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### Leadership Monterey County Announces 2025 Cohort

The Monterey County Business Council is excited to launch the 2025 Leadership Monterey County program on February 28, 2025. This dynamic 10-month initiative brings together a diverse cohort of 32 participants, providing in-depth insights into the key businesses and organizations shaping Monterey County's economy and communities. Designed to educate and empower leaders across various industries, the program fosters awareness, collaboration, and advocacy for the county's most significant economic drivers. We are proud to introduce the distinguished participants of the 2025 cohort:

- Selina Andrews City of Salinas, *Finance Director*
- Andrew Armanasco Armanasco Public Relations, *Account Executive*
- Isaura Arreguin Salinas Community Science Workshop, *Development Director*
- Carla Becerra Monterey Peninsula College, *Work-Based Learning Coordinator*
- Susan Blitch County of Monterey, *Office of the County Counsel*
- Jordan Caballero Monterey Bay APEX Accelerator, *Procurement Counselor*
- Ryan Cash Bay Federal Credit Union, *Senior VP- Chief Experience Officer*
- Helen De Young JRG Attorneys at Law, *Firm Manager/Director of External Affairs*
- JP Dundore-Arias CSUMB, *Associate Professor*
- Francisco Guzman ReGen Monterey, *Communications Specialist*
- Liz Hall WM (Waste Management), *Public Sector Manager*
- Chris Haubert Salinas Valley Health, *Creative Content Writer*
- Mark Hennigan Montage Health, *Director of Comprehensive Cancer Center*
- Eric Henry Kaiser Permanente, *Senior Vice President*
- Randy Hopkins Marina Police Department, *Chief of Police*
- LeeAnn Jones County of Monterey, *Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor*
- Kristen Lovell Beacon Economics, *Strategic Partnerships Manager*
- Gerardo Magaña Salinas Police Department, *Sergeant*
- Geoffrey Morgan CHISPA, *President/CEO*
- Sadhna Ortiz Aspire Health, *Director of Population Health*
- Alyssa Rendon See Monterey, *Director of Community Relations*
- Roy Salazar Pacific Valley Bank, *SVP Senior Relationship Manager*
- Wally Sayles Natividad Medical Center, *Director of Perioperative Services*
- Kimberly Schnader *Human Resources Professional*
- Sophia Schwirzke Central Coast Community Energy, *Community Relations Manager*
- Catherine Stihler Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay, *CEO*
- Matt Thompson Monterey One Water, *Director of Engineering*
- Tencia Vargas City of Soledad, *Economic Development Coordinator*
- Jazmine Venegas Pacific Gas & Electric, *Government Relations Representative*
- Martine Watkins Monterey Bay Aquarium, *Local Government Affairs Senior Manager*
- Rick Weiss Bay Federal Credit Union, *SVP/CFO*
- Bill Wilson Monterey County Bank, *President & CEO*