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Rosemead Chamber of Commerce - 3953 Muscatel Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770  
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Payment may be completed in person, by mail, or for credit card payment, by email or phone

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE URL: www. \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: Full-time \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION: (Under what specific category is your business listed in the Yellow Pages?) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS (\$100 for each additional category) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE BUSINESS ESTABLISHED: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

IS YOUR BUSINESS HOME-BASED?  Yes  No IS THIS A FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS?  Yes  No

IS THIS A WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS?  Yes  No A MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS?  Yes  No

Type of Organization: \_\_\_ Business Trust \_\_\_ Proprietorship \_\_\_ Limited Partnership \_\_\_ Partnership  
\_\_\_ S Corporation \_\_\_ C Corporation \_\_\_ Not for Profit \_\_\_ LLC

Approximate Annual Sales: \_Under \$500K \_ \$500K-999K \_ \$1MM-4.9MM \_ \$5MM - 9.9MM \_ \$10MM-24.9MM  
\_\_\_ \$25M-49.9MM \_\_\_ \$50MM-99.9MM \_\_\_ \$100MM-499.9MM \_\_\_ \$500MM +

Company Contacts - (will receive all Chamber email and mail).

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Title Individual E-mail Address*

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*Name Title Individual E-mail Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Title Individual E-mail Address*

\* AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\* Your signature means the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce has your permission to communicate with you for various reasons via phone, mail and email.

MAY WE THANK SOMEONE FOR RECOMMENDING THE CHAMBER TO YOU?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Note that 97% of your investment in the Chamber is tax-deductible. Membership fees or dues paid by an individual or corporation to a Chamber of Commerce are deductible from gross income as a business expense provided the membership is used as a means of advancing the business interests of the individual or corporation. Due to the changes in the 1993 tax laws regarding deductibility of lobbying expenditures, three percent of your dues are not considered deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

**HOW DO YOU WANT TO BENEFIT FROM THE CHAMBER? We want to know which membership benefits and services are of primary interest to you and those you plan to utilize. Please check all that apply:**

- Advertising/Business Promotion** (e.g. newspaper, sponsorships, Business Expo and other Special Events, website advertising, member to member discount).
- Networking/Business Contacts** (e.g. networking events, monthly breakfasts and lunch meetings, annual dinner, chamber picnic, casino gaming nights)
- Professional Development** (e.g. seminars, workshops, guest speakers, training)
- Cost-Saving Benefits** (e.g. Health Alliance benefits)
- Small Business Development** (e.g. Professional Resource Program, Business Resource Center, SCORE)
- Minority Business Development**
- Government/Public Policy**
- Human Resource Issues**

**CHAMBER COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES:** *I would like to receive more information about the following because I have expertise in one or more of the topics.*

- Ambassadors**
- Economic Development**
- Health Alliance**
- Legislative & Public Policy**
- Special Events**

**ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** *I would like to receive more information about the following:*

- Event Sponsorship Opportunities**
- Advertising Opportunities**
- Yes, I would like to advertise on the Website**

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Investment</u>
1 - 4 Employees & Nonprofits	\$ 215.00	5 - 9 Employees	\$ 250.00	10 - 18 Employees	\$290.00
19 - 35 Employees	\$ 325.00	36 - 50 Employees	\$360.00	51 - 100 Employees	\$430.00
101 &Up - \$500+ \$1.5 p/Empl.		Auto Dealers	\$ 650.00		

Annual Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**There is also a one-time \$35.00 Administration Fee when joining**

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership dues are based on your full-time employee count in Los Angeles County.

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Sponsor* \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment:**

***Check Enclosed:*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMEX \_\_\_\_\_      *Master Card* \_\_\_\_\_      *Visa* \_\_\_\_\_

*Credit Card No:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Card Holders Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Expiration Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*CVV Code (3-Digit Code on Back)* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce is to foster the growth of the business and professional community, enhancing the quality of life in Rosemead.*

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# Frequently Asked Questions about a Chamber of Commerce

## **What is a Chamber of Commerce?**

A Chamber of Commerce is a local association of business people organized to promote the welfare of their community, especially its commercial interests.

It is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation of voluntary membership that invests time and money to carry forward programs relevant to members needs, and that affect the orderly growth and development of the community.

## **Are chambers of commerce part of the city government?**

This is a very common misconception – although the chamber and the city are partners, a chamber is an organization of business, and not part of city government. City government is a corporate body for a community – a chamber is a free standing, independent organization of businesses.

