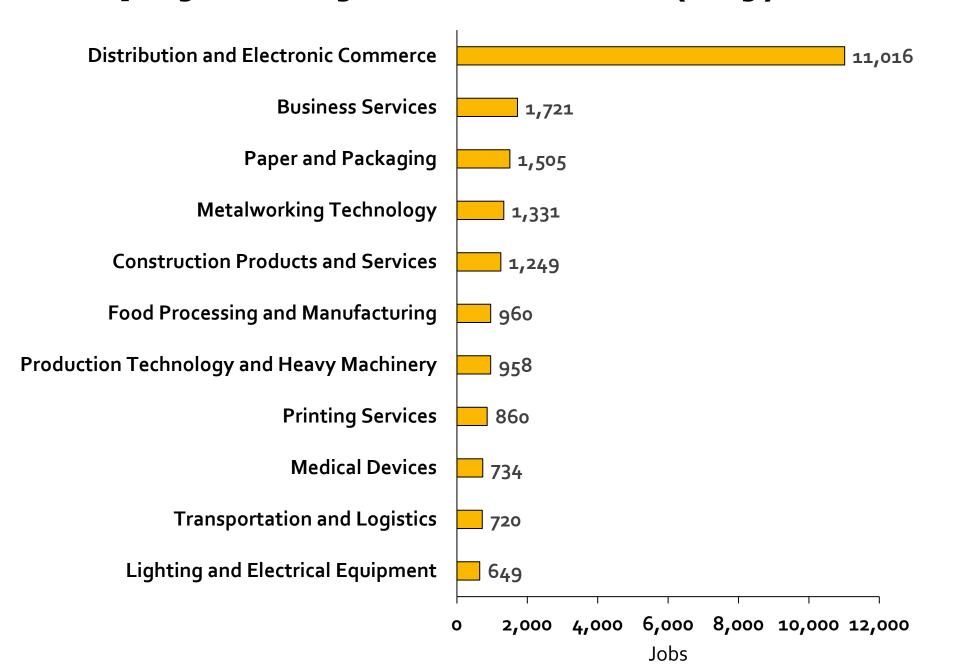
Measures of importance/performance:

- Total jobs
- Location quotient (concentration)
   compared to state and U.S. benchmarks –
   LQ > 1.0 shows competitive advantage

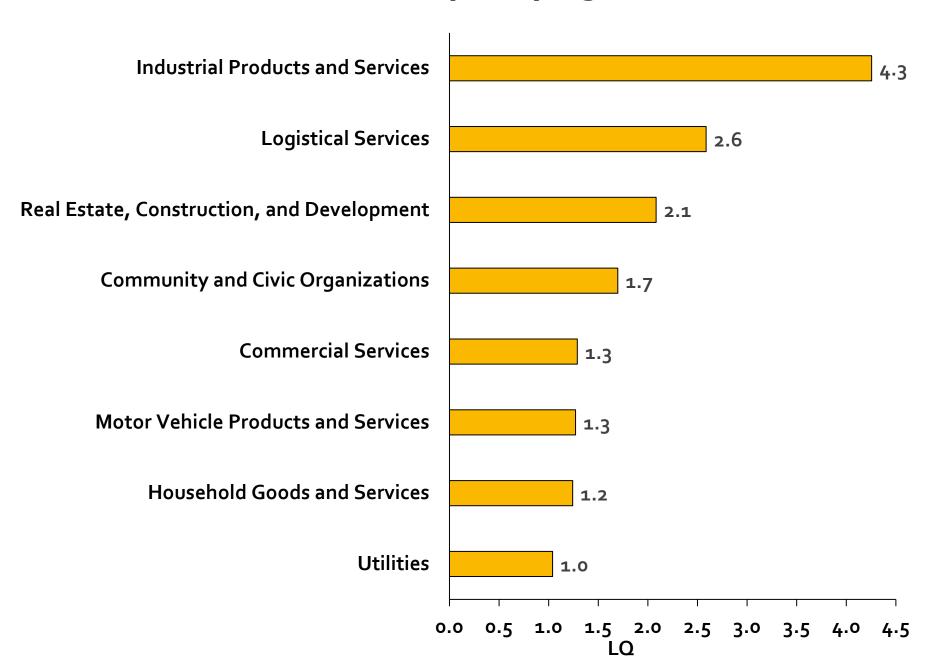
# **Employment by Local Cluster (City) – 2020**



