

Council Meeting of  
June 12, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Human Resources- Reassignment of two youth service agreements  
to the City of Long Beach**

**Expenditure: N/A**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Human Resources Director recommends that Council authorize the execution of all necessary documents to reassign two youth service agreements with Joint Efforts, Inc. (C2005-141) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (C2005-139) from the City of Torrance to the City of Long Beach, pending approval by the State of the merging of the cities of Lomita and Torrance with the Greater Long Beach Workforce Investment Area. The period of reassignment would be July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

**BACKGROUND**

After considerable public deliberations and continued significant reductions in federal funds, the cities of Carson, Lomita, and Torrance all declined the role of administrative entity for the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (C/L/T WiN) effective June 30, 2007 and began to explore other options for service delivery. Subsequently, the option of merging with a neighboring Workforce Investment Area was determined to be a prudent course of action to keep the consortium in tact.

On January 24, 2007, the WiN Policy Board reviewed applications and heard presentations from both the Greater Long Beach Workforce Development Board and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Attachment A). At this public meeting, the Policy Board voted unanimously to merge the WiN with the Greater Long Beach Workforce Investment Area, which was ratified by the WiN Full Board at their regular meeting the following day (Attachment B). Subsequent to this decision on March 7, 2007, the City of Carson took formal action to withdraw from the C/L/T WiN and merge with the South Bay Workforce Investment Area. Written notification of this intention was given to the City of Torrance with the withdrawal effective July 12, 2007 (Attachment C).

Currently, there is an application at the State to merge the cities of Lomita and Torrance with the Greater Long Beach Workforce Investment Area that is pending approval to a series of State actions. It is anticipated that the State will approve this merger at a meeting of the State Board on June 18, 2007.

#### ANALYSIS

On October 17, 2006, Your Honorable Body approved amendments for both Joint Efforts, Inc. and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to add funding and extend the terms of these agreements to December 31, 2007. Due to the fact that the City of Torrance will no longer serve as administrative entity of the C/L/T WiN beginning July 1, 2007, a reassignment of these contracts is required to enable services to continue for the full length of the agreements.

The pending merger of Lomita and Torrance with the Greater Long Beach Workforce Investment Area will designate the City of Long Beach as the administrative entity over employment and training contracts for the newly reconfigured workforce area effective July 1, 2007. It is therefore recommended that authorization be given to staff to execute contract reassignments for both youth agreements with the City of Long Beach for the term of July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

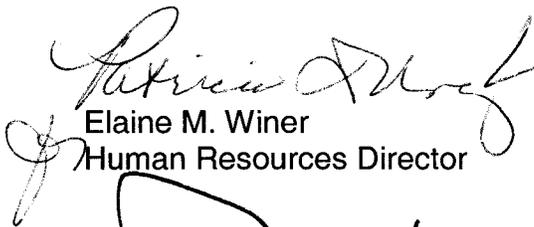
Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE M. WINER  
Human Resources Director

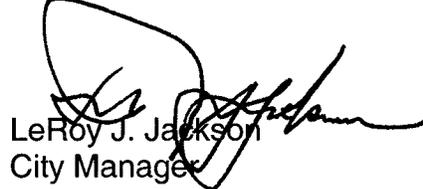


By Matthew Brookes  
Senior Job Training Project Leader

CONCUR:



Elaine M. Winer  
Human Resources Director



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachments

- A: Minutes of 1/24/07 C/L/T WiN Policy Board
- B: Excerpt from Minutes of 1/25/07 WiN Full Board Meeting
- C: Notice of Intent Letter from City of Carson

CARSON/LOMITA/TORRANCE  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK (WiN) BOARD

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 – 3:45 p.m.  
Carson Community Center, Hall A  
801 E. Carson Street, Carson

