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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Hosts Resource Fair to Support Phillips 66 Employees Affected by Refinery Closure

Hawthorne, CA — On Friday, February 28th, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), in collaboration with the Los Angeles City Economic and Workforce Development Department, the United Steel Workers Union (USW), and other local partners, hosted a resource fair for Phillips 66 employees affected by the closure of the company's Los Angeles facilities. Phillips 66 announced last year that it would close its refineries in Carson and Wilmington, which will impact an estimated 600 workers. While the exact layoff date has yet to be confirmed, it is expected that these workers will be laid off by the end of 2025. This resource fair was designed to provide crucial support to these workers as they prepare for the transition ahead.

The two-day event, held at the USW union hall, offered attendees access to a wide range of resources, including information on the American Job Centers of California, Covered California, Employment Development Department (EDD) services, financial assistance, and union resources. Special funding has been set aside to assist displaced workers in the coming months. Many individuals at the fair shared their concerns about the uncertainty of the layoffs but expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect with resources that will help them plan their next steps. Some workers had already begun to think about their future career paths, while others were still processing the news of the closure.

This resource fair is just one of many initiatives the SBWIB and the Los Angeles City EWDD will provide in collaboration with Phillips 66 and the United Steel Workers Union. Looking forward, the SBWIB and LA City EWDD plan to offer additional on-site services, including resume-writing assistance and interview coaching, to support displaced workers as they transition to new employment opportunities. A two-day job fair will also be organized to connect workers with potential employers and provide further career development resources. These ongoing efforts are aimed at ensuring that Phillips 66 employees have the tools and support they need to successfully navigate this challenging time.

The SBWIB is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the region's workforce by offering job training, career development, and employment services. SBWIB partners with local businesses and organizations to provide job seekers with the resources necessary to succeed in an ever-evolving job market. For more information, please visit the SBWIB website at www.sbwib.org.

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Photo caption: South Bay Workforce Investment Board and Los Angeles City EWDD host resource fair to support Phillips 66 employees affected by refinery closure. The resource fair was held at the United Steel Workers union hall on Friday, February 28th.



