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Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
Attention: Brenda Shockley, Deputy Mayor

**TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST FROM THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO
EXTEND THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD – LOCAL ELECTED
OFFICIAL (WDB-LEO) AGREEMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2023**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman of the Workforce Development board (WDB) respectfully requests that the Mayor and the City Council:

APPROVE an extension of the current Workforce Development Board – Local Elected Official (WDB-LEO) agreement from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, to allow additional time for a joint meeting of Mayor, City Council, and WDB representatives to negotiate a new five-year accord.

BACKGROUND

President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) on July 22, 2014, to amend the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and strengthen the nation's workforce development system through innovation in and alignment and improvement of employment training and education programs, and to promote individual and economic growth.

The WIOA and the attendant Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) authorized Governors to establish Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA) for the conduct of workforce



development activities, under the oversight of Workforce Development Boards (WDB) and Local Elected Officials.¹

Governors were also authorized to assign LWDA's and WDBs to region planning areas based on similar economic and labor force characteristics, to produce and implement cooperative workforce development service delivery strategies and arrangements.

Local Elected Officials and WDBs are charged with ensuring the appropriate use and management of WIOA funds. The Chair of a WDB and the majority of the WDB's members must be representatives of the business/employer community. The balance of a WDB's membership includes representatives of educational institutions, organized labor and joint labor-management apprenticeship programs, economic and community development entities, community-based organizations, etc.

All members of a WDB are appointed by the Chief Elected Official(s) of a LWDA. An agreement must be executed between the Chief Elected Official(s) and the WDB specifying the WIOA related duties and responsibilities of each party. The agreement must comply with federal and state regulations.

Forty-six LWDA's and WDB's have been certified in California. The state certified the City of Los Angeles as a LWDA and its WDB on March 31, 2017. Subsequent recertifications have occurred involving, among other things, substantiation of an executed agreement between the City's WDB and Local Elected Officials that defines the respective roles of all parties regarding the administration of WIOA.

There are seven LWDA's and WDB's in Los Angeles County (i.e. City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Foothill/Pasadena, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network/City of Long Beach, South Bay, Southeast Los Angeles County, and Verdugo/cities of Burbank, Glendale, and La Canada Flintridge), which collectively constitute one regional area for WIOA coordination purposes.

At a meeting on June 21, 2015, representatives of the Mayor, the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer, and the WDB negotiated and reached consensus on a five-year WDB-LEO agreement spanning July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2021. The practice of convening a meeting of all parties to negotiate these agreements dates back to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

¹ 20 CFR 679.300, 20 CFR 679.301, 20 CFR 679.320, 20 CFR 679.330, 20 CFR 679.350, 20 CFR 679.370, 20 CFR 679.510, etc.

On April 5, 2016, the WDB approved the proposed WDB-LEO agreement and forwarded it to the City Council and the Mayor for consideration and approval.

The proposed WDB-LEO agreement was finalized and signed by the Mayor and the City Council President, absent amendments, on July 11, 2016 and July 12, 2016. Multiple extensions have since been approved, with the last scheduled to expire on December 31, 2022.

The WDB is requesting a meeting with representatives of the Mayor and the City Council in January 2023, to negotiate the terms of a new five-year WDB-LEO agreement. This will necessitate a six-month extension of the current WDB-LEO agreement through June 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Woo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" and the last name "Woo" clearly distinguishable.

Charles Woo, Chair
City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board