MINUTES

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by P. Nowatka, Policy Board Chair.
- WiN Policy Board Members Present: Councilman P. Nowatka (City of Torrance); Councilwoman S. Dever (City of Lomita); Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruiz-Raber (City of Carson)
- WiN Board Members & Associates Present: S. Annino (*Alternate for M. Allen* – Long Beach Job Corps Center); M. Gordon – Associate (Calif. State University Dominguez Hills); J. Jones (Youth Council Chair, City of Torrance); M. Kraemer (WiN Board Vice-Chair); W. Robinson (EDD); *B. McNeel:Alternate for L. Spink* (L. A. Harbor College); J. Means (El Camino College); M. Rodriguez (CSUDH); *L. Thompkins:Alternate for C. Hoffman* (So. Calif. Regional Occupational Center); P. Warner (Salvation Army); K. Weideman (WiN Board Chair); E. Winer (City of Torrance – H. R. Director); R. Winkler (City of Carson)
- C/L/T WiN Staff Present: P. Unangst (Executive Director, C/L/T Workforce Investment Network Board); E. Barthe-Jones (C/L/T WiN Career Center Supervisor); B. Barbagallo (C/L/T WiN Board Secretary); C. Anguiano; B. Barberi; M. Brookes; W. Calaycay; D. Feddersen; S. Middleton; D. O'Neill; M. Torres; M. Yokoyama; N. Zeleke
- Elected Officials Present: Mayor J. Dear (Carson); Councilperson H. Williams (Carson); Mayor F. Scotto (Torrance), Councilpersons T. Brewer, G. Drevno and B. Sutherland (Torrance); Mayor L. Guidi (Hawthorne); Councilperson R. Franklin (Inglewood); Councilperson J. Parsons (Redondo Beach)
- Guests Present: Dr. F. Arce (Vice President, El Camino College); J. Bacharach (South Bay Council of Governments); S. Bourasse (Gardena One-Stop); A. Brown (City of Inglewood); R. Fines (Hawthorne resident); G. Flaxman (City of Long Beach); F. Fulton (City of Torrance); S. Gainey (LB-WIB); S. Goetz (SBWIB); R. Gonzalez (City of Long Beach); J. Grooms (City Manager - Carson); T. Guilea (SBWIB); G. Hayes (Carson Adult School); J. Jones (City of Torrance); S. King (Chair, LB-WIB); M. Lansdell (City of Gardena); R. Mejia (SBWIB, City of Hawthorne); A. Munoz (City of Long Beach); J. Nason-Devlin (Beach Cities One-Stop); A. Natker (Haagen Co.); R. Navarro (Northrop Grumman); V.

Nguyen (EDD); S. Peterson (El Camino College); T. Quintana (City of Hawthorne); B. Raber (Commissioner, Carson); B. Rogers (City of Long Beach); G. Schwaudner (Long Beach City College); W. Spencer (Chair, SBWIB), G. Spencer, S. Spikes (SBWIB), T. Sword (South Bay Economic Development Partnership); J. Vogel (Director, SBWIB); J. Vogel (CSUDH); C. Walters (City of Long Beach); A. Ward (City of Long Beach); R. Wilson; M. Wright (Milt Wright & Assoc.); K. C. Nash (City of Long Beach); P. West (Director, Community Development, Long Beach); M. Witzansky (City of Redondo Beach)

II. Flag Salute P. Unangst led the group in the flag salute.

III. Introduction of Elected Officials Present

P. Nowatka introduced the elected officials who were present at the meeting.

IV. Action Item #1: City of Carson Decision on Role of Administrative Entity

This item recommends that the C/L/T WiN Policy Board concur with the decision of the City of Carson to decline the role of Administrative Entity/Grant Recipient for the consortium. Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruiz-Raber explained that after studying the data, the City of Carson staff met with their City Council and concluded that becoming the Administrative Entity for the consortium was not an economically feasible option to pursue. Received and filed.

V. Decision to Merge C/L/T with Neighboring Workforce Area

Councilman P. Nowatka (Torrance) explained that this has been a difficult decision to come to for the Policy Board. There are 36 years of history of outstanding service to the three communities. More importantly, there are 26 valuable employees with 5-34 years of service. The Policy Board deliberated for months, consulted colleagues and met with staff and neighboring jurisdictions to get the perspective of as many people as possible. This special meeting was called today to make an informed decision and to select a partner in the future of the local workforce programs.

A. Why are we here?

K. Weideman, C/L/T WiN Chair

Mr. Weideman noted that the reason for this special meeting is to look at the options, hear from colleagues and select a partner in an open forum. He presented some background information about C/L/T WiN and its history.

