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## “Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club name Jan Vogel as Community Person of the Year”

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club held its Community Recognition Dinner where Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board received the honor as “Community Person of the Year.”

For over 20 years, Jan Vogel has served as Executive Director of the SBWIB, encompassing the eight cities of El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Under his leadership the SBWIB has taken a leading role in the development of the job training services not only within Los Angeles County, but throughout Southern California.

Over 100 people, including family, friends and staff of the SBWIB, were in attendance to applaud Mr. Vogel on his fine work in the community. Also in attendance were SBWIB’s Board Chairman Wayne Spencer, Mayor of Hawthorne Larry Guidi, Mayor Pro Tem Pablo Catano, and Councilmember Ginny Lambert. The award was presented to Mr. Vogel by the Lions Club District Governor, Dick Selway. Mr. Vogel thanked his family, friends, board members and staff for the unrelenting support throughout his tenure at SBWIB.

Mr. Vogel will also receive the *Friends of Education Award* for his involvement with major programs at California State Dominguez Hills and other area educational institutions. This Award of Distinguished Service will be presented at the President’s Dinner for California State University, Dominguez Hills on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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