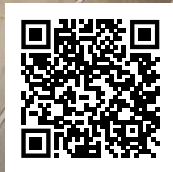


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**Mayor Karen K. Goh**  
City of Bakersfield



July 17, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 State of the City.

It's a joy to join you in celebrating our community and our progress towards "The Sound of Something Better." I'm excited because we've seen first-hand that by working together, we can build a better community. Today, you'll hear about our work to address homelessness, public safety, quality of life, infrastructure, our economy, and more.

While much progress has been made, we still have work to do. We're a tenacious community. I'm thankful for the leadership and work of my colleagues on the City Council, our City staff, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber, and the incredible partners and organizations we work with daily.

Our collaborative efforts enable us to move our city forward. I'm confident that by persevering together we can ensure a thriving future for Bakersfield. Thank you for attending, and most of all, thank you for supporting our city.

Respectfully yours,

Karen K. Goh  
Mayor, City of Bakersfield

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# MID-YEAR UPDATE LABOR LAW & HR FORUM

Mid-year brings new compliance challenges that cannot be overlooked. The state of California has taken a proactive approach in expanding employee rights across various domains. To assist employers in navigating these changes, our comprehensive forum will cover all the legal updates necessary for full compliance. Don't miss out on staying up-to-date and ensuring adherence to labor laws!

**DATE:**

Wednesday, July 31

**TIME:**

7:30 a.m.

Check-In/Networking;

8-10 a.m. Forum

**LOCATION:**

Chamber Office, 1725 Eye St.

**COST:**

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# State of the City 2024

## Program Agenda

- 11:30 a.m.      **Check-in & Networking**
- 11:55 a.m.      **Janelle Capra, President/CEO**  
Greater Bakersfield Chamber  
**Invocation**  
**Flag Salute**
- 12:00 p.m.      **Kiyoshi Tomono, Community Partnership  
Executive**  
Adventist Health  
**Maybelle S. Liquigan, Senior Vice President**  
Kaiser Permanente Kern County
- 12:10 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m.      **Rob Duchow, Public Affairs Manager**  
Southern California Gas Company,  
GBC Chairman of the Board
- 12:35 p.m.      **Christian Clegg, City Manager**  
City of Bakersfield
- 1:05 p.m.      **Karen K. Goh, Mayor**  
City of Bakersfield
- 1:30 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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# Meet the *Artists*

Discover the heartbeat of our community through the eyes and ears of our local artists!

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber encourages us to celebrate Bakersfield's vibrant artist economy. Supporting local artists strengthens our community and enriches the city's cultural fabric. Join us in celebrating these creative contributors at the 2024 State of the City presentation.

Collaborative Art Project:

*Where We Live, Work and Play* ● ● ●

Grab a dot and show us where you live, then grab another colored dot and show us where you work and another for where you play.



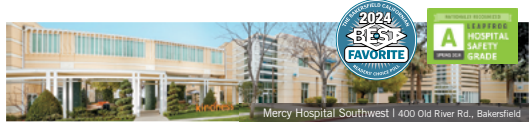
## **Meet Jennifer Williams-Cordova**

Jennifer Williams-Cordova is a multidisciplinary artist specializing in graphic design, photography, illustration, and mural painting. As a Willis and Williams Design Studio partner, she has had the honor of creating imagery, logos, and branding for many of Bakersfield's favorite businesses. Jennifer is also an active community member and the artist behind some of Bakersfield's most unique murals.



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The Sound of Home:

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### **Meet Isaiah Morfin**

Isaiah Morfin is a singer/songwriter, saxophonist, pianist/synthesist, and arranger. He obtained a Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music. He has recorded his own music with talented musicians under the name Izzy & the Fins. His debut album "Mirrorball" was released from Big Ego Studios. You can find his music on Spotify, Apple Music, and all streaming platforms under "Izzy & the Fins" and follow him @izzyandthefins.



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Sessions also focus on leadership, health & human services, energy, arts & culture, media & communications, government, education, law enforcement and agriculture. Through top-tiered speakers and panels in essential industries, exclusive tours and hands-on activities, LB is developing the next generation of leaders in Bakersfield. Participants are also tasked with designing a project that fulfills the community's needs. Each year, LB teams create programs and projects that funnel thousands of dollars into our community that impact the lives of hundreds of Individuals.

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