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## Why Benicia?

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### ***Why Should you Start or Expand a Business in Benicia?***

**Easy access to suppliers and customers.** Benicia boasts a major **port-based industrial park** adjacent to I-780 and I-680. It is 40 minutes to San Francisco, 50 minutes to Sacramento, and 10 minutes to Concord. With Benicia-Martinez Bridge open-road tolling it's easier than ever to drive to Benicia without delays.

**Lower cost location.** For many types of businesses, Benicia's **license fees**, monthly commercial/industrial rents, and even **labor costs** are below that of comparable communities in Contra Costa County and the rest of the Bay Area.

**Quality of (business) life.** Benicia is an extremely **low-crime** community. Our businesses, business organizations and city government are mutually supportive. Typical is the City's approach to reducing carbon emissions. Rather than punish businesses, Benicia's **Business Resource Incentive Program** assists companies with solutions, including a funding program for recommended improvements.

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**Quality of (residential) life.** You don't have to live here to run a business, but you'll probably want to after you see Benicia's charming neighborhoods. The housing styles include Mediterranean, Victorian, and California bungalows, with reasonable prices that have held their own in the latest downturn.