

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed extension of the current Workforce Development Board-Local Elected Official (WDB-LEO) agreement from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE an extension of the current 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the WDB. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.  
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 22, 2022, your Committee considered an October 28, 2022 WDB report relative to proposed extension of the current WDB-LEO agreement from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. According to the WDB, on July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 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.<sup>1</sup> Governors were also authorized to assign LWDA's and WDB's to region planning areas based on similar economic and labor force characteristics, to produce and implement cooperative workforce development service delivery strategies and arrangements.

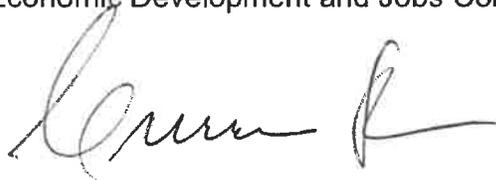
Local Elected Officials and WDBs are charged with ensuring the appropriate use and management of WIOA funds. The Chair of a WDB and the majority of the WDB's members must be representatives of the business/employer community. The balance of a WDB's membership includes representatives of educational institutions, 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. Officials(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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of extending the the current WDB-LEO agreement from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Economic Development and Jobs Committee



| COUNCILMEMBER  | VOTE   |
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| PRICE:         | YES    |
| KREKORIAN:     | ABSENT |
| BLUMENFIELD:   | YES    |
| RAMAN:         | ABSENT |
| HARRIS-DAWSON: | YES    |

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