

# Sylmar Chamber of Commerce

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Top Ten Reasons to be a Member of the Chamber of Commerce

1. Networking Opportunities
2. Credibility / Web-presence
3. Government Advocacy
4. Benefits and Discounts
5. Advertising & Marketing Opportunities
6. Community Involvement
7. Learning Opportunities
8. Business Referrals
9. Economic Development
10. Volunteer Opportunities

The Sylmar Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for your business and the businesses in our community. Our mission is to resolutely foster, promote, and ensure progressive and orderly economic, industrial, commercial, and agricultural development, to proactively address civic issues, and support social interests in order to make the community a better place in which to live and work.

The volunteers at the Sylmar Chamber are our members and your fellow business people. They have expressed an interest and willingness to work together as a team to solve problems for the mutual benefit of businesses and the community. Your problems are our problems.

As a member of the Sylmar Chamber you declare yourself a part of this vital partnership. By pooling our time, resources and energy we are able to create a dynamic synergy that will create a better environment in which to work, live and play. In fact, our business climate would not be as attractive without the efforts of the Sylmar Chamber.

Some of the benefits of Sylmar Chamber Membership are:

- We advocate for small and large businesses
- We support local job creation
- Assist community growth and preservation
- Maintain a thriving competitive marketplace
- Negotiate with governmental agencies and private enterprises for necessary services
- Fight for reform of the business tax structure
- Advocate for legislation that is prudent and fair for your business
- Provide education
  - o Entrepreneur Training
  - o Marketing and Public Relations
  - o Bookkeeping and Finances
  - o Business Plans
  - o Internships
- Monthly Breakfast, Lunch and Mixer
- Financial Assistance through our affiliation with the Valley Economic Development Center
  - o Working capital and growth financing
  - o Attend classes free of charge
  - o Real estate funding
  - o Funds for business improvements
- Our Chamber represents you at the United Chambers of Commerce
- Yearly trip to Sacramento to visit with your legislators
- Assistance to local schools
  - o Teacher recognition award
  - o Cash awards for use in the classroom
  - o High school students Day with Business

As you can see the Sylmar Chamber is dedicated to improving the quality of life for businesses and residents of our community. The Sylmar Chamber is NOT a government agency, part of a political party, a civic or social club, or a social welfare agency. The Chamber is YOU!