



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 3/24/2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director, Department of Social Services, 681-4451
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Local Workforce Area Designation & Temporary WIB Re-appointments

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the County's Application for Initial Local Area Designation under the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014* (WIOA) – Attachment A, and;
- B. Approve the reappointment of eleven current Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members through June 30, 2015 as listed in Attachment B and;
- C. Determine that the above action does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and therefore it is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) and (5) as the proposed action is also an organizational or administrative activity.

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board of Supervisor's agenda in order to seek approval of the application for Initial Local Area Designation under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) and that

the Board also approve the reappointment of eleven current Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members through June 30, 2015.

The WIB develops innovative workforce strategies that help businesses, individuals, and industries achieve and sustain economic vitality across all communities in Santa Barbara County. The WIB is a public/private partnership created by the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and is staffed by an Executive Director and employees, housed within the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS). The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), new federal workforce legislation, will replace WIA on July 1, 2015.

As a first step in the transition to the requirements of the new legislation the County of Santa Barbara must request to be designated a local workforce investment area. Therefore, an Application for Initial Local Area Designation is necessary and provided as Attachment A.

The County of Santa Barbara meets the State of California's criteria for Initial Designation (for a two year period, ending June 30, 2017); and the attached Application is submitted to your Board for approval as the Chief Elected Official (as defined by WIOA). The application must be submitted to the State by March 31, 2015.

In addition, there is a need to begin the process for formulation of a new Workforce Development Board to be in place by July 1, 2015. Eleven current WIB members have terms that will expire prior to July 1. In order to begin the transition process it is recommended that the members of the current Workforce Investment Board be retained through June 30, 2015. The WIB Executive Director, in consultation with the County Executive Office, recommends that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint the listed members (Attachment B) for an abbreviated term that will expire on June 30, 2015 when the WIB will sunset.

Background:

The WIOA Section 106 requires the Governor to designate local areas within the state. The California Workforce Investment Board (State Board) and the Employment Development Department (EDD), acting under the authority of the Governor, created an application and established policies and procedures for the initial designation of local areas. The policies are intended to provide maximum flexibility to local areas during WIOA implementation so they may have sufficient time to prepare for and fully comply with the new WIOA requirements for "subsequent" local area designation (on July 1, 2017).

As stated in WIOA Section 106, the Governor shall approve a request made for initial designation by any local area if the area did the following during Program Years 2012-13 and 2013-14:

- Was designated as a local area under WIA
- Performed successfully
- Sustained fiscal integrity

Initial designation is effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The initial designation is intended to serve as a transition period in which local areas may develop new services, enter new collaborative partnerships, and/or create innovative workforce development strategies in alignment with WIOA.

The County of Santa Barbara meets the outlined criteria for initial designation and is submitting the application to the Board of Supervisors for required approval in order for submittal to the State by the due date of March 31, 2015.

The County Executive Office and WIB Executive Director will return in June 2015 with an item for approval detailing changes in the new national workforce system, the proposed realignment & restructuring of the Santa Barbara County workforce system, and recommended appointments of Workforce Development Board members.

Performance Measure: Page 3 of Attachment A provides an overview of the WIA negotiated goals and outcomes for Program Years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. It is required that the Workforce Development Board, once seated, negotiate new WIOA performance measures.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Upon approval of the application, please retain one fully executed duplicate original for Clerk of the Board, and forward the second fully executed original and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS/WIB 234 Camino del Remedio
 Attn.: Stephanie Fodor, Administrative Professional
 Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Attachments:

Attachment A: Application for Initial Local Area Designation

Attachment B: WIB Member Roster for Reappointments

Authored by:

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