

SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
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Quarterly Summary of the
July 16, 2015 South Bay Workforce Investment Board of Directors
Meeting
South Bay Cities Council of Government

I am here this evening on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to provide a brief summary of its current activities. As you are aware, the South Bay WIB is comprised of representatives of the eleven participating cities of Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, El Segundo, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Carson, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Lomita and Gardena for the delivery of employment and training services through its One-Stop Business and Career Centers.

My report summarizes the July 16, 2015, South Bay Workforce Investment Board meeting activities and program accomplishments during the 4th Quarter of Program Year 2014-2015:

*The SBWIB, in partnership with several cities, sponsors, school districts, training partners and after-school programs, honored 33 cadet graduates for the completion of this year's Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy, during the 12th Annual Closing Award Ceremony held at Rogers Park on May 20, 2015.

*The following members were appointed or reappointed to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Thursday, July 14, 2015: John Heffernan and Linda Bradley – Inglewood Business Private Sector; Lilian Haney, Marty Jones, Raj Dhillon and Tod Sword – Hawthorne Business Private Sector; Glenn Mitchell – Gardena Business Private Sector; Michael Jackson – Redondo Beach Business Private Sector; David Noflin, Tamala Lewis, and Janine Hamner – Carson Business Private Sector; Christopher Braun, Ellenmary Michel, and Hattie Harrison– Torrance Business Private Sector; Fran Fulton – Torrance Business Private Sector/Economic Development; and Jesus Fernandez – representing Labor.

*During the 4th quarter, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) held its Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth Job Fair

on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Rogers Park. There was a total of 653 youth who attended, 154 were offered employment that day, and 361 were scheduled for second interviews.

*On June 13th, in celebration of the White House's National Week of Making, the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium, in conjunction with El Camino College, partnered with Hawthorne High School of Manufacturing and Engineering, to hold the first Day of Making Fair, where the public had the opportunity to explore student and local business manufacturing projects and displays.

*Our Teen Centers, in partnership with California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), held their 2nd Annual "A Day in the Life of a College Student" field trip where 15 eighth graders, from five schools districts had the opportunity to spend a night on the Dominguez Hills campus and participate in various activities that included; a college application workshop, a financial aid information session, a campus tour, and an introduction to social clubs and Greek life on campus.

*On July 15th, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in collaboration with the Employment Development Department (EDD) and the cities of Lomita and Torrance hosted a grand opening of its new South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center located in the City of Torrance which offers free, convenient access to a multitude of services for job seekers and business alike all under one roof.

*Funding was received to create the first South Bay Business portal providing tools and information for business retention, layoff aversion and business attraction efforts after a roundtable discussion was held between the SBWIB staff, Chamber of Commerce Presidents and Economic Development Directors from each of the cities in the South Bay Workforce Investment Area. The business portal will be designed so each city has its own landing page with leasing, real estate, demographic, and economic information available in real time. The website will be completed in September 2015.

*Year to date, a total of 113,203 South Bay residents have visited the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Centers.