The City of Torrance has directly operated the federal and State funded job training programs since the late 1960s. In 1983, federal funds mandated that cities and counties must have a minimum size of 250,000 to receive funds. Torrance no longer qualified as a stand alone agency. A partnership was developed in 1983 with the neighboring cities of Carson and Lomita, which was formalized in the 1984 Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). It has been a strong and successful partnership for many years.

In 2000, federal legislation changed and the new population size became 500,000. The Governor “grandfathered in” all existing areas and Carson/Lomita/Torrance continued under a new designation – the Private Industry Council (PIC) became the Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board with a new membership structure. At the same time, funds began to decline. A chart showed the funding decline from over 7 million in 2000 to 3.4 million currently.

The WiN is a strategic alliance of business, community and government that facilitates the training and placement of the local workforce for the cities of Carson, Lomita, Torrance and the L. A. Harbor area. The Consortium and the Board are organized in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement. Each member city appoints a representative to the Policy Board. The Policy Board appoints individual WiN Board members. The Policy Board and WiN Board form the partnership for the oversight and planning for the Consortium.

B. Actions to date Councilwoman S. Dever, City of Lomita

Councilwoman Dever reported that C/L/T WiN had a great year in 2005-06 despite their declining resources. The agency met 14 out of 15 State standards, customer satisfaction rating was 109%, 406 jobseekers were placed in jobs, and 131 local businesses were provided with a variety of services.

Unfortunately, the Federal revenues have declined 42% since WIA began in 2000. Also, more external competitors are now allowed to access WIA resources. WiN budgets have been reduced, such as staff reductions from 68 in 2000 to 26 today. While discussions surrounding the decline in federal funds began years ago, they reached a critical point in the fall of '06. Serious discussions were held in consultation with local elected officials of the member cities about the future viability of the Consortium. In November 2006, the Policy Board held a meeting with several elected officials from the three cities and decided that the cities would remain together, but both Torrance and Lomita declined the role of administrative entity. Carson left the option open and requested time to evaluate; as you heard today, they have also decided to decline that role.

Due to time constraints, staff was directed to simultaneously explore merger options with Long Beach or South Bay WIBs. In December 2006, the State required notification of intent to modify the local workforce area boundaries. The Policy Board met in January with the local elected official and key staff of the potential partners' lead cities (Hawthorne & Long Beach). That brings us up to today, when we need to decide which partner offers the best options for the businesses and residents of the areas we serve.

C. Presentations from potential merger partners

1. City of Hawthorne (representing South Bay Workforce Investment Board)

Mayor L. Guidi (Hawthorne) made the opening statement for the presentation entitled “A Proposal to Unite Workforce Policy, Planning and Service Delivery in the South Bay for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” He stressed the fact that the WiN is important to them, and that South Bay would absorb as many employees as possible; there

are “a lot of experienced people that can hit the ground running.” He spoke about the South Bay WIBs youth programs and tutoring programs in schools. The biggest problem for businesses is finding qualified employees. He had a warehouse in Carson, and went to the South Bay WIB for assistance. He said the bottom line is whether or not the transition would be able to happen within a few days. The South Bay WIB is established and ready to go; he guarantees that “if you give us 30 days you will stay with us 20 years.”

J. Vogel (Director of South Bay WIB) presented next. He listed the 8 cities that form the South Bay WIB –Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach. He said the cities are a natural alliance, because they all have so much in common. Adding C/L/T would make the area a stronger economic region. Their funds are distributed based on a proportionate share philosophy and method. Both the SBWIB’s Gardena and Redondo Beach One-Stop Career Centers are very accessible and can begin services to C/L/T customers immediately. SBWIB successfully managed a jurisdictional change in 2000, when they switched from being managed by Inglewood to Hawthorne.

The SBWIB is focused in several areas – Special Populations Programs, Regional Economic Recovery and Industry-based Projects, and Classroom Training. They are connected to the I-TRAIN (Intrastate Training Resource and Information Network). They also have the South Bay Business Resource Network to support local businesses.

Next, the Youth Services Director, S. Spikes, summarized the South Bay WIB’s programs for youths. The Fit for Gold Tutoring and Fitness Academy, which was developed in 2002 and is now in 6 school districts and serves 1,500 youth. The Blueprint for Workplace Success program was developed by 100 business, education and community volunteers. It serves 1,000 youth each year, with 200 businesses participating annually. The average Older Youth earns \$9.50 hour, which is 25% higher than minimum wage.

