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State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, to Host Forum Supporting California's Manufacturing Sector

*Interested media is invited to attend California Creates: Golden State
Manufacturing Forum on October 29 in Los Angeles*

SACRAMENTO – The California State Treasurer's Office, in coordination with the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA), invites media, manufacturers, and financial institutions to attend its upcoming [California Creates: Golden State Manufacturing Forum](#) on October 29, 2025 at California State University, Los Angeles.

This first-of-its-kind gathering of state and local government leaders, lenders, entrepreneurs, and top manufacturers, is designed to fuel California's role as a national and international manufacturing powerhouse. The event is open to the public and will be hosted from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at California State University, Los Angeles in the Golden Eagle Ballrooms.

"By convening innovators, lenders, and industry leaders, this forum reflects California's commitment to revitalizing manufacturing and future-proofing the world's fourth-largest economy," said California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA. "With Governor Newsom's recent reauthorization of the state's flagship [tax incentive for manufacturers](#), administered by my office, we're entering a new golden age for California manufacturing defined by innovation, sustainability, and shared prosperity."

As the world's fourth-largest economy, California's manufacturing sector is experiencing rapid growth. Nearly 47,000 private manufacturing establishments are operating in California, underscoring its unmatched innovation ecosystem, world-class workforce, and leadership in emerging and future-facing industries.

Panel discussions and expert sessions cover topics critical to manufacturers' success, including:

- **Funding Options:** California's Capital Stack
- **Private & Public Finance:** Financing Options for Powering Manufacturing Growth
- **Trusted Advisors:** To Get You Where You Need to Be
- **Emerging Industries:** Nuclear Fusion, Quantum Computing, and AI
- **Manufacturer Success Stories:** Navigating in the Golden State

Featuring nearly 50 expert panelists, key speakers include Treasurer Ma, CPA, Karma Automotive President Marques McCammon, Senator Jerry McNerney, Senator Tim Grayson, IBank Executive Director Andy Nakahata, and former director of CalOSBA Dr. Tara Lynn Gray.

Attendees will gain insight into navigating permitting and regulations, leveraging public-private partnerships, and adapting to global market forces such as tariffs, trade policy, and supply chain disruptions.

California's leadership in fusion, quantum computing, and AI will also be spotlighted, underscoring the state's role in shaping the future of advanced manufacturing and ensuring global competitiveness.

For more information and to register, visit the [California Creates: Golden State Manufacturing Forum](#) website.

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Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She is the first woman of color, and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position. Treasurer Ma serves as the state's banker and is agent of sale for all state bonds and trustee of billions of dollars of state indebtedness. The State Treasurer's Office also processes more than \$3 trillion in banking transactions annually and manages a \$150 billion investment portfolio. As State Treasurer, Ma is also chair of many boards, commissions, and authorities that provide financing for schools, housing, recycling and waste management, alternative energy, hospitals, and other projects that create jobs, improve California's economy, and better the lives of residents.