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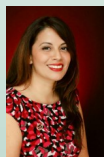
**Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley (EASGV) is a regional organization, founded in 1954. EASGV became a charter member of the California Escrow Association (CEA) in 1957. CEA is a statewide organization of professional escrow practitioners. The vision of CEA is to both lead and support the escrow settlement services, and real estate and financial industries, through our commitment to the professional and personal growth of the escrow practitioner. CEA was founded in 1956 and represents thousands of escrow officers and those individuals who support the escrow industry. The organization is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards in escrow through continuing education and legislative advocacy.**

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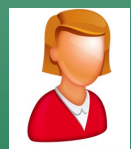


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# President's Message

Winter 2016

Wow! My year as President of EASGV has come and gone in a heartbeat! And what a year it was! As I look back on the past year with all its challenges, with TRID, the CFPB, Lenders blacklisting and the huge impact on some of us caused by hackers and wire fraud, I also see all the successes we've had and I am truly proud of how much each of you has managed to give back in spite of it all.

We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Wine Event and it was a HUGE success! How grateful The Door of Hope and City of Hope were to receive \$10,000.00 each and what an impact those funds could have on the lives of others! A heartfelt "Thank You" to Phil Atwan, Greg Kunath and Eric Spitz for chairing the event and all the committee members that gave so much of their time to putting together such an incredible event.

We held our special monthly dinner raffles, which you all contributed to, and helped us raise and donate \$2,500 towards the Miriam Schwartz Benevolent Fund, a charity which helps the needs of the escrow professional who has experienced a catastrophic accident or illness.

Because of all of your support, EASGV was also able to give back to our members by raffling off 10 sets of Escrow I, II, and III Books to the Summer Seminar attendees, reimburse 8 CEA Conference attendees winners, and most recent - 10 lucky Membership winners! Plus, this year EASGV members received a Certificate of Membership and a FREE Exclusive EASGV T-shirt for those interested. Thank you, Elia Fuentes and Hilda Avila, membership Co-Chairs!

Commendations must also go to our Education Committee, lead by Vice President and Chair Josette Loaiza, who not only put together our monthly dinner meetings but also an awesome Summer Seminar filled with valuable information for our members and an Escrow Beginner's Workshop, a class where even a few out of area CEA members also attended. Thank you!

Plus, did you know that EASGV is a member of four local real estate associations? The Arcadia Association of REALTORS®, Citrus Valley Association of REALTORS®, Pasadena-Foothill Association of REALTORS®, and the West San Gabriel Valley Association of REALTORS® all know who we are! That is because we are becoming more involved, through volunteering, sponsorship and speaking engagements. EASGV represents you and we want to create a presence in both our communities and the real estate industry as educated escrow professionals who give back. Thank you to our members who donated their time to volunteer at these events and who have done a great job at representing EASGV.

And with Juliana Tu and Tricia Vagt representing us on the Executive Board of the California Escrow Association and 4 additional Directors, including myself (more than any other region) I say EASGV has been more than well represented at the state level as well! Thank you, Juliana, Tricia, Judy, Josette and Janeane! We appreciate all your hard work putting together the webinars, Content & Cocktails, reporting on the upcoming bills and helping with Conference and the C.A.R. Expo!

As you can see, Membership does have its benefits so be sure to renew for 2017. If you, or someone you know, are not yet a member of our Association, now is the time to join. As an Escrow professional, membership is crucial. With the new laws and changes in the industry, how else will you know what is going on in your field? How we deal with the challenges facing our industry will certainly shape our future, and that's why it is so important to be part of a trade organization that educates its members and presents a united front. The more members, the more of a voice we will have, the bigger an impact and the stronger an association we will be. And remember, we still have our Pay it Forward Program. For only \$37.50 Escrow Assistants and Support Staff can become members too, available to first time members.

Last but not least, thank you to the 2016 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs whose countless nonpaid hours have not gone unnoticed. In fact, EASGV won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both Newsletter and Community Spirit at the CEA Conference this year in large contribution to their dedication to this board. Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you!

For the new 2017 Board of Directors and Officers, Congratulations and remember this theme:

**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller**

It was truly an honor to serve as your President this year, to represent such a giving, caring group of professional men and women. Thank you for the opportunity. I will treasure it always.

Vanessa James, 2016 EASGV President



Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley  
Dinner Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2016

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**Call to Order: 6:35pm by Vanessa James, President**

**Invocation: Claudia Lagoo**

**Flag Salute: Robyn O'Neil BBS Notary**

**Introductions – Past Presidents, PD Holders, and Individual Associate Members**

**Special Announcements: Nominations Slate for 2017. Vote to be held on 10/13/16; Taste of Arcadia - need more volunteers; CEA to sponsor a booth at C.A.R. Expo in Long Beach 9/27-9/29 - need volunteers for 9/29; Dodger Suite raffle tickets available and winner to be chosen at Wine Event – Phil Atwan & Greg Kunath**

**Dinner 6:45pm**

**Committee Reports 7:00pm**

**Membership- Elia Fuentes/Hilda Avila**

- 161 Members;
- Conference drawing – Winners: Lili Setiowati, Claudia Lagoo, Terri Fabbri, Linette Seright & Lan Tan

**Professional Designation – Terri Fabbri**

- PD testing at conference; deadline 9/20/16
- CEA has mentorship opportunities available

**Education – Josette Loaiza**

- CEA education report; 10/8 Bulk Sales in Costa Mesa
- CEA will continue to offer classes

**CEA Report - Judy Arrington – CEA Report on Bill Review and Escrow Practices. October is Escrow Month.**

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary City of Hope Walk for Hope – Randy Caruso**

Please consider starting a team!

**Guest Speaker - introduced by Josette Loaiza:**

Jennifer Felten, Esq. with RELAW, APC “Social Media Do’s & Don’ts”

**Special Raffle and General Raffle - \$100 special raffle prize donated by Eric Spitz, My NHD**

**Meeting adjourned 8:45pm**



Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley  
Dinner Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2016

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**Call to Order: 6:35pm by Vanessa James, President**

**Invocation: Joe Haggerty**

**Flag Salute: Elaine Loaiza**

**Introductions – Past Presidents, PD Holders, and Individual Associate Members**

**Special Announcements: CEA Conference October 20-22 in Anaheim**

**Committee Reports 6:40pm**

**Membership- Elia Fuentes**

- When renewing with CEA please make sure to specify region – San Gabriel Valley
- Member T-shirts handed out: Please wear your T-shirt to CEA

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of City of Hope Walk for Hope – Randy Caruso**

- 5 Teams have been established; 17 walkers and over \$3000.00 raised

**Fundraising Report – Phil Atwan**

- Wine event raised over \$16,000.00; Thanked committee and sponsors; checks to City of Hope and Door of Hope to be presented at Installation dinner November 17th

