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Please share the following announcement with your small business network, chamber members and make plans to attend this important opportunity to voice concerns of small businesses. All members of the Oakland small business community, trade organizations, chambers of commerce and media are invited to attend the SBA Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Businesses.

On Friday, February 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a forum for small business owners to discuss federal regulations, compliance audits, regulatory fines and enforcement actions affecting small businesses. The event will be held at the Waterfront Hotel, 10 Washington Street in Jack London Square.

This forum will facilitate a dialogue on federal regulatory issues affecting small businesses and highlight resources available to small business owners from the SBA. National Ombudsman Brian Castro and Region 9 Regulatory Fairness Board member Paul Wright of Oakland will host area small business owners and other representatives of the small business of community. The National Ombudsman holds Regulatory Fairness hearings and forums across the country to give small business owners a means to comment on unfair enforcement actions, government audits and excessive fines or regulations. The Ombudsman directs specific issues raised by participants to the appropriate federal agency for a high-level fairness review, and works across government to address those concerns, reduce regulatory burdens and help small businesses grow.

There is no cost to attend and advance registration is encouraged but not required. To register for the Forum, please visit http://events.sba.gov/eventmanagement/EventListing.aspx?state=CA.

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