



Date: July 17, 2014
To: Workforce Investment Board
From: Vivian Shimoyama, Chair
Subject: **Summer Youth Employment**

BACKGROUND

Each summer, a variety of programs and funding streams are braided together to offer employment and work readiness activities to youth in Torrance, Lomita, Long Beach, and Signal Hill. A significant portion of this activity has been advanced through the Los Angeles County Summer Youth Jobs Program which provides subsidized employment opportunities and work readiness through a personal enrichment training. Additional program strands serve target populations, deliver services through specialized programs, and partner with other agencies to collectively provide young people a variety of employment and work experience options during the summer months.

DISCUSSION

Staff will update the Executive Committee of programmatic progress in each of the following:

- **Youth Jobs Program (Phase 1):** County-funded employment program in May and June.
- **Youth Jobs Program (Phase 2):** County-funded employment program serving youth July 1, 2104 through June 30, 2015. Eighty-five percent (85%) of you will participate in the program during the summer (July through September).
- **Hire-A-Youth Employment Program:** Funded through CDBG funds, the program provides NWRC training and 75 hours of paid work experience.
- **Exploring Careers in Long Beach (ECLB) Program:** The program connects Cabrillo High School youth with industry-specific opportunities, in partnership with the International Trade Education Program (ITEP).
- **Port of Long Beach Internship:** Paid internship and workplace mentorship for 26 youth in the Port of Long Beach.
- **Beautification Internship Program:** Youth are connected to paid beautification activities. For the summer, the program has partnered with the

Uptown Business Improvement District to provide local youth with work and connection to longer-term employment.

- ***CalGRIP Programs:*** In partnership with the City of Long Beach, job-focused gang-reduction activities hosted in North Long Beach.
- ***City of Long Beach Water Department Internships:*** Funded through the Water Department, internships for youth in various department activities.

RECOMMENDATION

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