**Plated dinner 6:55pm**

**2017 Elections – Terri Fabbri**

**President – Elia Fuentes**

**Vice President – Josette Loaiza (Motion –Judy Pastor 2<sup>nd</sup> Tricia Vagt)**

**Secretary – Elaine Loaiza (Motion Tricia Vagt 2<sup>nd</sup> Claudia Lagoo)**

**Treasurer - Tricia Vagt (Motion – Eric Spitz 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vanessa James)**

**Directors - Phil Atwan, Joe Haggerty, Greg & Linette Seright (Sally Adams – Close 2<sup>nd</sup> Juliana Tu)**

**Installation Dinner – Tricia Vagt**

November 17, 2016 in Pasadena, please look out for invitation in your email

**Guest Speaker and Topic: Anita Rubeck, “CSI: Escrow Forensics!”**

**Special Raffle**

\$100 Macys Gift card donated by Umpqua Bank to benefit the Miriam Schwartz Foundation

**General Raffle - Thank you to all who donated items for the raffles!**

**Meeting adjourned 8:55pm**





# TREASURER'S REPORT

## EASGV TREASURER REPORT MAY 2016

RECEIPTS	Beginning balance	\$ 18,536.86
April Dinner Meeting		\$ 35.00
May Dinner Meeting		\$ 1,900.00
City of Hope Raffle		\$ 5.00
Regular Raffle		\$ 5.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,945.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS		
March Board Dinner Meeting		\$ 117.15
April Board Meeting Dinner		\$ 80.00
Bank/Credit Card Fee		\$ 75.85
CEA Directors Meeting		\$ 1,215.74
Professional Designation Prep Class		\$ 74.15
Franchise Tax Board 2015 Tax Filing		\$ 10.00
Website		\$ 52.00
Embassy Suites May Dinner Meeting		\$ 1,523.33
Pay it Forward PD Test		\$ 200.00
CEA / AEA Raffle		\$ 175.00
Admin Board Items		\$ 28.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,551.62</b>

Checking Balance \$ 16,930.24

## EASGV TREASURER REPORT JUNE 2016

RECEIPTS		
City of Hope Raffle May		\$305.00
Regular Raffle May		\$200.00
Basic Escrow Seminar		\$755.00
June Dinner Meeting		\$540.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS		
AEA Directors (3)		\$2,988.96
CEA Directors Meeting		\$452.45
Website		\$133.50
Education Speaker Gifts/Basic Escrow		\$51.87
EASGV Board of Directors Meeting		\$118.32
Bank / Credit Card Fee		\$55.36
Wine Event Credit Card Fee		\$31.54
CEA Raffle Fundraiser		\$50.00
2015 Taxes		\$450.00
June Dinner Meeting		\$1,714.57
Pay it Forward		37.50
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,084.07</b>

Checking Account Ending Balance  
By: Tricia Vagt 2016 Treasurer

\$12,646.17



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## EASGV TREASURER REPORT JULY 2016

RECEIPTS	Beginning balance	12,646.17
June Dinner Meeting		1515.00
May Dinner Meeting		70.00
April Dinner Meeting		370.00
Membership Dues CEA		280.00
July Dinner Meeting		3430.00
Door of Hope Raffle July		360.00
June Miriam Schartz Raffle June		285.00
City of Hope Raffle June		100.00
Regular Raffle July		190.00
Regular Raffle June		85.00
Wine Event		1760.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,445.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	
Board Meeting Dinner	66.10
Credit Card Fee	62.65
Wine Event Credit Card Fee	32.00
July Dinner Meeting	2769.69
Overcharge Refund	20.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2950.44</b>

By: Tricia Vagt Treasurer	Checking Account Balance 7/31/16	18,160.73
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## EASGV TREASURER REPORT AUGUST 2016

RECEIPTS	
Summer Seminar	\$45.00
Wine Event	\$2,510.00
July Dinner Meeting	\$150.00
CEA Membership Dues	\$265.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>2,970.00</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	
Education Speaker Travel	\$200.75
CEA Dues	\$280.00
Pay it Forward	\$37.50
Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors (Board Support)	\$250.00
Summer Seminar	\$1,461.34
Wine Credit Card Fee	\$91.20
Credit Card Fee	\$59.17
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>
	<b>\$2,379.96</b>

Checking Account Ending Balance  
By: Tricia Vagt 2016 Treasurer

\$18,750.77





## JUDY ARRINGTON Director's Report August, 2016

### Governance Committee

The Governance Committee has put forth major effort this past year with the main focus being on our Policies and Procedures Handbook. A final conference call will be held Thursday, November 3rd, to finalize a presentation to the Board of Directors. The presentation is scheduled to occur at the last meeting of the year on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Escrow Practice

A survey of the attendees was taken with regard to how the practitioners within the State were dealing with FinCEN requirements. The survey determined that title divisions within title companies (who are the required party to report) are imposing a requirement in the preliminary report to address the information required.

A survey of the attendees took place in August regarding what practice was adopted regarding dealing with demands by companies that advance commissions to the realtor. The outcome was that most companies do not pay on these demands. If a demand is received, then it is referred to the broker of the realtor for payment.

### Bill Review

**AB 1974:** Otherwise known in this circle as the Re-recording Bill. The bill does not provide for re-recording of original documents to correct grantor/grantee errors or legal description errors. A new acknowledgement must be provided. This bill is effective January 1, 2017.

**AB 2416:** This bill allows the requirement of adherence to credit reporting by any company "vetting" escrow personnel to continue for additional five years. This will sunset December, 2021. It is recommended that CEA should revisit and evaluate this matter in 2020. This was a CEA sponsored bill. Effectively it cancels out the old sunset clause and continues the imposed requirements of credit reporting on any company who decides to decline a practitioner. The law as it was written was deemed effective.



## JUDY ARRINGTON

### Director's Report Continued

**AB 2693:** This bill mandates stronger disclosure requirements to the homeowner as it relates to PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) and HERO (Home Energy Renovation Opportunity) loans. The homeowners are to be advised annually that they may need to pay the entire balance in the event of sale or refinance. In addition, the bill provides for a 3 day notice of rescission when obtaining the loan. This was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2016 and is effective January 1, 2017

**SB 1150:** This bill prohibits a mortgage servicer from recording a notice of default against a piece of property when a borrower dies, and there is another party who is claiming successor interest in the property. Certain information must be collected to substantiate or dismiss the claim. The Governor signed this bill on September 29, 2016. It is effective January 1, 2017 and will be in existence until January 1, 2020.

**AB 1952:** This bill provided for property taxes to be paid monthly for senior citizens. The Governor vetoed this measure stating it was too costly to manage.

**AB 1779:** This bill expanded the TODD (Transfer on Death Deed) and allows for use of this deed for revocable trusts. This was signed by the Governor.

**AB 2217:** This bill allows notaries to charge up to \$15.00 per signature. It passed and is effective January 1, 2017.

