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**LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS HOST ACCESS TO CAPITAL PANEL ON AUGUST 17**

Community small business organizations will gather at the University of Redlands, Rancho Cucamonga Campus on Thursday, Aug. 17, at a free event to discuss financing options for entrepreneurs.

Hosted by the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce and Accion, this event features a panel-style discussion from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on what you need to qualify for small business financing.

"Small business owners will be able to connect with local lenders one-on-one at this informative event," said President and Chairwoman of the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce Ruby Huey. "There are so many choices when it comes small business financing, the panel will give entrepreneurs the answers they need to choose which option is best for their business."

The panel will be moderated by Robert Usher from IESBDC and will include a question-and-answer portion. Participating organizations include Accion, Citizens Business Bank, CDC Small Business Finance and the Small Business Administration.

Attendees will learn about business support programs available at no cost in San Bernardino County, how to get funding for a start-up business, and what qualifications are needed for a bank loan, among other financing-related topics.

The event will include a networking portion and a light breakfast. There is ample parking at the university, at 9680 Haven Ave Suite 150, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

The event is free and open to the public. Register at [accesstocapitalpanel.eventbrite.com](https://accesstocapitalpanel.eventbrite.com) or by calling 619-795-7250.

**About the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce**

The Rancho Cucamonga Chamber is a business-friendly organization ideally located in the Inland Empire. We aim to promote the economic growth of the region, enhance the quality of life in our city, meet the needs of the business community, industry and tourism.

We are a voluntary organization of business professionals, individuals and firms whose goal is to improve business and a stronger economy. As one of the most respected Chambers in the inland Empire, it is our privilege to be your voice in city, county, state and federal government.

Our mission is to promote a business friendly environment to enhance the quality of life and the economy of Rancho Cucamonga. If you have any questions about the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce, call 909-987-1012 or email [info@ranchochamber.org](mailto:info@ranchochamber.org).

## **About Accion**

Accion, based in San Diego and with local offices in Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties, is a nonprofit, mission-based microlender dedicated to connecting entrepreneurs with the accessible financing and resources it takes to create or grow healthy businesses. By providing loans ranging from \$300 to \$75,000, it creates opportunity for increased income, economic stability and employment. For more information on Accion, visit [us.accion.org](http://us.accion.org). To contact Accion's local office in Riverside County, call 951.206.6299 or email [csanchez@accionsandiego.org](mailto:csanchez@accionsandiego.org).

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