



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: June 6, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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Workforce Development Board 805-614-1543
SUBJECT: Approve Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board Local Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the State-required two-year modification to the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board's Local Plan 2021-2024 ("Local Plan");
- b) Authorize the Chief Elected Official, Das Williams, Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, to execute the Local Plan; and
- c) Determine that the above actions do 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)(5) as the proposed action is also an organizational or administrative activity.

Summary Text:

In accordance with the Federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) issued Workforce Service Directive (WSD) 20-05 for local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) to prepare their Local Plan for 2021-2024. On October 27, 2022, the Employment Development Department (EDD) through WSD 22-05 published information requiring local boards to submit a two-year modification to the Local Plan, as required by the WIOA.

The Santa Barbara County WDB developed and submitted the attached Local Plan Modification to the State, who accepted it and now requires the approval of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Background:

The Federal/State/Local workforce development system requires several Workforce Plans: a State Plan submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Labor; a Regional Plan, developed & provided by the State-designated Regional Planning Units [for Santa Barbara County WDB, San Luis Obispo County WDB] and submitted to and approved by the State; and, a Local Plan for the jurisdiction overseen by the Local Workforce Development Board [Santa Barbara County WDB], submitted to and approved by the State.

Each of these Plans are updated regularly—and in California, it is required that the Regional Planning Unit Plan and Local Plan are consistent with and in alignment with the approved State Plan.

The regional and local plans for program years (PY) 2021-2024 were submitted to the CWDB on April 30, 2021. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to approve Santa Barbara County WDB's Local Plans on March 15, 2022. On October 27, 2022, EDD through WSD 22-05 published information requiring local boards to submit a two-year modification to the Local Plan, as required by the WIOA.

Santa Barbara County WDB staff established a contract with consultant, Racy Ming and Associates, in order to ensure timely completion of the required modifications. The modifications to the local and regional plans were successfully completed and submitted to the State, as required, on March 31, 2023.

WSD 20-05 outlines the following elements for the Local Plan that have been included in the Santa Barbara County WDB-submitted Local Plan Modification:

- Coordination with “Core” WIOA Partners (e.g., EDD, Dept. of Rehab, Adult Ed., TANF).
- Coordination of services in the WIOA-funded “America’s Job Centers’ of California [AJCC]” partners.
- Co-enrollment of job-seekers by AJCC partners.
- Enhanced use of technology at the AJCC.
- Coordination with “Strategic Partners”; CalFresh Employment and Training Child Support, and local community-based organizations.
- Coordination of staff training on cultural competencies; rapid response to downsizing/closing business; and individuals with barriers to employment.

Special Instructions:

Please scan and email a copy of the minute order and signed modification to Anthony Garduno (agardun@countyofsb.org) when the signature pages have been completed.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – SBCWDB – Local Plan Program Year 2021-2024.
2. Attachment 2 – SBCWDB – Local Plan Program Year 2021-2024, Two Year Modification, March 2023

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