**AB 2291:** This bill allows the county tax collectors to accept partial payments of delinquent property taxes and to charge a fee, as prescribed by the local board of supervisors. Said fee would be regulated. This year the legislature introduced a total of 2,561 bills. Nine hundred and four (904) of those bills were chaptered or made laws. Your CEA committee under the guidance of our lobbyists monitored 74 of the bills throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bixby-Arrington



## Tricia Vagt Director's Report August 6, 2016

**The National Affairs Committee** Has raised to date \$2,145.00 for the CEA - AEA Director travel expenses. We also have sponsors for the 4 drawing price money. Sponsors are Las Brisas Escrow, Riverside, Elite Escrow Services, San Diego, Capital Trust Escrow, Los Angeles, Viva Escrow, San Marino and Altus Escrow, Upland. Early Bird registration for American Escrow Association ends April 30<sup>th</sup>. This year it is in Tempe Arizona. Dates are May 19-21<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "Time to Lead the Way Moe Ahead with the AEA". The Keynote Speaker for Friday Lunch is Lin Sue Cooney past News Anchor for KPNX channel 12 in Arizona. The topics are top notch "Creating an Irresistible Company" "What does a E-closing look like?" and much more. Check out the AEA website.

AEA Now has a management company AVVOCAL located here in Sacramento. Art Davis is still our AEA lobbyist for National Affairs.

AEA went to Washington DC and sat in on the hearings of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. AEA met with NAR, MBA, CFPB while they were in Washington.

CFPB Director Richard Cordray issued a letter on April 7<sup>th</sup>, which specifically states that Lenders should not be shifting their responsibilities and liabilities for TRID to Settlement Agents. You can read about it in the Dodd Frank Update article here:

<http://www.doddfrankupdate.com/DFU/ArticlesDFU/Cordray-addresses=lender-third-party-TRID-indemnif-66565.aspx>

**The Professional Designation:** We have an ad hoc committee working on making it possible in the future, we hope, to take the Professional Designation Tests online. We are looking for a major sponsor to help defray the cost of setting this up. We are excited and really think it could be possible by 2017. Just don't hold us to it as it takes a long time to get this built, tested and then ready for members to take a test. We have also spent some time on changing from the scantron answer sheets. The decision is to stay with the scantron. Headquarters has the capability to grade easier with the scantron. As always, if you are not a professional designation holder you should be. If licensing does come in the future CEA lobbyist Mike Belote will get in the bill that CEA PD holders be grandfathered in. So you would be in a much better position to service your clients. Remember to challenge yourself not to just let others challenge you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tricia Vagt  
CEA Director



## JOSETTE LOAIZA Director's Report August 6, 2016

### *Education Committee*

The "Content and Cocktails" speaker on August 5<sup>th</sup> was C.E. Tapie Rohm Jr., Professor of Information and Decision Science, California State University, San Bernardino, who covered "Cyber Attacks and Security Measures".

Our webinars for Commercial Escrow and Wire Fraud were all successful and very informative. We are looking to purchase our own web cam for future use in providing quality education sessions. Concurrently with the August Director's meeting in Ontario, CA we held a Boot Camp / Escrow I which was so well-attended we are contemplating a second Escrow I class concurrent with the November Director's meeting in San Diego. Our Mobile Home webinar is set to take place on August 13<sup>th</sup> – the presenters are Tricia Vagt and Debbi Faber.

The Education Committee and specifically through the dedication of Mickey Vandenberg, Tricia Vagt, Alma Rushing and myself, created a power-point presentation that will be used to present an educational seminar at the Los Angeles County Treasurer-Tax Collector's meeting on August 31, 2016 (Tricia, Alma & Mickey will be the presenters). This presentation will cover the process of handling tax payments/refunds through Escrow, Sub-Escrow and Personal Property and will become available for presentations to other tax collectors throughout California.

We will have a booth at the California Realtor EXPO in Long Beach, CA (Sept. 27-29) to promote our organization and meet/engage with many realtors throughout Southern California. CEA will provide a "Benefits of Membership" trifold and Vanessa James is still looking for volunteers to help set-up and be present in the booth.

There are ongoing sub-committees working hard on process and phraseology workbooks for Bulk Sales, Mobile Homes and Commercial. These will be great tools to assist in the challenges that come your way!

Respectfully Submitted,

Josette Loaiza, 2016 CEA Director





## JANEANE ARILDSSEN

### Director's Report

August, 2016

During summer, when our own Tricia Vagt was tapped to lead on the CEA Executive Board as Education Portfolio Chair, an additional Director was needed to fill her spot for the remainder of the year's two meetings. It was my pleasure to serve you at the August 6 meeting in Ontario, California. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

**NOTARY DISCUSSION:** There was passionate discussion about the Secretary of State's presentation in Sacramento at the CEA sponsored content and cocktails on April 8. Namely:

- Requirement of one notarized document per journal entry line item.
- The rule that the acknowledgement needs to be completed in front of the signer.
- Prohibition from changes being made on the acknowledgement without the presence of the notarized person.

**FUNDRAISING:** A "Memorandum of Understanding" between CEA and **My NHD** was entered into for the purpose of raising funds for the **Miriam Schwarz Benevolent Fund**. This fund is specifically designated to help member escrow professionals in need. Highlights of the agreement:

- Half of the price of each charm and bracelet go to the fund.
- Bracelets will be \$10 each, stones \$10 each and charms \$10 each. Individual packages of one stone, one charm, and one bracelet will be available for \$20.
- Each regional association will receive 20 charms.
- Sponsorships of charms will be sold, with half the proceeds going to the fund.
- Funds from the sale of the bracelets to be transferred to the fund quarterly.

If you know of a fellow member in need, please contact a director or the president for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janeane Arildsen**

2016 Interim CEA Director



CALIFORNIA REALTOR® EXPO  
LONG BEACH, CA | SEPT. 27-29, 2016

## Who's Your Escrow Officer?

Expo Committee Report

**Attendees: 8,100**

**Exhibitor Representatives: 1,412**

**Exhibit Booths: 274**

**Booth Volunteers & helpers:** Deb Perry, Debbi Faber, Carmen Martinez, Nancy, Dave Shean, Tricia Vagt, Janeane Arildsen, Mickey Vandenberg, Juliana Tu, Linda Murphy, Reba Starnes & Vanessa James

### CEA's 10x10 Booth (5 badges):

- Step & Repeat with photo op
- Membership Trifold
- FinCen flyers
- 2017 Membership Applications
- CEA Conference Magazine
- Regional Presidents' contact info
- Individual Associate Members list
- Variety of Candy
- Complimentary 4-line classified AD & On-Line Product Listing <http://expo.car.org/exhibitors.html>
- Collected business cards for (2) \$50 raffle prizes mailed directly
- Donated (2) \$100 General Raffle prizes given away at the ice cream social
- Booth volunteers got to participate in an exhibitor raffle for a chance to win an iPad Air or Apple Watch

Escrow Services

**California Escrow Association**

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This year CEA sponsored a booth at the C.A.R Expo and Conference, except instead of asking Who's your REALTOR® we asked the question, "Who's Your Escrow Officer? Are they a member of the California Escrow Association?" Attendees engaged in conversation about escrow, the current issues affecting escrow transactions and why it is important to belong to a trade organization that supports the education of not only the escrow officer but also the broker who may take on additional liabilities when they open an escrow company. We were able to gather names of a few broker owned escrow companies and were told by some that are planning to open an escrow company in the near future that they want their escrow employees to join our association. With that in mind and through follow up of leads, I am confident we can expect to see the increase in membership in the coming year. A list is being put together of expo booth attendees which the committee, with the help of staff, will market through Eblasts and/or written letters. This group list will be kept separate for tracking purposes.

