

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Local Workforce Development Board recertification for Program Years 2016-18 pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the submission by the General Manager, Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), and Chair, City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB), the submission of a Local Board Recertification Request 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 WSD 15-13.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 14, 2016, your Committee considered a May 19, 2016 Joint EWDD and WDB report relative to Local Workforce Development Board recertification for Program Years 2016-18 pursuant to the WIOA. According to the report, the WIOA was signed by President Obama on July 22, 2014, to amend the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and strengthen the nation's public workforce development system through innovation in and alignment and improvement of employment, training and education programs. This legislation authorized the Governor to certify Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) and WDBs in California for eligibility for WIOA funds and the conduct of WIOA activities. 48 LWDA's and WDBs were certified.

However, the latter received only an initial 15-month certification for the period April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. A WDB, in partnership with the Chief Elected Official, is responsible for the full implementation of the WIOA and ensuring the appropriate use and management of related funding in a LWDA. The WIOA stipulates the execution of a WDB-Local Elected Official (WDB-LEO) agreement, which describes the roles and responsibilities of the parties and is subject to state approval. The Chief Elected Official appoints all members of a WDB. Representatives of the business/employer community constitute the majority of the WDB's membership. The balance of the WDB's membership includes representatives of educational institutions, organized labor and joint labor-management apprenticeship programs, economic and community development entities, community-based organizations, and others.

The City was certified as a LWDA and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) as a WDB on March 31, 2015, and qualified for \$42,000,000 of WIOA formula funds from the state for Program Year 2015-16 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016). The WDB currently consists of 37 members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, that provide lead policy direction on all matters regarding the overall WIOA program including evaluation and oversight, and the formulation of the Regional Plan, Four-Year Plan and Local Annual Plan, in consultation

with the City Council's Economic Development Committee. However, the WDB is still operating under an agreement with the City's local elected officials that is noncompliant with the WIOA because it reflects the now-defunct WIA. The City has been designated the grant recipient and fiscal agent of WIOA funds, and the EWDD as the administrative entity that performs administrative and support functions.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of Local Board Recertification Request to EDD as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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