

# No slowdown is forecast for growth in W. Valley

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While slower growth is predicted for the Valley this year, the West Valley's population and housing boom will keep going strong through the coming decades, economist Elliott Pollack predicted.

Pollack said 44 percent of the Valley's population is expected to live in the West Valley

by 2020. Likewise, about 58 percent of the Valley's housing units built are expected to be in the western region in the next decade, he said.

"You're not only growing, but you're now the major player in the game," Pollack told hundreds of business and civic leaders during Westmarc's annual meeting last week. Westmarc is a consortium of West Valley civic and

business leaders.

Pollack, president of Scottsdale-based Elliott D. Pollack and Co., described each city's projected growth based on figures from the Maricopa Association of Governments.

For cities like Avondale and Goodyear, growth is just beginning and will continue for the next several decades. For other cities like Glendale and El Mirage, build-out is expected

sometime in the next decade.

Buckeye and Surprise have lots of land and room to grow and will experience huge population surges. For example, Buckeye's population is expected to grow by 100,000 people per decade.

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