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Quarterly Summary of the  
July 20, 2017 South Bay Workforce Investment Board of Directors  
Meeting  
Hermosa Beach

I am here today 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 from the eleven participating cities of Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach Lawndale, El Segundo, Inglewood, Carson, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Hawthorne, Lomita and Gardena for the delivery of employment and training services through its One-Stop Business and Career Centers.

My report summarizes the July 20, 2017, South Bay Workforce Investment Board meeting activities and program accomplishments during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Program Year 2016-2017:

\*2 youth from the City of Hermosa Beach were enrolled in the WIOA year-round Youth Program; these individuals received pre-employment Blueprint for Workplace Success training and 200 hours of paid occupational training based on their career interest and aptitude. Other services included paid work experience at worksites in and around the City of Hermosa Beach.

\*As part of the Summer Jobs Program, Hermosa Beach students are being recruited and will receive paid pre-employment training and 120 hours of paid work experience. Youth have the opportunity to earn up to \$1,440 this summer.

\*The Torrance One-Stop Business & Career Center held twelve recruitment fairs during the 4th quarter for Hermosa Beach, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lomita and Manhattan Beach residents. 146 job seekers attended the recruitment fairs resulting in 22 applicants being hired on the spot.

\*South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers exited eight Hermosa Beach residents with employment during the fourth quarter.

\*42 Fit for Gold Cadets one of whom were from the City of Hermosa Beach were honored during the May 17, 2017 Fit for Gold Closing Ceremony. During the ceremony the cadets received certificates and medals for their participation and growth. Through the Fit for Gold program, youth had the opportunity to earn \$1,600 by engaging 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in enrichment, mentoring and college-readiness activities after completing 36 hours of training on mentoring, nutrition, playground activities, as well as homework assistance.

\*Last quarter, the California Workforce Development Board awarded the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) \$240,000 to continue developing the new Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship which creates a career pathway to engineering. Through the Pre-Apprenticeship program the participants will gain career knowledge, valuable work experience, connect with top employers, gain industry association membership and more. This is a customizable program that allows each individual employer the opportunity to design the program's curriculum to meet the needs of the employer and the industry.

\*On May 25, 2017, the SBWIB and its Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship partners welcomed the first graduates from Northrup Grumman's Spring 2017 High School Involvement Partnership (HIP) program. Among the 23 students enrolled in the HIP program, 20 enlisted in the SBWIB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program. During the ceremony two of the students that completed all components of the Pre-Apprenticeship program received \$500 stipends.

\*The SBWIB hosted its Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth and Young Adults Job Fair on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Youth were bussed to the event from 20 different school districts throughout the South Bay area. There was a total of 963 youth who attended, 235 were offered employment that day, and 280 were scheduled for second interviews. In preparation for the Job Fair, SBWIB staff conducted various Blueprint for Workplace Success workshops at SBWIB One-Stops and Teen Centers.

\*15 eighth graders from five South Bay school districts participated in the South Bay Workforce Investment Board's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Day in the Life of a College Student" field trip which was held at California State University of Dominguez Hills on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. During the field trip students were provided with a campus tour, informational workshops and also allowed to stay overnight in the dormitories.

\*The SBWIB in partnership Torrance High School, El Camino College and Centinela Valley Union High School District hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AMETLL Makers Faire on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Hawthorne High School. More than 900 students, educators and family members attended the event. High School students from 5 South Bay regional school districts joined with representatives from 47 high tech companies and technical schools to showcase advanced manufacturing techniques, robotic competitions and STEM related exhibits.

\*The South Bay WIB was recently awarded \$500,000 from the State of California's Employment Development Department through the Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance program (VEAP) to assist unemployed and underemployed veterans with barriers to employment find civilian jobs. The SBWIB's VEAP program will focus on training and placing veterans into the construction industry.

\*Our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, totals reflect there were 108,918 visits to our South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Centers of which 22,352 visited the Torrance One-Stop.

\*Rapid Response services were provided to twenty-six South Bay companies that employ 1,821 individuals who were affected by layoffs/closures during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Program Year 2016-2017. Staff completed orientations to One-Stop services in addition to information regarding unemployment insurance benefits.

\*Last quarter, the South Bay WIB in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Parole Department and the Employment Development Department, conducted a week long Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy, for twenty-six recently paroled individuals. During the weeklong Academy the parolees were provided with intensive pre-employment instruction through the SBWIB's Blueprint for Workplace Success curriculum with an emphasis on overcoming their barriers and preparing for job interviews. The participants also received information on the labor market, housing and child support services and donations of suits and business attire to help prepare them for job interviews. The Academy culminated with a graduation ceremony and a mini job fair with 14 employers that included Chipotle, Jiffy Lube, Boston Markets, Shoreline Construction, GAM Exterminators, Local Carpenter's Union 409 and Pride Staffing.

\*The SBWIB in partnership with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) completed a Broadband Fiber-Optic Master Plan for the South Bay region to support job creation, business retention and layoff aversion. The Master Plan examines how the region is currently served with broadband infrastructure and what will be required in the future with recommendations on how to meet those needs. One recommendation was to consider the development of a regional fiber-optic network called, "SMART-Net" that would be available to all cities in the South Bay interconnecting them with high capacity, high speed internet access. The SBWIB and SBCCOG will now work to launch Phase 2 of the project which will assess the feasibility of the recommendations.

\*In partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) the SBWIB held a Bridge-to-Work enrollment fair in July in which over 70 foster care youth were invited, including Hermosa Beach residents. The youth will go through pre-employment training and have the opportunity to earn up to \$4,800.

\*During the fourth quarter, the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center reached out to Hermosa Beach-based employers. The South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center will continuously conduct monthly outreach to Hermosa Beach businesses to market SBWIB services available to meet their hiring and business needs.

\*During the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) annual training conference, the South Bay WIB was named the recipient of the 2016 Award of Merit for Economic Development Promotion for innovatively marketing a region by launching the first South Bay regional business portal, [Southbaybusiness.org](http://Southbaybusiness.org). The SBWIB was the only Workforce Development Board recognized at the event.

\*The Torrance One Stop offers Youth Job Club every Thursday from 4pm-6pm to Hermosa Beach youth and young adults between the ages of 16-24. During Job Club participants receive assistance with resume preparation, filling out applications and job leads.

This concludes my oral report. A written summary, along with a report of Program Year 2016-2017's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activities and accomplishments is being provided for your personal review.

Thank you.