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Goodwill Southern California is Helping Businesses Become ADA Compliant

Sherman Oaks, CA -- Goodwill Southern California in partnership with The Valley Economic Alliance, is helping businesses avoid costly American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations and lawsuits, and helping them becoming compliant with their new parking lot re-stripping and signage program. This program will launch on Tuesday, May 24th from 3pm-5pm at Sherman Oaks Galleria's Community Room, located at 15301 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, 91403.

In response to 90% of ADA lawsuits being parking lot related, Governor Jerry Brown signed a measure that gives businesses with less than 50 employee's time to fix violations after they are pointed out, among other protections.

Goodwill Southern California will present information on its All-Access ADA Support team, which helps businesses make required fixes to their parking lots and prevent fines, lawsuits and facility shutdown at an affordable cost, while ensuring accessibility to customers. The program is offered to Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino County businesses. "We know that business owners have a multitude of responsibilities and not enough hours in the day, said David LoPresti, Goodwill Southern California's Senior Business Development Executive, "Our program gives business owners one less thing to worry about!"

The program also includes a presentation on "How to Avoid ADA Lawsuits" by attorney David Warren who specializes and advises on ADA lawsuits and how to reduce risks by taking action and becoming compliant. Please email aamirkhanian@economicalliance.org to RSVP and attend.

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About The Valley Economic Alliance

The Valley Economic Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit strategic private-public organization made up of business, government, education and community organizations whose mission is to elevate the economic vitality and stability of our five city region; Burbank, Glendale, Calabasas, Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley. For more information, visit www.thevalley.net

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves people with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals into sustainable employment through various programs and services offered at three campuses throughout Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission with proceeds generated from 82 retail stores and 47 attended donation centers. For more information, visit www.GoodwillSoCal.org