

Jan Vogel
South Bay Workforce Investment Board
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

For over 39 years, Mr. Jan Vogel has served as the Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) which encompasses eleven cities in the Los Angeles South Bay region in California that includes: El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Torrance, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Carson.

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board has been a leader in workforce innovation and has received national awards for performance of workforce development activities for employment and business services, not only within Los Angeles County, but throughout Southern California. The SBWIB has also been recognized for being one of the highest performing Workforce Investment Boards in the state of California.

Mr. Vogel is a leader in apprenticeship development and has initiated many efforts for establishing apprenticeship programs utilizing innovative approaches for employer engagement and job seeker recruitment for both union and non-union apprenticeship models.

He has been instrumental in facilitating, coordinating and partnering with numerous construction crafts to increase apprentices in the Los Angeles South Bay area. Additionally, he formulated a variety of pre-apprentice programs leading to registered apprenticeships that were incorporated into a region-wide training directory called I-TRAIN, a system that Mr. Vogel created to ensure providers delivered approved quality education and training to students and job seekers.

Most recently, he has developed a pre apprenticeship program in Aerospace Engineering called AERO-Flex. The advanced manufacturing program has quickly evolved into an employer-centric earn and learn model attracting top employers such as Northrop Grumman, Lockheed-Martin, L-3 Communications, Impresa Aerospace, Magnetika and many others. This employer driven pre-apprenticeship will ensure advanced manufacturing firms can find the talent they need locally and provide workers with the hands-on experience employers need. Mr. Vogel plans to expand the program statewide and nationally with both the pre apprenticeship program and a registered apprenticeship in engineering.

Under Mr. Vogel's leadership the SBWIB received two of the largest federal National Emergency Grants in history from the Department of Labor and was responsible for training tens of thousands of laid off workers, local residents and youth.

Through the federal stimulus program of 2009, Mr. Vogel and the SBWIB administered the largest Transitional Subsidized Employment program in the Country responsible for employing over 10,000 individuals on public assistance in just one year, through a subcontract with Los Angeles County. The program provided on-the-job training to thousands with barriers to employment and gave them a path to self-sufficiency and a career. The successful program continues today with more than 2,000 people on the payroll at any given time, providing them with work experience and leading them to permanent full time employment.

Mr. Vogel received both his Master of Arts in Education and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Additionally, he holds a California Administrative Services Credential from California State University Long Beach and a Lifetime K-12 Teaching Credential. He was an adjunct Professor in the School of Professional Studies at Pepperdine University.

Mr. Vogel has served on various Boards and has been the recipient of prestigious awards including:

- President's Advisory Board for California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)
- Recipient of the Man of the Year Award from the Hawthorne Lion's Club
- Recipient of the Rise & Shine Youth Program Person of the Year Award
- Recipient of the prestigious Friend of Education, Katherine B. Loker Award, from CSUDH
- Recipient of the 2008 Alumni Advocate of the Year Award from CSUDH
- Recipient of the City of Hawthorne's 2018 Citizen of the Year Award
- First Recipient of the California Workforce Association's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award
- Recipient of the Extraordinary Citizen of the 35th Senate District Award, from Senator Isadore Hall, III
- Chairperson for the California Workforce Association (CWA)
- Founding Partner Organization of the South Bay Aerospace Alliance
- Chairperson for the Centinela Valley Union High School District Citizen's Oversight Committee
- Centinela Hospital Medical Center Governing Board Member
- California Workforce Association Foundation, Chairperson
- President of the Hawthorne Education Foundation
- Past President of the Hawthorne Rotary Club
- Centinela Valley YMCA Board of Directors
- Inglewood Unified School District Advisory Board of Directors
- El Camino College Foundation Advisory Board of Directors
- Southern California Regional Occupational Center Advisory Board of Directors
- California Workforce Investment Board of Directors (Alternate to Assembly member Horton)
- California Workforce Association Executive Board
- Western Job Training Partnership Association Board of Directors
- South Bay Economic Development Partnership Board of Directors
- Southwest Transportation Workforce Center Steering Committee Member
- Centinela Valley Education Foundation
- College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board