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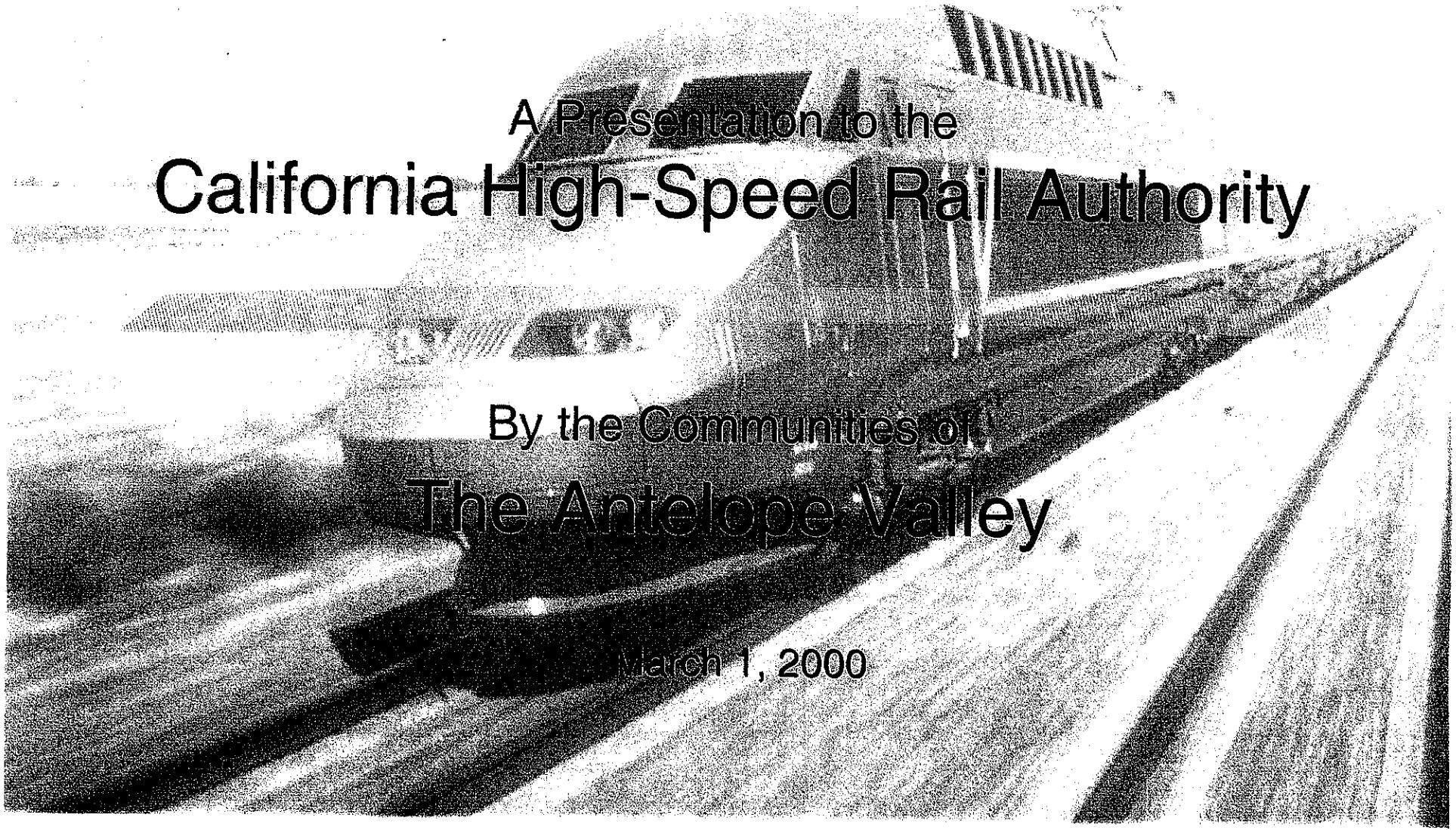