J. Vogel shared their 3 basic strategies:

- Diversified funding – \$1 million in non-WIA grants and contracts
- Leveraged resources – \$500,000 in-kind community and private sector services
- Dynamic partnerships – Seven K-12 districts, 3 community colleges, local law enforcement, government, community and faith-based agencies.

South Bay WIB endorsements:

- T. Sword read a letter of recommendation from South Bay Economic Development Partnership recommending that the Policy Board “cede the assets of the WiN to the South Bay WIB.”
- Dr. F. Arce (Vice President, El Camino College) strongly encouraged a partnership with SBWIB
- M. Gordon representing President J. Lyons (CSUDH) read an excerpt from a letter endorsing SBWIB
- R. Fines (Hawthorne) said SBWIB is prepared to meet opportunities for the future of the residents

- M. Lansdell (Gardena City Manager) endorsed SBWIB
2. City of Long Beach (representing Greater Long Beach Workforce Development Board)

P. West, Long Beach Director of Community Development, started off by introducing himself, their staff, and S. King, the Greater Long Beach WIB Chair. Ms. King spoke for a moment about the passion and commitment for the residents of the community that Long Beach and C/L/T have in common. She emphasized that the Workforce Investment business is about people and families and taking care of our communities and the businesses in our communities.

B. Rogers, the Executive Director of the WIB, presented the bulk of the presentation. He stated that this merger is being viewed by Long Beach as an opportunity to build on the common strengths of the communities, and that many of the Boards' priorities are already synchronized. The current trend has been to realign WIBs, and it is a strategic action to ensure longer local control for the cities. There is strength in numbers.

Long Beach has a competitive advantage with its complementary cultures. Quality and integrity are the common values of their experienced and efficient staff. It makes good sense to blend the talent of both the LWIAs. The staffing organization patterns are very similar in structure, with 42 WIB staff employees of the City of Long Beach.

Another competitive advantage of Long Beach is its efficient resource allocation. They continue to seek alternatives and partnerships, and have existing satellites and industry-focused centers. Unique partnerships have been formed. The One-Stop presence and strategies for local youth, and connections with education and Community-Based Organizations give them opportunities to look at alternatives and partnerships for quality programs and services.

Business services, both small and large, are an important focus of the Long Beach WIB. Both Long Beach and C/L/T have overlapping labor markets and industries – manufacturing, construction, healthcare, logistics, transportation, utilities, petrochemical, and technology. The vision is to capitalize on the business assets of the twin Ports in the merged area, as well as maximize education partnerships, and coordinate with both community-based and faith-based organizations.

Strong service for youth is also a major concern. Youth programs including business internships, career exploration, youth hiring campaigns and a dedicated youth One-Stop Center are currently the focus for Long Beach. A merger with C/L/T would be an opportunity to replicate the best of the best.

Mr. Rogers noted that the partnership would be a voice of 5 cities, and stressed the importance of hearing the ideas and priorities, and addressing the needs of them all. Input strategies would be made through WIB appointments, a Policy or Governance Board, and a Joint Powers Authority.

P. West concluded with the comment that, regardless of the decision made here today, Long Beach will continue to work cooperatively with C/L/T WIB. A regional map of the proposed region, including the L. A. strip, was viewed – it would encompass the cities of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Carson, Lomita and Torrance, a total of 52 square miles. He added that Long Beach has a vision of a regional strategy that capitalizes on the mutual assets of both WIBs, a continued focus on current initiatives, expanded focus on services, many new opportunities, a strong competitive advantage, and a full partnership of a combined Board, Elected Officials, and staff.

BREAK (5:20 – 5:30 p.m.)

#### VI. Question & Answer Session

**Q.** How would the C/L/T staff be integrated into your organization?

**A.** *(SB-WIB)* Management will need to determine which cities need staff. It will be necessary to keep a center in Carson, probably a satellite office. We would have to discuss it with the other cities. SB-WIB staff is at various locations and on different payrolls. C/L/T staff that can be retained would not receive pay cuts.

*(LB-WIB)* Creating One-Stops, whether in Carson or Torrance, is unsure at this time. Staff would be placed where there is a need; we see different skills sets in the staff. They would share a common payroll, and Long Beach is committed to be fair and equitable.