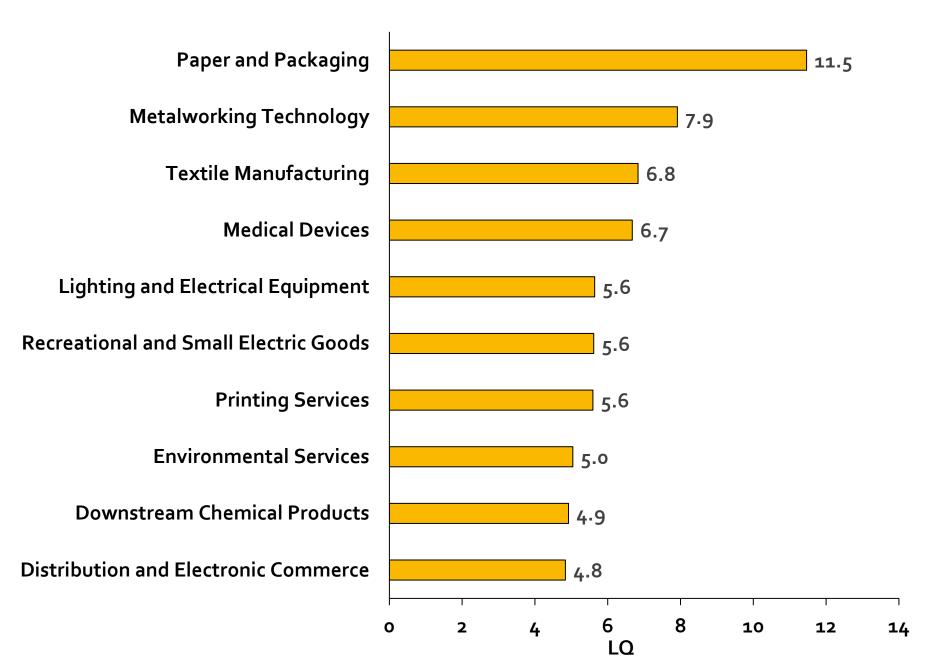
# **Employment by Traded Cluster (City) – 2020**



# **Location Quotients (LQs) by Local Cluster**



# **Location Quotients (LQs) by Traded Cluster**



# **Questions?**



### **Discussion Question 1:**

# Assets and Opportunities for Economic Development

- 1. What are Santa Fe Springs' strongest assets that are currently under-recognized or underdeveloped from an economic development point of view?
- 2. What opportunities may be emerging for Santa Fe Springs based on economic conditions and changes in other parts of Southern California?

### **Discussion Question 2:**

# **Potential Threats to Economic Progress**

- 1. What are the greatest threats to Santa Fe Springs' economic well-being and progress?
- 2. What kinds of actions can the City take to counter these threats?
- 3. What are some of the barriers to business growth in Santa Fe Springs (i.e., what factors might discourage firms from wanting to locate or expand here)?

### **Discussion Question 3:**

# City Roles in Improving Economic Vitality

- 1. What could/should the City of Santa Fe Springs do, if anything, to be more "business friendly"? Is there anything City should *stop* doing?
- 2. What types of industries would you like to see the City prioritize in its efforts to attract new businesses and help existing businesses to grow?
- 3. What types of infrastructure investments should the City prioritize in order to maximize its competitive position for economic development?

### **Next Steps**

- Finalize target industry analysis
- Finalize real estate market studies (Kosmont)
- Additional stakeholder input
- SWOT summary
- Draft and final Economic Development Element
- Draft and final Implementation Strategy