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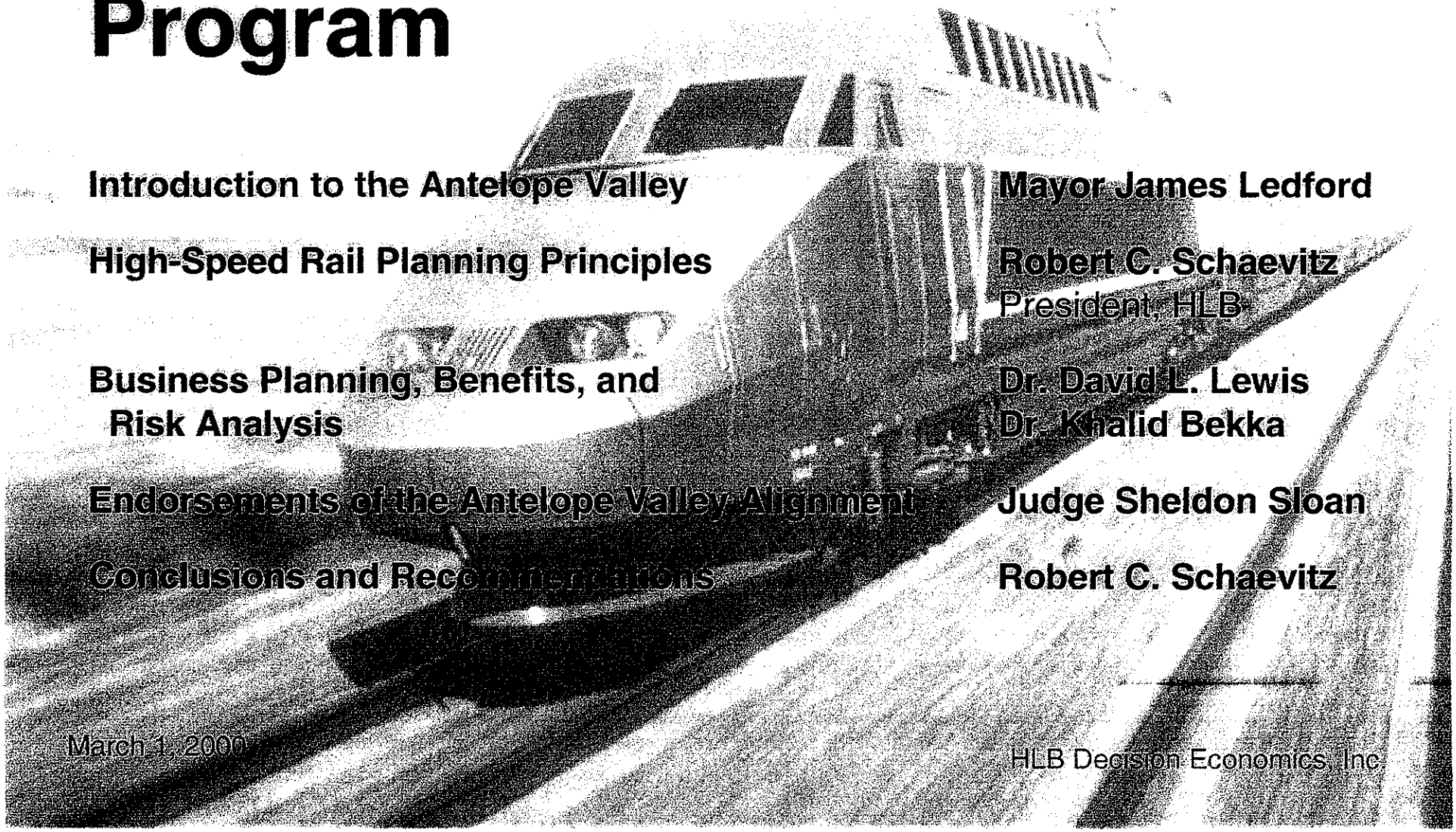