**Q.** What is the effective date of this merger?

**A.** July 1, 2007.

**Q.** What will you do if not selected?

*(SB-WIB)* We will serve residents of C/L/T that are not WIA and will continue to collaborate with C/L/T.

*(LB-WIB)* Concur; regional efforts would continue.

**Q.** Where are the locations of your existing centers?

**A.** *(LB-WIB)* We have 3 Centers – Atlantic & Wardlow, which is a comprehensive Center; a satellite on PCH & Atlantic; a Youth Opportunity Center in central Long Beach which is a comprehensive Center; and we subcontract with 7 community based agencies for satellite locations.

*(SB-WIB)* We have 3 full Centers – Redondo Beach, which is moving close to Torrance, Gardena, Inglewood; and 2 satellites – Youth Services Organization in Hawthorne, Business Services in Carson at CSUDH.

**Q.** What will happen to the L. A. City Partnership and the Harbor Center?

- A. (SB-WIB) He is unsure about the lease situation. Their relationship with L. A. City is long standing and strong. They have a relationship with the Airport. A possible location for the center could be L. A. Harbor College.  
(LB-WIB) Long Beach has a great relationship with L. A. City, and they have already met with Mr. Sainz at LA-WIB and shared their ideas; L. A. is interested in the possible opportunities in goods movement.

Q. How will you handle the allocation of resources?

- A. (LB-WIB) We would work out a holistic process, a regional larger scale of the 5 cities.

(SB-WIB) We feel differently about that. Formula funds are based on a State formula fund allocation and converted into money. We feel everyone should benefit proportionately – fair share of service.

Q. Non-WIA funds vs. WIA funds?

- A. (SB-WIB) Most of our funds are non-WIA. Our budget is in our proposal. The funding is going up due to non-WIA funding and 2 non-profits.

(LB-WIB) We have diverse funding sources; the majority of our discretionary funds are non-WIA.

Q. What will happen to the Win's presence in Carson and San Pedro/Harbor Areas?

- A. (SB-WIB) Carson needs to have a presence but we don't know where it will be at this time; perhaps at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Carson, Lomita and Torrance are our main concerns. For San Pedro and the Harbor Grant, again we are at a disadvantage since we did not get a chance to meet with L. A. City like C/L/T and Long Beach did.

(LB-WIB) Carson, Torrance and Lomita would determine the expectations. Carson and Torrance need to have a presence. A Job Service Center in Torrance is a possibility; goods movement and logistics would work in the Harbor area.

Q. For Long Beach WIB: You said you went from 63 to 42 staff – what happened?

- A. (LB-WIB) Welfare-to-Work Program ended, and staff were At-Will on special assignments. They were laid off.

## VII. Public Comment

- M. Wright (a partner of SB-WIB and member of South Bay Business Resource Network commented that the WIB gets input from all the members, they focus on small businesses, and are designed to meet the needs of small businesses. He endorses the SB-WIB.
- W. Spencer, Chair of SB-WIB, endorses the So. Bay proposal.

- A. Natker, representing the private sector, endorses the SB-WIB.
- G. Schwaudner, Dean of Long Beach City College commented about the partnership that has been formed between LB-WIB and LBCC; worked on goods movement grants together. LBCC endorses LB-WIB.
- S. Peterson of El Camino College endorses SB-WIB.
- M. Navarro of Northrup Grumman has a relationship with SBWIB and endorses them.
- A. Brown of the City of Inglewood Economic Development Division commented on the successful working relationship she has had with the SB-WIB for over 6 years; she endorses the SB-WIB.
- L. Thompkins of SCROC has worked with both the SB-WIB and C/L/T; she endorses the SB-WIB.

BREAK (6:15 – 6:25 p.m.)

After the break, each of the Policy Board requested the right to ask questions.

Councilwoman S. Dever:

**Q.** What proportion of funding is restricted for use in certain geographic areas?

**A.** *(LB-WIB)* 2 are restricted: \$100,000 for CDBG, and \$139,000 for Refuge fund. It comes to about 2% of our budget and the remainder is usable for any geographic area.

*(SB-WIB)* Mostly funded by Discretionary grants/non-WIA grants; the only grant restricted is with Pasadena. State discretionary grants are Industry grants. Non-WIA grants are Countywide; boundaries can be modified to include C/L/T.

