

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to approval of the City's application for Initial Local Workforce Development Area Designation and Initial Local Board Certification.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the submission by the General Manager, Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), or designee, of the Existing Local Area Application for Initial Local Area Designation and Initial Local Board Certification to the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) on behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and Workforce Investment Board (WIB), and in accordance with the requirements of the EDD's Workforce Services Directive WSD14-10.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The WIB and EWDD report that there is no fiscal impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on April 14, 2015, the Economic Development Committee considered a joint report from the WIB and EWDD dated April 2, 2015 relative to approval of the City's application for Initial Local Workforce Development Area Designation and Initial Local Workforce Development/Workforce Investment Board Certification for Program Year 2015-17.

The WIB Executive Director and a representative of the EWDD addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the WIB/EWDD joint report. The WIB Executive Director reported that on July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) which replaces the current Workforce Investment Act as of July 1, 2015. The new law provides federal funding to the states for distribution to local jurisdictions for education, job training and other employment-related programs.

In order for the City to receive its share of these funds, estimated to be \$65 million, the City must renew its designation as a local area (now called a Workforce Development Area) and the Workforce Investment Board must renew its certification (now as the Workforce Development Board). In order to meet the submission deadline of March 31, 2015 and ensure the City is eligible to receive the funds, the WIB/EWDD submitted the application for designation and certification without signatures pending subsequent approval by the City's elected officials (i.e. Council and Mayor). The application was accepted on this contingent basis.

After further discussion and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee approved the recommendations in the joint WIB/EWDD report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER CURREN D. PRICE, JR., CHAIR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
WESSON:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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