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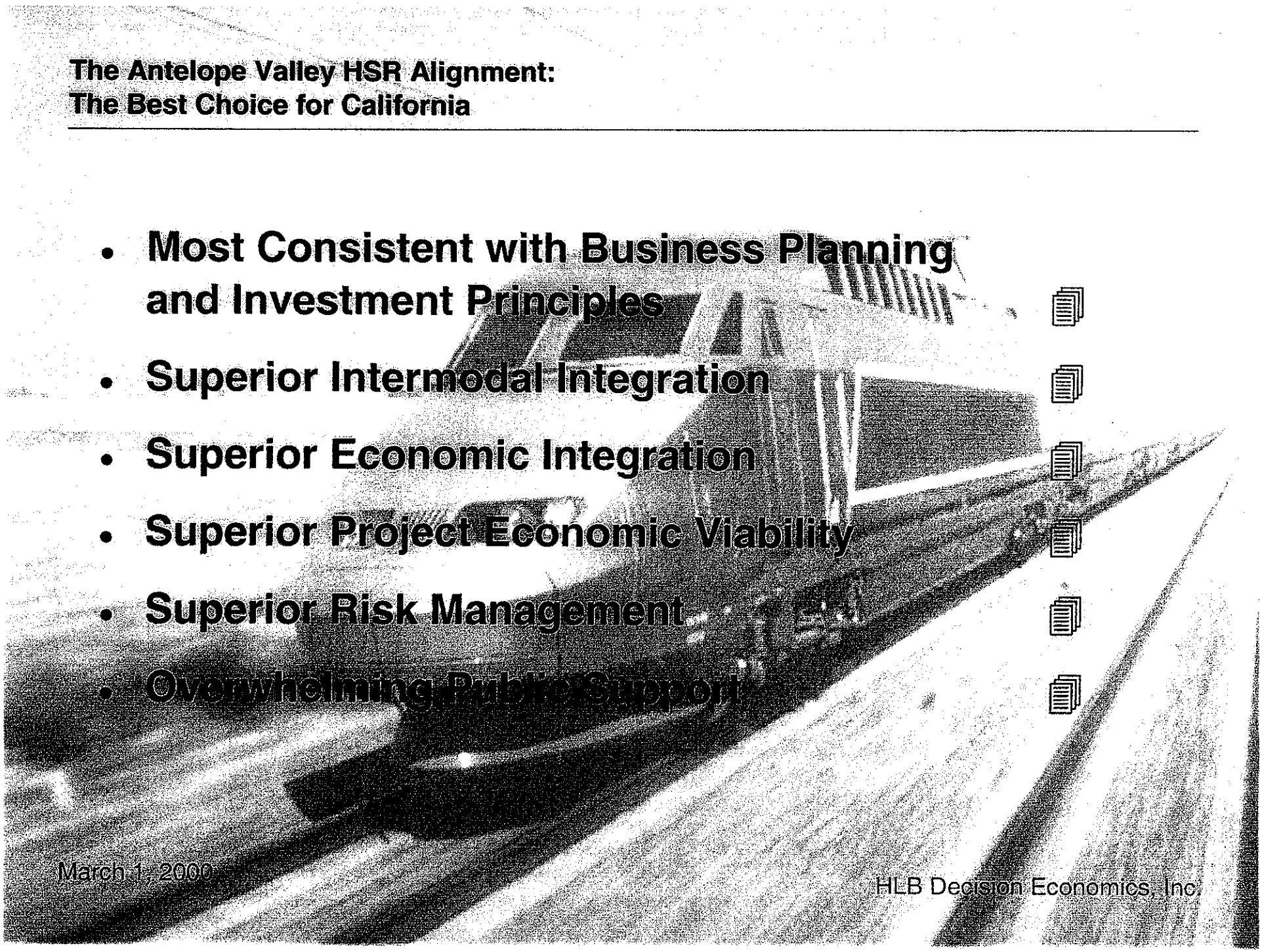

- Most Consistent with Business Planning and Investment Principles
- Superior Intermodal Integration
- Superior Economic Integration
- Superior Project Economic Viability
- Superior Risk Management
- Overwhelming Public Support