**Q.** For SB-WIB: Looking at your budget, it increases in Other Grants from 06-07 to 07-08, a big dramatic jump, can you explain?

**A.** *(SB-WIB)* We are anticipating an increase primarily – #1, County grants for welfare clients, hard-to-serve, disadvantaged; and #2, new grants from the State Dept. of Construction; specific industry-related Southern California-wide grants for next year and these can assist residents of C/L/T, but I can't talk about it.

**Q.** For SB-WIB: Spread out over multiple years, or only next year?

**A.** *(SB-WIB)* Next year only.

**Q.** For LB-WIB: I know almost nothing about Long Beach. Long Beach has a history of working independently, how can you respond to SB-WIB and the integrity of the South Bay region?

**A.** *(LB-WIB)* B. Rogers: Looking at the geography of the South Bay, there are similarities of the cities in Long Beach; looking at the similar industries as well as commonalities of the businesses and residents. Long Beach can reconfigure ourselves and do not have to stay within boundaries of the status quo. P. West added that the city has a history of regional efforts – the 710 freeway improvements, Alameda Corridor, the Port of Long Beach.

- Q.** Lomita is a small city, 1.8 square miles, with small businesses in the area (micro-businesses). In that context, how would you service Lomita and businesses like those in Lomita?
- A.** *(LB-WIB)* Signal Hill compares to Lomita, with 11,000 residents; Signal Hill gets a high amount of services to their residents and youth, and they would not get those benefits if LB-WIB allocated based on formula funds.

*(SB-WIB)* South Bay has cities similar to Lomita. Lawndale school district worked with the SB, we staffed an after school program through Fit for Gold. We would invent programs after finding out what Lomita wants and needs. We would visit every business in Lomita.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruiz-Raber:

- Q.** How can you best serve Carson?
- A.** *(SB-WIB)* We have some ideas, Gardena One-Stop will increase the number of Carson residents served. We can open up a center in Carson; open a youth program and partnership with CSUDH; we can have lots of programs in Carson, Carson will get an abundance of service. I understand you have a general fund summer youth program, we can cover that.
- (LB-WIB)* We see employment strategies for adults. There are opportunities in the business in Carson, providing linkages for residents in the construction trades. We would work with Carson to see where the priority is. We can focus on youth services as well.
- Q.** What if 2 board members vote one way, and one decides for the other candidate?
- A.** (Chair Nowatka) The majority rules.

Councilman P. Nowatka:

- Q.** This question is directed to the South Bay WIB: Long Beach has told us how they would work with elected officials on a partnership. What happens to the C/L/T Policy Board when a decision is made?
- A.** *(SB-WIB)* You can take a time out. South Bay asks for input from everyone; we get it whether we ask for it or not through the Advisory Board. The City of Hawthorne is liable (their CEO) and input from Local Elected Officials is welcomed; J. Vogel is available 24 hours a day.
- Q.** The C/L/T WiN Board, too?
- A.** *(SB-WIB)* It would be based on formula funding integrated into the Board.

(LB-WIB) We have no pre-conceived notions about this; the involvement from the Board is critical. The 5 cities would need to work together. A transition team possibly, to work out the appropriate number of members for the Board.

VIII. Action Item #2: Decision by C/L/T Policy Board to select a merger partner to recommend to WiN Board for final action on 1/25/07

Councilman P. Nowatka ended the Question/Answer period. He asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruiz-Raber made a motion for C/L/T WiN to go with the South Bay WIB. Councilman P. Nowatka asked if there was a second to the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilwoman S. Dever asked to make a statement regarding the reason for her decision. She feels that the first priority must be to clients we serve – individuals and businesses. Another major consideration has to be how the two organizations will blend. It needs to be a good fit, with a similar approach of how to do business. She felt that C/L/T would be a client of the South Bay WIB; whereas, with Long Beach, C/L/T would be a partner and fully integrated into their WIB. She appreciated the arguments put forth related to the importance of maintaining the regional identity of the South Bay; however, she also recognized that the South Bay is part of a broader entity which includes the two ports, which are a driving force for the economy of the area. She also noted that she was the immediate past chair of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and that the L. A. and Long Beach ports are seen by that group to be integral to the present and future of South Bay's regional economy and quality of life. She opposed the first motion, and motioned to merge with the Long Beach WIB. P. Nowatka seconded the motion, and asked if it was unanimous. J. Ruiz-Raber changed her vote and made it unanimous.