President, Deb Perry did an excellent job representing CEA at Gov Hutchinson's Risk Management session at Friday morning's conference, speaking to a full house of REALTORS®. At the end of the session many took a FinCen flyer, and some a membership application, on their way out of the room. The whole week was considered a success, I had many commendations by real estate associates on the importance of CEA being represented and Gov Hutchinson even requested us back in 2017!

Pictures of booth attendees and the event can be found on CEA's website and are available to the public for viewing and sharing.

Next year the event will be taking place at the San Diego Convention Center October 10-12, 2017 and CEA plans to participate once again!

**Vanessa James**  
**CEA Membership Committee Chair**



# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear **EASGV** Members and Friends,

Thank you for your membership and making **EASGV** all that it is!

It is an **award winning** regional association!

It is a **COMMUNITY** of friends, peers and mentors who give back so generously to the industry and community!

*It is Wine Tasting Under the Stars*

*It is Walk of Hope*

**It is Door of Hope**

It is **Miriam Schwarz Foundation**

**It is Education.** It is Real Estate Industry *outreach*.

It is **161 Members Strong.**

*It is innovative, improving, moving forward.*

**It is all of you!**



EASGV Membership T-shirts came just in time for CEA Annual Conference .

*Oh Yeah - did we look great!*

**Congratulations to the lucky winners of Annual Membership Drawing for CEA conference and 2017 CEA Membership dues!**

**Membership counts!**

*Respectfully,*

*Elia Fuentes and Hilda Avila*



## **Drawing For 2016 CEA Conference**

**Congratulations to the lucky winners of EASGV's Membership Drawing for reimbursement for CEA 2016 Conference registration!**

At every dinner meeting, members complete an entry slip for EASGV's annual CEA Conference registration drawing. Names were drawn from all those submitted over the year. This year's lucky winners were:

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1. Terri Fabbri</b>    | <b>2. Angela Hum</b>     |
| <b>3. Tania Kelley</b>    | <b>4. Claudia Lago</b>   |
| <b>5. Linette Seright</b> | <b>6. Lili Setiowati</b> |
| <b>7. Kim Tep</b>         | <b>8. Lan Tran</b>       |

**Thank you for your membership!**

**EASGV Membership Committee**

# EASGV MEMBER DRAWING FOR 2017 CEA MEMBERSHIP DUES

At every dinner meeting, members complete an entry slip for EASGV annual membership dues drawing. Names were drawn from all those submitted over the year. EASGV will reimburse these 10 lucky winners for their 2017 CEA Membership dues:

1. Cory Adams
2. Janeane Arildsen
3. Judy Arrington
4. Sharon Lan
5. Lupe Landeros
6. Sam Ng
7. Juliana Tu
8. Tricia Vagt
9. Amy Wang
10. Miriam Brown



## **Membership Drawing For 2017 CEA Membership**

### **Congratulations Janeane!**

You are a lucky winner of EASGV Member's Drawing for 2017 CEA Membership Dues.

EASGV will reimburse you for your Individual Active Membership dues.

To obtain your reimbursement, please submit the attached Expense Reimbursement/Check Request form, along with proof of payment.

Reimbursement will be made to you once EASGV has received a 2017 Membership list showing you as an active member!

***Remember to pay your renewal dues by the due date of November 30! (Late fees will not be reimbursed.)*** Please submit your request for reimbursement no later than March 31, 2017.

**Thank you for your membership!**

**EASGV Membership Committee**

**Just one of the great  
benefits of EASGV  
Membership!**

# SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

## Website/Social Media/Marketing Committee Report


This committee has been busy gearing up for 2017. If you would like to be part of this ever-changing committee, please contact us via email at [Escrow.Associates.SGV@gmail.com](mailto:Escrow.Associates.SGV@gmail.com). No special skills required! Thanks to you, we are building our presence in social media. If you haven't already visited our Facebook Page, please search and locate EASGV, or click on this link: [https://www.facebook.com/EASGV/?ref=tn\\_tnmn](https://www.facebook.com/EASGV/?ref=tn_tnmn). Once you Like our Page, you will see our dinner meetings, seminars, and other postings in your feed. Then you will be able to Share events on your own Timeline and invite your friends to like our Page, too!

We encourage all members of EASGV to join us on our Facebook Group. This is a good place to interact with other members by sharing ideas, participating in discussions, and even posting some industry-related news and photos. You may search for EASGV or locate us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EASGV/>. We post any events that we sponsor and new laws to be aware of. Please give us your input and submit questions for speakers on this group page. Feel free to join our group and comment, share, and post industry-related news and photos. All posts will need to be pre-approved by a page administrator.

Follow EASGV on Twitter @EASGV. You may search for EASGV or locate us here: <https://mobile.twitter.com/EASGV>. We would appreciate a follow, reply, retweet, or mention. Consider using the hashtag symbol # before a relevant keyword or phrase (no spaces) in your tweet to categorize your tweets and help them show more easily in Twitter Search. Clicking on a hashtagged word in any message shows you all other tweets marked with that keyword.

We keep our website current with the information you need and you will find us here: <http://www.easgv.org/>. All of our events and meeting notices can be found on the interactive Calendar.

And please don't forget to let us know when you have a change in email address. We don't want you to miss our email announcements on upcoming events and educational opportunities. Send your update to [Escrow.Associates.SGV@gmail.com](mailto:Escrow.Associates.SGV@gmail.com).

Join us on  and follow us on  !

Respectfully submitted,  
Your Website/Social Media/Marketing Committee

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# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## Education Committee Report

As the year comes to a close, we recall all of the great educational opportunities we've had this year:

- ✓ Rose Pothier, Esq. – Life after TRID!
- ✓ Los Angeles County Recorder – Document Recording & Fraud Units
- ✓ Gov Hutchinson, Esq. - CAR
- ✓ Title Panel: Mike Merlo-Lawyers Title, Lee Wilson-First American Title & Tony Taranto-Chicago Title
- ✓ Patrick McClellan – First American NHD
- ✓ Erin McKeon – HERO
- ✓ Steven Ray Garcia, Esq. – DBA's, LLC's, LP's, LLP's, Co's and Trusts
- ✓ Jennifer Felten, Esq. – Social Media Do's and Don'ts
- ✓ Anita Rubeck – CSI: Escrow Forensics!
- ✓ Beginner Escrow Workshop
- ✓ Summer Seminar



We thank you for your continued participation and look forward to another successful year next year. Please reach out to any Education Committee or Board Member and let us know if there is any particular topic or speaker you would be interested in hearing.

If you are interested in participating in next year's committee, please watch your email for the date of the Education Committee 2017 Planning Meeting. We would love to have more people join us!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Josette*

Josette Loaiza  
Education Committee Chair



# FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

FALL/ WINTER - 2016

To our treasured and valuable Members and Friends of EASGV, the **EASGV Fundraising Committee** would like to welcome you to YEAR END - 2016!

