Meal Kit Company, Gobble, Experiences Growth in Stockton

In 2016, meal-kit company Gobble opened its Stockton distribution facility to better serve its West Coast customers. The San Francisco-based company is a meal prep company that delivers a weekly box of freshly prepped dinner kits designed to be table ready in 15 minutes, usually with just one pan. Gobble's sous chefs do the prep work so customers spend less time in the kitchen and more time with family. Gobble offers a weekly menu that spans a variety of cuisines and dietary needs that is delivered right to the customers' doorstep.

With only one distribution center on the West Coast and one on the East Coast, Stockton's ideal location allowed Gobble to expand its operations and scale the business quickly across the West Coast. The state-of-the-art Stockton facility includes an industrial kitchen area to provide sous chefs adequate prep space, a large kitting and fulfillment area to handle deliveries, and warehouse space. Stockton's proximity to the Bay Area also allows Gobble employees to remain close to business operations with the executive chef and culinary R&D team in Cupertino and customer service team in Palo Alto.

Since its opening in 2016, Gobble's Stockton facility has experienced significant growth from a small team of only 25 employees to over 130. Gobble has been able find a hardworking and dedicated workforce within the local community and supportive partners in the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County WorkNet.

Photos courtesy of Gobble
The City of Stockton launched its Opportunity Zones (OZ) Portal, [www.OpZonesStockton.com](http://www.OpZonesStockton.com), providing detailed demographic information on the city's 19 designated census tracts; the characteristics, anchor institutions, and competitive advantages for each region they are located in; and available properties located within each OZ.

Stockton is one of five cities in the entire United States to develop an Opportunity Zones Prospectus, which is an investment guide that includes community data, local infrastructure investments, business and development assistance programs, and available catalytic investment opportunities located in the approved opportunity zones. Stockton's OZ Prospectus is available for viewing on the City's OZ portal.

Note: The City of Stockton received approval for 19 opportunity zones. Private investment(s) made in a designated OZ through a qualified opportunity fund would be susceptible to capital gains tax deferments, reductions or exemptions depending on the length of time the investment is held. For more information regarding specific tax information, visit the IRS website.

**EDUCATION TO CAREER**

Stockton is home to a number of career academies that are committed to preparing and connecting students with their future careers. San Joaquin Delta College is dedicated to ensuring that students are aware of the various career opportunities in the trades and that local employers are also able to find well-trained and well-prepared prospective employees. Read more about their programs and the "Entree to Employment" event that has helped give San Joaquin County residents the opportunity to learn new skills and network with local industry leaders.

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The City of Stockton’s Hire Stockton Grant Program is a new workforce grant program designed to encourage existing businesses to hire and train employees from designated local, economically distressed census tracts in order to stimulate economic growth and prosperity throughout the community.

After an eligible employee has been hired, trained and employed for at least 12 months, grant funds ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 are awarded on a reimbursement basis to the employer, so long as the following criteria are met:

- Hire, train, and retain new employee(s) for a minimum of 52 consecutive weeks i.e., one year;
- New employee(s) must reside in one of the designated census tracts;
- Employer must pay hourly wages of $20 or higher;
- Employee(s) must be permanent, full-time, and paid with benefit packages;
- Employee(s) must be training for new technological, industrial skills, or manufacturing processes.

For the Hire Stockton program guidelines, application, and approved census tracts, visit the City's Financial Assistance webpage below. For additional questions, contact the Economic Development Department at economic.development@stocktonca.gov or (209) 937-8539.

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United Airlines is adding daily flights to Los Angeles out of Stockton. There will be two flights a day provided by United Airlines, the Stockton Metropolitan Airport director said. "This is fantastic news not only for the airport and the county..."

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- North San Joaquin Valley Small Business Survey by University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research
- 2018 Q3 Stockton/Central Valley Industrial Market Research Report by Colliers International
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