IX. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

<b>CARSON/LOMITA/TORRANCE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK (WiN) BOARD</b>
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***EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF***

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
 January 25, 2007  
 Carson One-Stop Career Center  
 One Civic Plaza, Suite 500, Carson

**MINUTES**

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| I. <u>Call To Order:</u>      | The meeting was called to order by K. Weideman, WiN Chair, at 3:05 p.m.   |
| Policy Board Members Present: | Councilman P. Nowatka (City of Torrance);<br>Councilwoman S. Dever (City of Lomita)   |
| Members Present:              | K. Weideman, C. Adams, M. Allen ( <i>S. Annino – Alternate</i> ), C. Hoffman ( <i>L. Thompkins – Alternate</i> ), J. Jennison, M. Kraemer, J. Means, W. Robinson, M. Rodriguez, R. Slawson, J. Smith, L. Spink ( <i>B. McNeel – Alternate</i> ), P. Warner, E. Winer, P. York, D. Zamudio |
| Members Excused:              | B. Dobbs, R. Lara, M. Montague, C. Ratcliff, J. Schmitt, P. Smith, T. Talbot, R. Winkler  |
| Associate Members Present:    | M. Gordon   |
| Guests Present:               | K.C. Nash (LB-WiB Staff); B. Rogers (Director, LB-WiB); P. West (Community Development Director, Long Beach); J. Nagano (Port of Los Angeles)   |
| WiN Staff Present:            | P. Unangst, E. Barthe-Jones, J. Ithurrealde, S. Middleton, S. Fisher, D. O'Neill, J. Angeles, B. Barbagallo   |

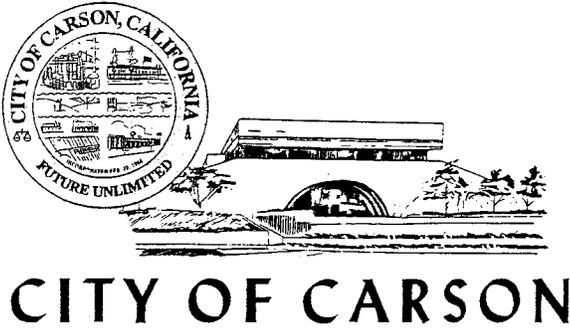
V. Action/Discussion Items

Action Item #1: Decision to merge with neighboring workforce area as recommended by the Policy Board.

After presentations from both the South Bay WIB and Greater Long Beach WIB were made, the C/L/T Policy Board voted unanimously to merge with the Greater Long Beach WIB. The intent of today's meeting is for the WiN Board to vote on this decision. An action item has been prepared from the Policy Board recommending that the WiN Board approve the Long Beach WIB as a partner for a proposed merger with C/L/T in a local area modification. (The item was distributed to the members.)

The ballots were distributed; 16 votes were counted. There were 10 votes for Long Beach, with 6 members abstaining.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



CITY OF CARSON  
 HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.  
 2007 MAR 14 11:30 AM

# CITY OF CARSON

March 14, 2007

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Elaine Winer  
 Human Resources Director  
 Carson/Lomita/Torrance Employment and Training Consortium  
 c/o City of Torrance  
 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
 Torrance, CA 90503

Re: Notice of Intent From the City of Carson to Cease Participation in Consortium

Dear Ms. Winer:

As directed by the Carson City Council, please take notice that, pursuant to Section 17 of that certain "Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Among the Cities of Carson, Lomita and Torrance for the Purpose of Creating an Employment and Training Consortium," as amended (simply the "JPA"), the City of Carson hereby gives 120-days' notice of its intent to cease participation in the JPA. From this date forward, you are directed not to enter into any contracts which would remain incomplete as of the expiration of this notice. Effective 120 days hence, the City of Carson will cease being a member of the JPA and shall have no further obligations toward or participation in the JPA.

Sincerely,

Jerome G. Groomes  
 CITY MANAGER

cc: Tom Odom, Lomita City Administrator  
 Ronald E. Winkler, Economic Development General Manager  
 William Wynder, Aleshire & Wynder, LLP