

Honorable Chair and Members
of the City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, California

Council Meeting
September 19, 2006

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Network Board Membership

RECOMMENDATION

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Policy Board recommends that the City Council appoint and officially swear in John Means as a member of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Board.

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Investment Network (WiN) is a consortium of the three cities of Carson, Lomita and Torrance; under the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement each city has a designated number of jurisdictional seats on the WiN Board. If an individual retires or resigns from the Board, recruitment is done and that vacant seat is filled. In addition, the public sector members of the Board may designate voting Alternates to represent their agencies on the WiN Board. All Alternates will be subject to approval by their respective City Council, will take an oath of office and will file a Conflict of Interest statement with L. A. County.

At present a Torrance Education seat is vacant. Active solicitation has taken place through the Chamber of Commerce, the Policy Board and the WiN Executive Committee. At their meeting of August 31, 2006 the Policy Board unanimously agreed to recommend John Means for a two-year term of office in this seat (Attachment A: Excerpt from Policy Board Minutes of 8/31/06).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>CATEGORY (CITY)</u>	<u>TERM ENDING</u>
John Means	El Camino College	Education (Torrance)	7/15/08

ANALYSIS

The above individual has already been appointed as an Alternate member of the WiN Board, and meets the criteria for Board membership set forth in WIA. The amendments to the JPA specify that members serve two-year terms of office and that these terms will be fixed and staggered. Members serve to provide workforce readiness and advancement services to individuals and businesses, and to develop a competitive workforce for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Carson/Lomita/Torrance WiN Policy Board



Patricia D. Unangst, Policy Board Secretary

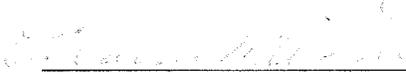
Members:

Councilman Paul Nowatka, Chair
City of Torrance

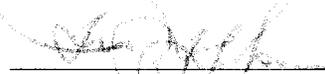
Councilwoman Susan Dever, Vice-Chair
City of Lomita

Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruiz-Raber
City of Carson

Noted:



Elaine M. Winer
Human Resources Director



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: Excerpt of minutes from Policy Board meeting of 8/31/06

BIOGRAPHY – JOHN MEANS

John Means has been the Dean of Community Advancement & Business Training Center (BTC) at El Camino College for over 5 years. As Dean of the Business Training Center, Mr. Means is responsible for oversight of all five departments. The Business Training Center is comprised of economic development departments that are under one roof and are easily accessible business and industry clients.

Mr. Means holds an M.S. degree in psychology with an emphasis in organizational development. He has over twenty-three years experience as an organizational and management consultant and was a founding partner in RAM Resources that provided training and consulting to businesses and organizations in California for over 10 years.

He has served on the Workforce Investment Board as an associate member since June 2004. He has been very involved with the strengthening the partnership with WiN and El Camino College, which provides college courses and workshops to WiN clients.