

President Obama touts stimulus, green jobs in visit to Solyndra in Fremont

Coming on the heels of last week's partnership between Tesla Motors and Toyota, President Obama visited Solyndra's solar panel factory in Fremont on Wednesday. Bay Area Council President and CEO Jim Wunderman, who attended the event at the request of the Obama Administration, commented to several major media outlets in attendance about the importance of continued federal support for the Bay Area's green technology efforts.

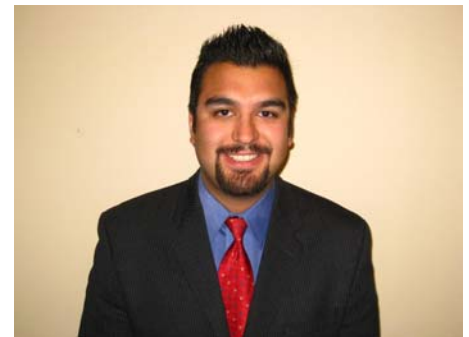


Bay Area Receives Nearly \$11 Million in Stimulus Funds for Residential Retrofits

Last night, the California Energy Commission approved \$10.7 million in federal stimulus funds to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to target up to 15,000 single-family and 2,000 multi-family residences for energy efficiency upgrades. The multi-county program, called Retrofit Bay Area, is expected to create more than 1,700 jobs, save 58,000 megawatt hours (enough to power about 116,000 homes for a month) and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20,053 tons each year. Additionally, Retrofit Bay Area is leveraging the \$10.7 million into more than \$184 million of public and private funds. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/>

Bay Area Council Hires Joe Arellano as Vice President of Communications

This week, the Bay Area Council was proud to welcome Joe Arellano to the team. Arellano, 28, has served as a spokesman and Communications Director for San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom since 2006. Before that, he served in state government as a District Representative for then State Senator Jackie Speier. In his role, Arellano will shape and direct the organization's communications strategies and manage external communications, internal communications, media relations, public relations, and web communications. Arellano began his new position on Monday.



Quote of the Week

"An incumbent may be a four-letter word this year, but a corporate insider is an obscene gesture," [said San Francisco-based Democratic strategist Chris Lehane](#), discussing the tough political climate facing both Senator Barbara Boxer and former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina.