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AGENDA: June 22, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, California

REPORT OF THE JOB TRAINING TASK FORCE

Dear Members of the Board:

On February 10, 1998, your Board formally convened the Job Training Task Force. As you will recall, this Task Force was created to address the problem of limited liveable wage opportunities that exist throughout the County for local residents. With the recent enactment of Welfare Reform your Board raised growing concern over the need to undertake additional efforts to address local unemployment and underemployment and to promote the attainment of liveable wage jobs for all Santa Cruz County residents.

As a means of addressing these issues, your Board requested that the Task Force present a formal report with appropriate recommendations on or before September 15, 1999. The purpose of this letter is to present the final report of the Job Training Task Force and request of your Board consideration of the recommendations made therein.

PROCESS

The composition of the Job Training Task Force is one of broad based representation consisting of twenty-five representatives from the business community, local government, economic development organizations, social service agencies, the Private Industry Council, community based organizations, the local labor council, community development corporations, schools, and the local workforce preparation community.

Over a nine-month period, ten meetings were held. Meetings consisted of panel presentations outlining the critical issues faced by the County relevant to the pockets of high unemployment and underemployment and the attainment of liveable wage jobs. A review of relevant programs, committees and work groups in existence to address these issues was performed. Likewise extensive research and analysis of relevant local, state and national studies pertinent to the topics at hand were conducted.

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The series of meetings culminated in a compendium of recommendations that were subsequently ranked in order of priority by Task Force members. The highest ranking recommendations of this compendium appear throughout the report for your Board's consideration.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file the Report of the Job Training Task Force;
2. Approve the recommendations made therein;
3. Direct the local Economic Development Coordinator to incorporate the Job Training Task Force recommendations into the Job Creation Plan which targets CalWORKs participants; and
4. Direct the Human Resources Agency Administrator to incorporate the Job Training Task Force recommendations into the local 5-Year Strategic Planning Process required under the 1998 Workforce Investment Act.

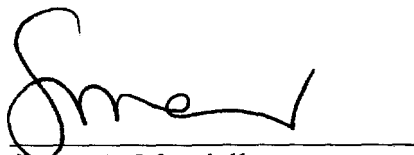
Very truly yours,



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Attachments

RECOMMENDED:



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