Last year, our Escrow Association raised **\$14,000** for The City of Hope **and** The Door of Hope through our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Fundraising Event in addition to all our other fundraising during our dinner meetings. This past September 23<sup>rd</sup> we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Event, and it appears that **we netted approximately \$16,000 after expenses!!!!**

**We want to publicly acknowledge the following very generous EASGV 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Under the Stars Fundraiser Sponsors who made our fundraiser possible:**

### \$1000 Sponsors:

Avanti Notary Service   Exchange Resources   My NHD   Phil & Loretta Atwan   Paul & Linda Spring

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Viva Escrow!

### \$250 Sponsors:

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Greg Kunath   One Way Rooter and Plumbing   Portfolio Escrow   RELAW, APC  
West San Gabriel Association of REALTORS®

Also, a very special thank you to the following wineries for pouring their best for tasting and fundraising for the City of Hope and the Door of Hope!

**Phantom Rivers Wineries**

**LaZarre Wineries**

**Opolo Wineries**

**There were so many** Donors of Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction Items and Wines but the greatest was a suite for 20 at Dodger Stadium – and it just so happened to be Vin Scully's last game broadcasted at Dodger Stadium, *plus*, the Dodgers won the National League West Pennant at that game!!!

Looking Back With Much Gratitude for a Successful 2016, and looking forward to what's in store for **2017!**

***It's been an honor for our committee to have served you and those in need within our community.***

Respectfully-

**Phil Atwan**

Director, EASGV and 2016 Fundraising Committee Chair-Person,





***EASGV raised funds throughout the year with our raffles held at each dinner meeting.***

***Our Monthly Special Raffles*** each month were for a ***\$100 CASH prize*** – all the monies raised went towards 3 Specific Charities: ***The Miriam Schwarz Benevolent Fund, The Door of Hope, and The City of Hope***

***THANK YOU to Our Generous Members who provided these \$100 Prizes in 2016:***

<b>January - Phil Atwan – Exchange Resource</b>	<b>June - Ray Moody – City National Bank</b>
<b>February - Greg Kunath – Superior Press</b>	<b>September – Eric Spitz – MY NHD</b>
<b>March – Jesse Bullis - BBS Notary</b>	<b>October - Debbie Anderson - Umpqua Bank</b>
<b>April - Rosie Mares – RMA Accounting</b>	
<b>May - Becky Proctor - East West Bank</b>	

***A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who faithfully and generously donate monthly Gifts for our General Raffle – YOU are so Appreciated!***

Jessie Billis – BBS Notary Services  
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# *Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley*

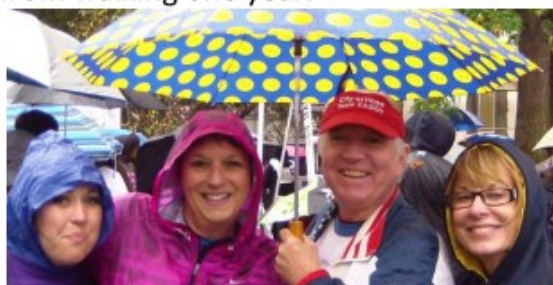
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## City of Hope

The Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley has been working with the City of Hope for over a decade and there is plenty of work remaining. As your team captain this year I reflect back thru the years we have supported the City of Hope as our main charity and have many fond memories.



We have used our raffles at dinner meetings and our special raffles to raise funds. We established a successful wine tasting that has grown in size and the funds raised each year. Even the rain did not stop us from walking one year.



We have wheeled each other and brought our children year after year, teaching the next generation the meaning of giving back and thinking of more than ourselves.



We had signs printed and carried as we walked and a plaque placed in the rose garden at the City of Hope.



We have had a different group each year, many returning each and every year to show their support by walking. When you walk past the hospital with the glass wall and the patients are standing with their IV bags and masks on, others in their wheel chairs, encouraging the walkers on, you have to think, we should be celebrating them, their fight, their struggle.



This year, thru our Walk of Hope efforts we raised more hope for all:

Teams:	Amount Raised
Century 21 Adams & Barnes	610.00
EASGV	735.00
Comerica	530.00
Lotus Escrow	845.00
Shean & friends	1,210.00
Viva Escrow	5,460.00
Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley	<b>Total \$9,390.00</b>



Thank you to those that joined and walked, donated or otherwise helped support our fight against cancer. Together with the City of Hope we can help defeat cancer and save our friends, our co-workers, our family and ourselves.

Thank you,  
Your Team Captain - Randy Caruso



# PD COMMITTEE

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Here we are ending the 1<sup>st</sup> year of our 4 year cycle for Continuing Education Credits. Now is the time to gather all of your credits for the year and send them in to CEA no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Remember we need 48 credits for the 4 year cycle, so hopefully you have at least 12 or more credits to send in. Send all credits in on the 502 form which you can print out on the CEA website. Be sure to make copies of the 501 forms and the 502 for your records.

The requirement to retain your Professional Designation is to complete 48 credits for each 4 year cycle. Please do not wait until the last year.

**SPECIAL REWARD!!! SPECIAL REWARD!!! SPECIAL REWARD!!!**

The Pay it Forward Committee of EASGV will be rewarding all EASGV members who pass their Professional Designation test this year with a \$100.00 cash reward for all their hard work and dedication!!!!

**MAKE THIS YOUR YEAR TO BE PROFESSIONALLY DESIGNATED!!!!!!!**

Thank you.

Terri Miali Fabbri, CSEO, CEO, CEI, CBSS, CMHS,  
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## Important CEA Member Communication: **UPDATED INFORMATION PER FinCEN REGARDING TRUSTS AUGUST 29, 2016** FinCEN Expands Reach of Real Estate "Geographic Targeting Orders" to Five Counties in California, Additional Federal Reporting Required

The Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") U.S. Department of the Treasury, has issued a Geographic Targeting Order ("GTO") requiring Title Agent underwriters to collect and report information about individuals involved in certain **residential real estate transactions** with a cash only purchase price of \$2,000,000 or more. The GTO effective date is 180 days from 8/28/2016 and expires 2/23/2017. For purposes of the GTOs, "residential real property" means real property (including individual units of condominiums and cooperatives) designed principally for the occupancy of from one to four families.

A cash only transaction is described as a purchase price met without financing by a financial institution and if any portion of the transaction is paid with cash, cashier's check, certified check, personal check, business check, traveler's check, and/or money order. Any escrow transaction that is fully funded through funds wired to the Escrow Holder is **EXEMPT**.

The areas affected in California are:

1. San Diego County
2. Los Angeles County
3. San Francisco County
4. San Mateo County
5. Santa Clara County

The entities that must be reported on are:

1. Limited liability company
2. Partnership
3. Corporation

**FinCEN has stated at this time that all forms of trusts (including business trusts) ARE NOT considered legal entities for purposes of the GTO.**

Items that must be collected by the title underwriters to sufficiently complete IRS Form 8300 as required are the following:

1. Information about the identity of the individual primarily responsible for representing the purchasing entity;
2. Information about the purchasing entity including information of the Beneficial Owner (each individual who owns 25% or more of purchase entity); and
3. Copies of current valid driver license or passport for items 1 and 2 above.

Be prepared for requirements by the title insurer for completion of Affidavits with information regarding the authorized signer and additional Beneficial Owner information on **residential real estate transactions over 2 million dollars** prior to recording.

