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FROM: Patricia Conley, Workforce Services Specialist

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The presentation will provide an overview of California labor market information, including labor force data for the Oakland Metropolitan Division (MD) – encompassing Oakland, Fremont, Berkeley and Contra Costa County (CCC Sub area), collective known as the East Bay region. It will also cover industry employment trends in the Oakland MD/CCC area, online job vacancy statistics for Contra Costa County, and an overview of how artificial intelligence is expected to impact the labor market.

Junwei Li is a Labor Market Researcher with the Labor Market Information Division at the Employment Development Department. He currently supports the San Francisco region and serves as the interim researcher for the East Bay and San Jose regions.

Mr. Li grew up in the East Bay, specifically in Berkeley, and earned a bachelor's degree in data science from the University of California, Berkeley, with a concentration in Organizations and the Economy. His academic and professional experience includes data modeling and quantitative research for nonprofit organizations, which fostered a strong interest in public-sector work and community-focused research.

He looks forward to collaborating with the Workforce Development Boards and East Bay partners to support local workforce development by applying data-driven insights that inform decision-making and promote regional economic growth.

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