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## **2008 Economic Outlook for Ventura County Topic of UCSB Seminars in Thousand Oaks, Oxnard**

The prospects for Ventura County's economy in the coming year will be the topic of two upcoming special half-day seminars to be presented by the Economic Forecast Project of the University of California, Santa Barbara. The Economic Forecast Project is a research unit that provides regional economic data, analysis, and forecasts to the community.

In the eastern part of the county, a program will be held Thursday afternoon, February 21, in the Lundring Events Center at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. Registration opens at 1 p.m. and the program begins at 2 p.m.

In the western part of the county, a seminar will be offered the following morning, Friday, February 22, at the Marriott Residence Inn at River Ridge, 2101 W. Vineyard Ave., in Oxnard. Registration and breakfast begin at 7 a.m. and the program begins at 8 a.m.

Both programs will include presentations by these featured speakers:

·Bill Watkins, Ph.D., executive director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project and a former research economist at the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C.: "The Ventura County Economic Review and Forecast"

·Dan Walters, syndicated newspaper columnist: "Another Year and Three More Elections"

·Kirk Lesh, real estate economist, UCSB Economic Forecast Project: "Real Estate Outlook for 2008"

The Feb. 21 program at Cal Luthern will also include a special presentation by acclaimed author and global economist Joel Kotkin, whose topic is "Thousand Oaks, A Prototype Community?"

The Feb. 22 program will also include a special presentation on "Smart Growth" by Wendell Cox of the Heartland Institute.

Admission to the seminar is \$110 per person until February 12 and \$125 per person after that date. The registration fee includes a copy of "The 2008 Ventura County Economic Outlook" book and CD. To register, or for information, visit the UCSB Economic Forecast Project on the Web at [www.ucsb-efp.com](http://www.ucsb-efp.com)

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