If you have a current residential transaction for \$2,000,000 or more closing after August 28, 2016, please contact your title officer to obtain the requirements.

For additional information, please go to the [FinCEN FAQ](#) page.

From your CEA National Affairs Committee and your CEA Board of Directors

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## CEA Conference

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Education Conference, Escrow is a Beach, was held October 20-22 in Anaheim, CA with the President's Walk, Exhibitors and all promoting a beach theme. CEA had a total of 372 Attendees and made approximately \$93,000.00 in profit. Single sessions were held this year and considered a success, saving CEA considerably on the cost and helped to build camaraderie. Sessions included Tax Sale Escrows, CA Sectary of State & Legal Updates, FIRPTA, FTB, Cyber Security Threats and Best Practice panel. These single sessions also made the event less stressful and allowed longer breaks for more interaction with exhibitors.

The 2016 Mark Coniglio Memorial Golf Tournament took place at the Strawberry Farms Golf Club where 62 golfers participated. With sponsorship and expenses considered we made approximately \$4,000.00 in profit. Mike Belote generously offered to pay one golfer from each region and 8 took him up on it.

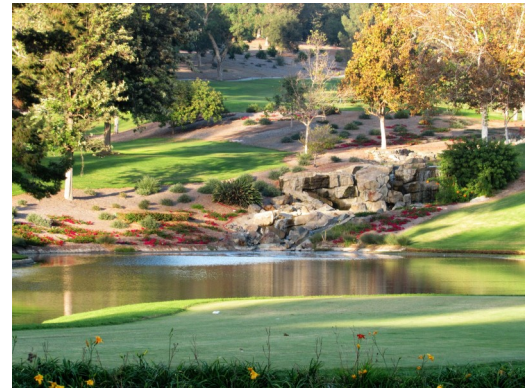


**Congratulations  
Vanessa for winning  
CEA's Committee  
Chair of the Year!**





# 3rd Annual Wine Tasting Under the Stars Fundraising and Networking Mixer



**DOOR OF HOPE**

Door of Hope's long-term vision has always been to, "Equip Homeless Families to Rebuild Their Lives." From the start of Door of Hope through to its future growth and expansion, this guiding principle will continue to be an ever present, foundational attribute as Door of Hope looks to take families from Homelessness, to Self-Sufficiency, to Permanent Housing.

**City of Hope**

The Sheri & Les Biller Patient and Family Resource Center is the physical space and the heart of the Department of Supportive Care Medicine, integrating City of Hope's support services under one umbrella. The Resource Center provides a warm and welcoming space where patients, families and caregivers can access the resources, and be together during and after treatment.

**Program**

6:30pm- 9:00 pm  
Wine Tasting  
Food Sampling  
Azusa Pacific Jazz Band

7:15  
Welcome  
by  
Phil Atwan  
Committee Chair  
and Vanessa James  
President  
Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley

Presentation  
by  
Congresswoman  
Judy Chu

8:00  
Dodger Suite Raffle Closes

8:15  
Regular Raffles and Silent Auction  
Closes

8:20  
Raffle Drawing  
View event pictures here:  
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**2016 Wine Tasting Committee**

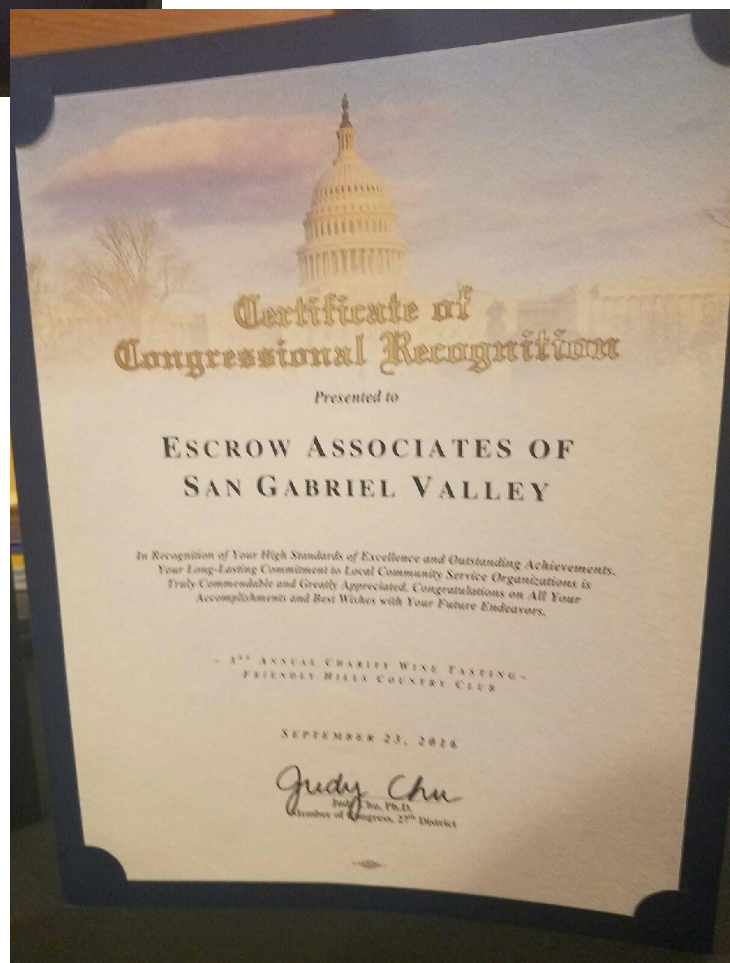
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Rob & Jacqueline Chou: Champion Escrow  
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Josette Louiza: Old Republic Title  
Ray Moody: City National Bank  
Conrad Poplak: Architect  
Luvia Osegueda: Old Republic Title  
Susan Martinez: Comerica Bank  
Ken Ma: Viva Escrow!  
Elaine Louiza: Old Republic Title  
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Claudia Lagos: Mosaic Escrow  
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Miriam Brown: Bank of America  
Phil Atwan: Exchange Resources

**3rd Annual Wine Tasting Under the Stars**

for the benefit of  
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presented by  
Escrow Associates  
of San Gabriel Valley  
at  
Friendly Hills Country Club  
September 23, 2016







**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
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**2017 DIRECTORS**

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VANESSA JAMES  
GREG & LINETTE SERIGHT, CEO

*We're bringing "Gratitude" to 2017!*



# Installation Dinner - Bringing Gratitude to 2017



To Our Amazing Sponsors

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## GRATEFULNESS



## THANKFULNESS



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### **Welcome**

**Kamille R. Soler, Master of Ceremonies**

### **Invocation**

**Naeem Mahmood**

### **Flag Salute**

**Josette Loaiza**

### **Dinner**

**Harpist - Katrina Saroyan**

### **Presentations**

**Door of Hope**

**City of Hope**

**Miriam Schwarz Benevolent Fund**

**Associate of the Year Award**

**Vanessa James**

### **Farewell Speech**

**Vanessa James**

**Installation of 2017 President**

**Elia Fuentes**

**Installing Officer**

**Juliana Tu**

**Passing of the Gavel**

**Vanessa James**

**Raffles**

*Thank you for celebrating with us!*



# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## LEGAL UPDATE GOV HUTCHINSON C.A.R. ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

Join us as we hear from C.A.R. Legal Counsel Gov Hutchinson as he speaks about all updates on rules and regulations, forms, and real estate laws.