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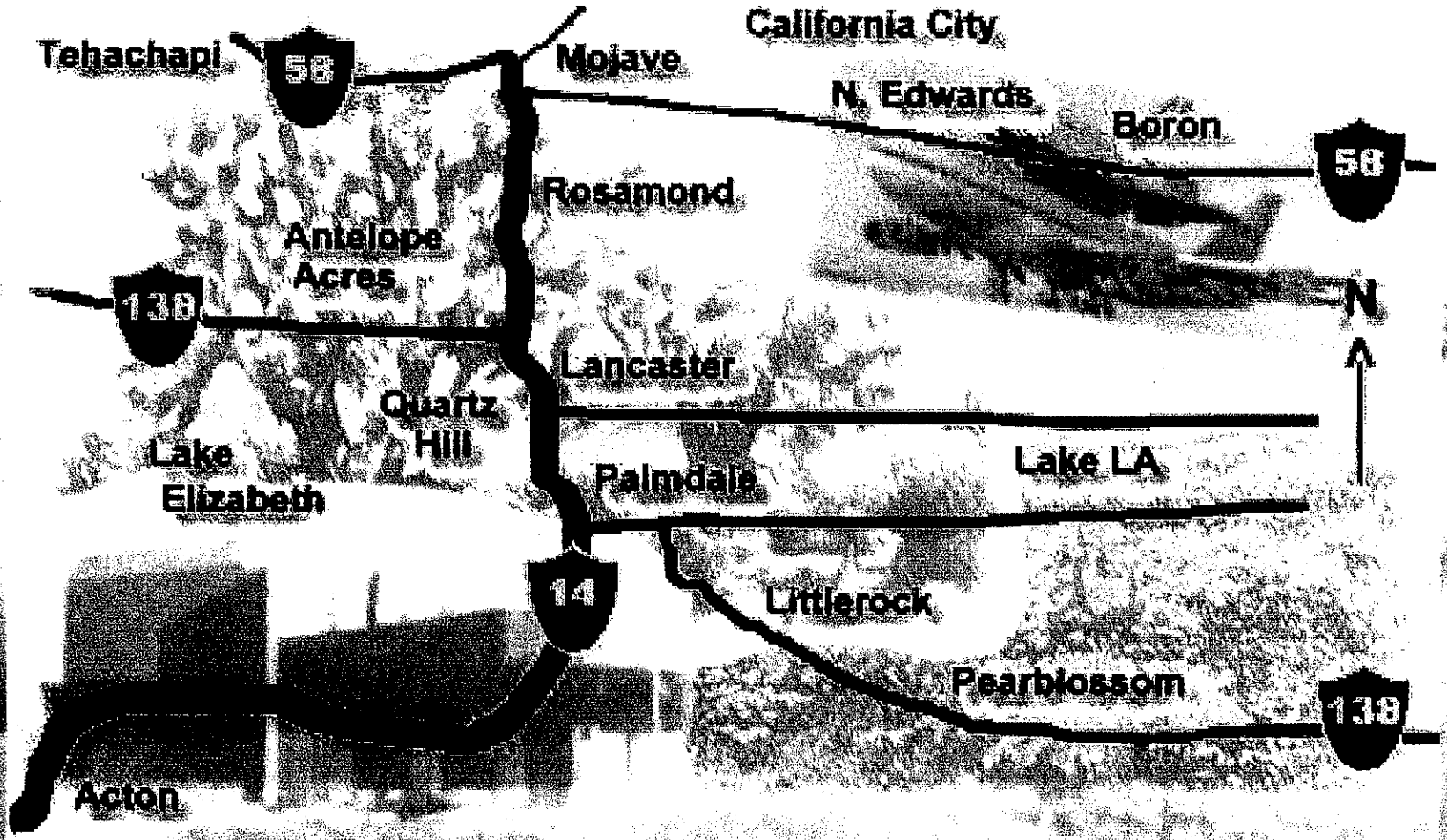