## **What is the federal tax status of a chamber of commerce?**

A chamber of commerce is a 501 (c)6 tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. IRC Section 501 (c)6 is reserved for business leagues, chambers of commerce, boards of trade or other similar organizations.

## **How is a 501(c)(3) different from a 501(c)(6)?**

A 501(c)(3) is designed for charitable purposes. These are defined as “providing services beneficial to the public interest”, such as religious, literary and educational purposes. Donations are tax-deductible.

Professional associations, business leagues, chambers of commerce and boards of trade are exempt from federal taxes under IRC Sect. 501(c)(6). While a member’s dues to 501(c)(6) professional association are not deductible as charitable expenses, a large portion of the dues in such organizations may be deductible as a business expense (to the extent the dues do not involve lobbying expenses).

## **How are chambers structured?**

Each chamber of commerce has an elected Board of Directors, and its work is done through committees. The paid professional (CEO, Executive Director, etc.) works for the Board of Directors. The chamber staff works for the paid professional.

## **Can a chamber act on complaints about a business or organization?**

The Chamber of Commerce is not a federal government agency, and therefore has no authority to investigate how companies conduct business nor are we able to accept complaints. You can file a complaint against a business with the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection and the Better Business Bureau.

## **What kinds of organizations join the Chamber of Commerce?**

All kinds. Businesses of every size and industry, state and local chambers of commerce, as well as trade and professional associations are chamber members. Any organization that has a compatible mission may join a Chamber of Commerce.



## Rosemead Chamber Facts

The Rosemead Chamber of Commerce was formed officially in 1927, although its presence was established back in 1924 as the Rosemead Improvement Association. We operate on a fiscal year basis from July 1 through June 30. The Chamber of Commerce is presided over by a Board of Directors, recommended by the nominating committee from members of the Chamber, serving a voluntary three-year term.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce is to represent member businesses by providing programs and opportunities that supports their prosperity.

### **Why should I join the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce?**

Because it will open the door to new business opportunities, essential business advice, information and expertise, extensive networking opportunities, training for you and your staff, as well as access to key decision makers for assistance in solving your business issues. The Rosemead Chamber works daily to support a strong local economy, to develop an effective workforce to meet your future staffing needs and to create a business-friendly environment at all levels of government.

## Benefits of Membership

**A Powerful Voice in Government** - Chamber membership allows you to have a direct impact on business policies and legislation at the local, state and national level. YOU can make a difference – your membership dues investment supports the Chamber’s ongoing advocacy efforts.

**Business Outlook Breakfast Series** - The breakfast series presents important topics to keep your company on the forefront of business trends. Legislative updates are included in each program.

**Community Exposure** - Free listing in next annual issue of our Chamber of Commerce Business Directory. This full color directory is distributed to 20,000 businesses, residents & visitors in the Rosemead Area. Only members are listed, providing high visibility to potential customers through both alphabetical and categorical listings. Display advertising is available for an additional charge.

**Subscription to Rosemead Report** - Your subscription to Rosemead Report, the Chamber’s monthly newsletter is included your dues investment. Each month the newsletter features informative articles and upcoming events. Advertise for even more exposure for your business!

**Business Builders Seminar Series** - Various topics will be covered (i.e. marketing, taxes, employment issues), providing you with essential information in operating a viable and relevant business.

**Calendar Listing of Member Events** - The chamber web calendar has a special section allowing members to promote their own special events.

**Internet Exposure** - The chamber web site ([www.RosemeadChamber.org](http://www.RosemeadChamber.org)) includes the business directory of our members, giving them worldwide exposure with business description, testimonials and hyperlink to their own web site.

**Low Cost Advertising** - We offer our members a variety of affordable advertising options through the chamber web site, Rosemead Report, annual Business Directory and Rosemead Map, just to name a few.

**Increased Visibility** - Members are welcomed to take advantage of our lobby foot traffic by supplying us with brochures, rack cards or business cards. Both business representatives and residents come to our office every day looking for referrals. They appreciate having your material to take back with them. We also use your material in our relocation packages.

**Opportunity to Serve** - Membership gives you many opportunities within the Rosemead Chamber to serve as a volunteer. Your service is needed and vital to the success of our programs. Volunteering gives you higher visibility within the community and creates a greater networking opportunity. It's a "win-win" for everyone.

**Ribbon Cutting & Grand Openings** - Assistance with ribbon cuttings and grand opening events increase the visibility of host businesses.