Friday, Dec. 16, 2016  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Also LIVE stream to CVAR East/West

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Join us at the Embassy Suites

**Thursday, January 19th**  
**"Recent Claims, Matters of  
 Concern & 2017 Forecast!"**

**Speaker:**

**Rose Pothier, Esq.**



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**MONDAY, 01/16/2017**

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**Members Reserved : \$35.00 (\$40.00 after deadline)**  
**Non-Members Reserved: \$45.00 (\$50.00 after deadline)**

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Non-Member First Time Attendee

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley (EASGV) - Credit Cards Accepted On-Site (Visa/MC)

RSVP to Greg & Linette Seright, c/o Seright Escrow, 215 N. Marengo Ave, Suite 130 Pasadena, CA 91101

Fax: (626) 449-3552 | Tel: (626) 795-5050 | Email: [linettes@serightesc.com](mailto:linettes@serightesc.com) or [gregs@serightesc.com](mailto:gregs@serightesc.com)

***Thank you for bringing Door Prizes!***

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

# October Dinner Meeting



*CONGRATULATIONS!*  
*James Han, Avanti Notary*  
*2016 Associate Member*  
*of the Year*





### **The Springs Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

*Robbie Dornick, Co-leader*

The Springs Annual Earthquake Drill is scheduled in conjunction with the Great California ShakeOut. It's always the third Thursday in October, so this year it will be Thursday, October 20 at 10:20am. That's when we get to pretend that we've just experienced a major quake. Along with that, last month's and this month's CERT articles address earthquakes. Please at least think about these suggestions prior to our drill. All of the information is available at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

#### **During an Earthquake**

If you are inside a building:

- Stay where you are until the shaking stops. Do not run outside. Do not get in a doorway.
- Drop down onto your hands and knees so the earthquake doesn't knock you down.
- Cover your head and neck with your arms to protect yourself from falling debris.
  - If possible, crawl for additional cover under a sturdy desk or table.
  - Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall.
- Hold on to any sturdy covering so you can move with it until the shaking stops. Stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If getting safely to the floor to take cover won't be possible:

- Identify an inside corner of the room away from windows and objects that could fall on you. The Earthquake Country Alliance advises getting as low as possible to the floor. People who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices should lock their wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

If you are in bed when you feel the shaking:

- Stay there and Cover your head and neck with a pillow. At night, hazards and debris are difficult to see and avoid; attempts to move in the dark result in more injuries than remaining in bed.

If you are outside when you feel the shaking:

- Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires. Once in the open, "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Stay there until the shaking stops. This might not be possible in a city, so you may need to duck inside a building to avoid falling debris.

If you are in a moving vehicle when you feel the shaking:

- Stop as quickly and safely as possible and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires. Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that the earthquake may have damaged.

#### **After an Earthquake**

- When the shaking stops, look around. If there is a clear path to safety, leave the building and go to an open space away from damaged areas.
- If you are trapped, do not move about or kick up dust.
- If you have a cell phone with you, use it to call or text for help.
- Tap on a pipe or wall or use a whistle, if you have one, so that rescuers can locate you.
- Once safe, monitor local news reports via battery operated radio, TV, social media, and cell phone text alerts for emergency information and instructions.
- Be prepared to "***Drop, Cover, and Hold on***" in the likely event of aftershocks.

<http://www.camsprings.com>





**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 11, 2016**  
**NEW RESIDENTIAL**  
**PROPERTY REPORT**  
**FEES**



**THE DEVELOPMENT**  
**SERVICES SURCHARGE**  
**FOR THE AUTORES**  
**SYSTEM WILL INCREASE,**  
**RAISING THE FEE FOR**  
**AN AUTORES REPORT**  
**TO \*\$70.85.**

\*EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, A NON-REFUNDABLE SERVICE FEE OF 2.70%  
WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL LADBS CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS.

[WWW.LADBS.ORG](http://WWW.LADBS.ORG)

## Important Forms Via EASGV Website

Please use our EASGV website as your go-to place to find all forms that members may need: [www.easgv.org](http://www.easgv.org). Once you have bookmarked our website, then you will find the Membership Tools under the Membership tab, then click on “Tools”.

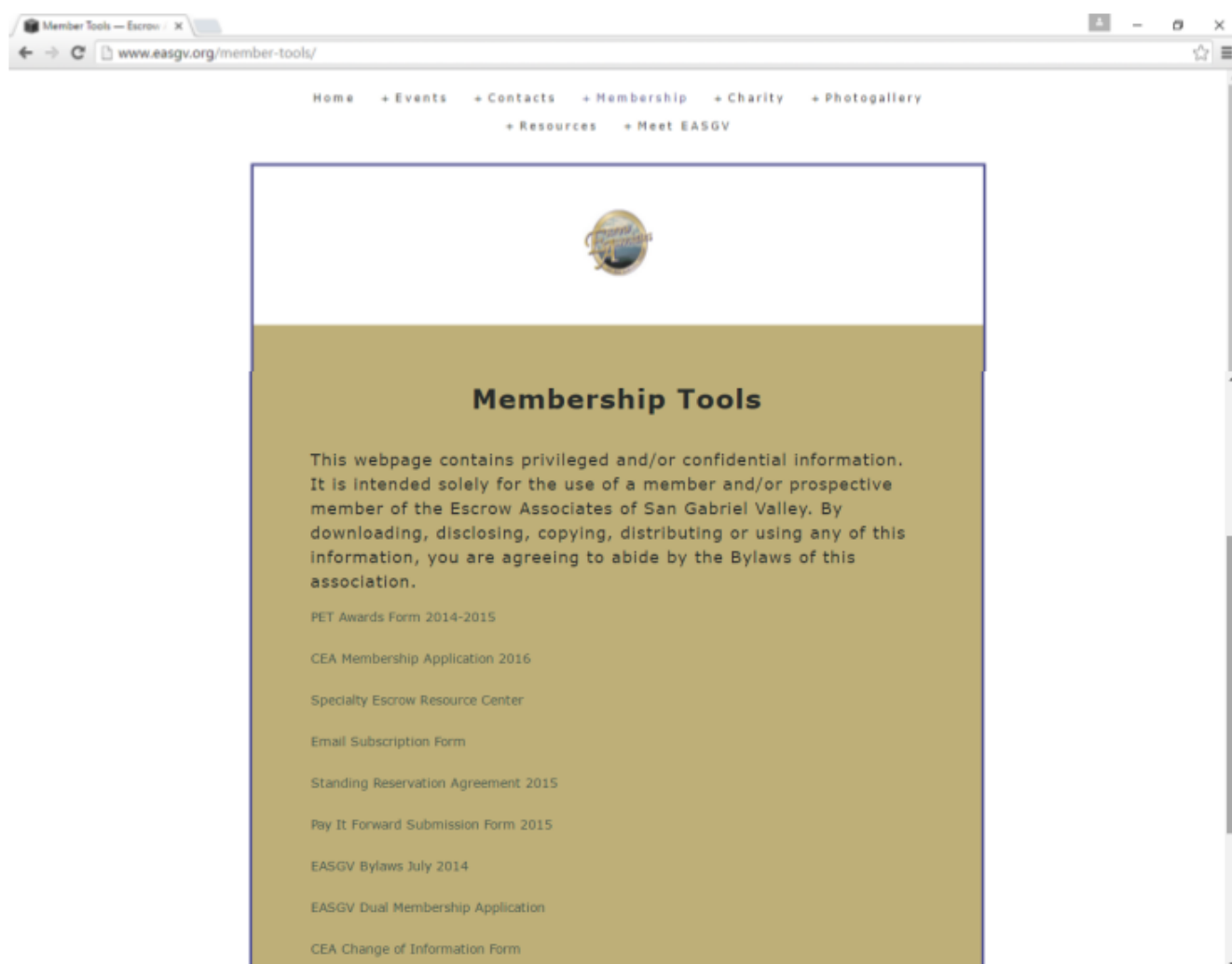
Important forms you will find there include:

EASGV/CEA Membership Form

Pay it Forward Submission Form

Change of Information Form

Standing Reservation Agreement



# CALIFORNIA ESCROW ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017



## Membership Categories

**Individual Active Membership (\$280)** – Individual Active members shall be a person currently in the escrow settlement profession with a Regional membership or a person formerly in the escrow settlement profession, with a Regional membership, who currently holds a CEA Professional Designation. This category shall allow for full voting privileges at the Regional level, in the California Escrow Association and the American Escrow Association.

**Individual Support Staff Membership (\$75)** – An Individual Support Staff Member shall be a person that participates in the escrow or settlement process as a secretary, assistant, or any other position that is clerical and/or entry level. This category of membership is not available to an escrow officer or any other person in a management or supervisory position. This category of membership provides for no voting rights in the California Escrow Association and no membership in the American Escrow Association. This category allows for Regional membership.

**Individual Associate Membership (\$280)** – An Individual Associate membership shall be available to those individuals in allied fields not engaged in the practice of escrow. This category also allows for Regional membership and membership in the American Escrow Association, but has no voting rights in the California Escrow Association.

**State Only Membership – Individual Active (\$280)** – A State Individual Active membership shall be available to those persons currently in the escrow settlement profession without Regional membership, or a person formerly in the escrow settlement profession without Regional membership who currently holds a CEA Professional Designation. This category allows for full voting privileges in the California Escrow Association but no voting rights in the American Escrow Association, as defined in the Bylaws of the American Escrow Association.

**State Membership – Individual Support Staff (\$75)** – A State Individual Support Staff Member shall be a person that participates in the escrow or settlement process as a secretary, assistant, or any other position that is clerical and/or entry level. This category of membership is not available to an escrow officer or any other person in a management or supervisory position. This category of membership provides for no voting rights in the California Escrow Association and no membership in the American Escrow Association. This category allows for no Regional membership.

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**New Renewal**  
 Please allow up to 3 weeks for  
 new member processing.

**Inactive Membership (\$115)** – Inactive members shall be those past Individual Active members or State Individual Active members who are no longer engaged in their profession, either permanently or temporarily. An Inactive member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office, but may serve on any special committee or committees. An Individual Active member or State Individual Active member shall be considered inactive only subsequent to a period of one (1) year after such member has ceased to meet requirements of an Individual Active or State Individual Active member. At such time an Inactive member is deemed to subsequently meet requirements for an Individual Active membership or State Individual Active membership, they may be reinstated.

## A. Individual Membership

Membership Category: ☐ Individual Active ☐ Individual Support Staff ☐ Individual Associate ☐ Inactive  
☐ State Individual Active ☐ State Individual Support Staff

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

For categories other than State, please choose a primary regional membership using the CEA map.

If no region, please select State. ☒ Region: **EASGV** ☐ State (no region)

Employment Category (check one): ☐ TC – Title Company ☐ S/L/B – Savings & Loan or Bank  
☐ BE – Broker Escrow ☐ LE – Licensed Escrow ☐ OT – Other

☐ Please check this box if you DO NOT want CEA to release your contact information to industry related entities.

☐ Please check this box if you DO NOT want CEA to include your contact information on the public area of the CEA Web site.

Membership is based on a calendar year, on an individual basis, and is non-transferable.

## B. Business Address

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Home Address

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For mailing and online membership directory purposes, please use my (check one): ☐ Business Address ☐ Home Address

## D. Payment

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CHECK Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Company ☐ Personal

☐ AMEX ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

C.C.# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In making this application, I certify that the above is true and correct and I agree to abide by the Bylaws of the above named Regional Association and the California Escrow Association and the American Escrow Association, if appropriate.

Contributions or gifts (including membership dues) to the CEA are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Pursuant to the Federal Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, association members may not deduct as ordinary and necessary business expenses, that portion of association dues dedicated to direct lobbying activities. Based upon the calculation required by law, 8% (Intern) or 16.6% (all others) of the State Dues payment only should be treated as nondeductible by CEA members. Please consult your tax advisor for tax credit/deduction information.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

When completed, return form and payment to:

California Escrow Association, c/o EASGV, P.O. Box 66013, Arcadia, CA 91066  
 ATTN: Elia Fuentes | T: 626.262.4333 | F: 626.262.4332 | Elia@LotusEscrow.com

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Escrow Associates of San Gabriel Valley would like to help sponsor the **SUPPORT STAFF** in YOUR Office.

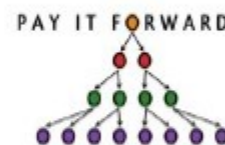
1. Support Staff Member shall be a person that participates in the escrow or settlement process as a secretary, assistant, or any other position that is clerical and/or entry level. This category of membership is not available to an escrow officer or any other person in a management or supervisory position.
2. Membership in CEA Only with our EASGV as sponsored Region.
3. No Voting Rights.
4. Is not in management or supervisory position.
5. Is not a current member or a previous member of CEA.

Sponsor your assistant to become a member of CEA today!

Questions Call Tricia Vagt 626 -339- 5484



## NEW! INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT STAFF SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FORM CEA REWARDS THRU EASGV MEMBERSHIP



Attach completed CEA Membership application and check payable to "California Escrow Assoc." for \$37.50

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I work at \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Support Staff Member** – An Individual Support Staff Member shall be a person that participates in the escrow or settlement process as a secretary, assistant, or any other position that is clerical and/or entry level. This category of membership is not available to an escrow officer or any other person in a management or supervisory position. This category of membership provides for no voting rights in the California Escrow Association and no membership in the American Escrow Association. This category allows for Regional membership.

I qualify as a new member with the California Escrow Association. My job description falls in the above guidelines.

I agree to partner with EASGV by paying one half of the annual dues and EASGV will pay one half of the annual dues for my benefit for year 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form, a completed Membership Application form and your check for \$37.50 to:  
EASGV, P.O. Box 660013- 0013, Arcadia, CA 91066-1643 Attn: Membership Chair