

**Rancho Cordova Business Action Team Member**  
**Chuck Wolfe**



**Chuck Wolfe, President, Claggett Wolfe Associates** – Chuck is a global business leader, innovation thought leader and ecosystem builder with over 35 years of experience as both a serial entrepreneur and economic development consultant. He has worked in urban and rural settings in the U.S., Asia and the MENA region to build local capacity and develop the programs, services, financing and facilities needed to foster innovation and build vibrant ecosystems for his government, academic, private and NGO clients. Projects have covered a diverse array of industry clusters ranging from specialty food production and advanced manufacturing to IT, Digital Media and CleanTech.

In addition to his consulting work, Chuck has extensive practical experience with the establishment and operation of private and nonprofit enterprises. He has served in the position as:

- Founder of 3 technology startups in the ICT and Electronic Equipment sectors;
- Founder of a non-technology startup in the petroleum retailing/convenience grocery sector including a ground up development of the property;
- VP of Operations and lead counselor for a Silicon Valley based Community Development Corporation's business assistance and financing program targeting minority and disadvantaged entrepreneurs/business owners;
- Loan program manager and lead underwriter for four community-based business loan programs; and
- Technical specialist, trainer and loan underwriter to the State of California's Small Cities CDBG Program economic development allocation.

Chuck holds a BS from the Pennsylvania State University in Environmental Resource Management and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin with an emphasis in Finance and Information Systems. He serves as an instructor in entrepreneurial ecosystem development, loan program design, loan underwriting and loan program management. He has also been a featured speaker at domestic and international conferences on fostering SME development and growth.

Chuck has testified before the U.S. House Committee on Small Business on "The State of SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs and Their Role in Promoting Economic Recovery". He was a major contributor to the publication "Developing a Business Incubation Program: Insights and Advice for Communities". Chuck has also served as a Board member for the California Association for Local Economic Development and the International Business Innovation Association, and co-authored the 1<sup>st</sup> (2001) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (2010) editions of the InBIA publication "Best Practices in Action: Guidelines for Implementing First-Class Business Incubation Programs". Additional information can be found on [www.claggettwolfe.com](http://www.claggettwolfe.com).

