

Mahoney, Punta Gorda Chamber Hold Economic Summit

Congressman Unveils Vision for Southwest Florida's Economic Renewal

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(Punta Gorda, FL) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) delivered his vision for Southwest Florida's economic renewal yesterday at an economic summit designed to help bring new industries and jobs to Charlotte County.

Congressman Mahoney discussed the economic future of Southwest Florida and the benefits of bringing the cellulosic ethanol industry to rural Florida. Chamber Board Members expressed their willingness to participate in the growth of the future ethanol industry that would bring jobs to Charlotte County, while preserving the character of towns like Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte.

Congressman Mahoney is taking the lead to bring new jobs to Charlotte County by partnering with local government and businesses. In addition to his efforts with the cellulosic ethanol industry, Mahoney is also working to strengthen Charlotte County's economy by bringing airlines to the Charlotte County Airport and upgrading the Charlotte County Airport's infrastructure.

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce members were given the opportunity to ask the Congressman questions on topics ranging from the Economic Stimulus Package rebates to homeowners insurance costs.

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