



# WESTMARC ISSUE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - 2021

*Make the most of your membership!*

WESTMARC members are encouraged to participate in one or more of our issue committees. Committee participation has many points of value for members: learn what's happening in the West Valley from guest speakers and subject-matter experts, play an active role in supporting the region's interests, make contacts with other members with similar interests and others. Please refer to our website: [www.westmarc.org](http://www.westmarc.org) for more details.

## ISSUE COMMITTEE

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Committee is focused on regional collaboration & strategies to enhance the West Valley's economic development vitality. A key priority of this Committee has been to develop and now implement the regional workforce development strategy - West Valley Pipeline. The Committee works to inform members about business attraction tools, such as the Greater Maricopa Foreign Trade Zone, and other West Valley economic drivers and assets. This Committee also leads the planning for the Annual Economic development Summit.

#### Bi-Monthly - 3rd Thursday, 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

- January 21
- March 18
- May 20
- July 15
- September 1
- November 18

### EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Education and Workforce Development Committee addresses issues affecting the quality of education in the West Valley at all levels (pre-K-12, CTE, post-secondary). It works to create and strengthen connections amongst the business, government and the general community to raise the profile of education in the West Valley. The Education and Workforce Development Committee is keenly aware of and coordinated to enhance and implement the work of the Economic Development Committee in their efforts to support the growth of a talented workforce. They have done so through the creation of an Education Asset inventory, as well as introducing expert speakers to the conversation, leading to further committee action and collaboration.

#### Bi-Monthly - 2nd Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

- February 10
- April 14
- June 9
- August 11
- October 13
- December 8

### HEALTHCARE

The Healthcare Committee is the region's innovative leader in ensuring the West Valley's top industry, healthcare is at the forefront. This Committee is instrumental in addressing issues and providing solutions in industry workforce shortages through partnerships, round-table discussions, and career expos. The Committee is leading efforts to create an interactive healthcare map as a member resource as well as business attraction tool. The Committee led a successful Healthcare Innovation Summit to provide information on the changing landscape of healthcare and impacts on the region and state.

#### Bi-Monthly - 3rd Tuesday, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

- January 19
- March 16
- May 18
- July 20
- September 21
- November 16

### INFRASTRUCTURE

The Infrastructure Committee addresses long-term planning issues that affect this key component for economic development growth. The Committee focuses on transportation, water, energy, and technology impacts to ensure the West Valley has a regional voice in this space. The Committee brings industry leaders in to share their knowledge with members.

#### Monthly - 4th Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

- January 27
- February 24
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 24
- December 22

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Public Affairs Committee in coordination with all other WESTMARC Issue Committees, develops the organization's Annual Legislative Agenda. This Agenda gives members a vehicle to discuss, form and advocate official positions on public policy issues facing the membership as related to the mission of WESTMARC.

#### Special Schedule Due to Legislative Session 1st Monday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

### WEST VALLEY QUALITY OF LIFE





The West Valley Quality of Life Committee is focused on promoting the high quality of life and strong buying power of this region. The Committee maintains an inventory of West Valley assets that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to the state. They are highly aware of the importance of the impact this topic has for decision makers when locating new businesses or expanding existing ones in the region.

#### Bi-Monthly - 1st Wednesday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

- February 3
- April 7
- June 2
- August 4
- October 6
- December 1

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### WESTMARC Communities - *Fifteen Communities...One Voice*

Avondale	Peoria	Buckeye	West Phoenix
El Mirage	Surprise	Gila Bend	Tolleson
Glendale	Wickenburg	Litchfield Park	Youngtown
Goodyear	Sun City	Sun City West	