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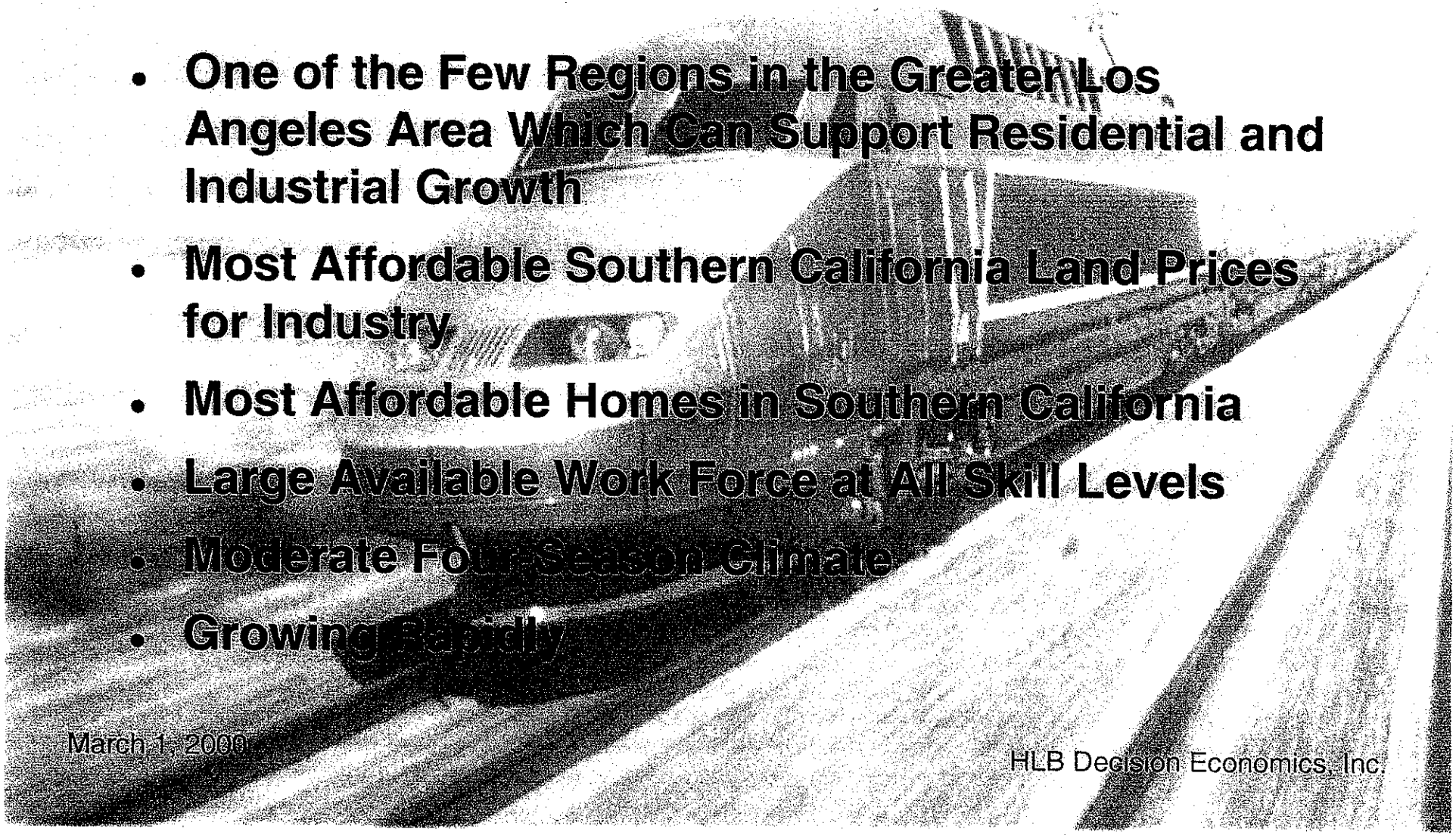

- One of the Few Regions in the Greater Los Angeles Area Which Can Support Residential and Industrial Growth
- Most Affordable Southern California Land Prices for Industry
- Most Affordable Homes in Southern California
- Large Available Work Force at All Skill Levels
- Moderate Four-Season Climate
- Growing Rapidly

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Current and Projected Population

	1998	1999	2000	2020	Pct. Chg. 2000-20
City of Lancaster	126,900	130,100	145,674	298,446	3.7%
City of Palmdale	117,100	120,100	123,514	245,066	3.5%
Antelope Valley	**334,500**	**347,500**	**360,900**	**698,500**	**3.4%**
Kern County	648,157	662,472	677,372	1,073,748	2.3%
Los Angeles County	9,623,420	9,727,841	9,838,861	12,250,000	1.1%

Source: California Dept. of Finance; SCAG

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Current and Projected Wage & Salary Employment

	2000	2010	2020	Annl. Pct. Chg. 2000-20
Lancaster	48,403	70,246	101,857	3.8%
Palmdale	47,754	69,046	98,843	3.7%
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Antelope Valley	**117,042**	**177,933**	**264,395**	**4.2%**

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