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**More Than 960 Students Attend 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair
Presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board in Partnership
With the City of Carson**

HAWTHORNE – More than 960 eager students from high school and community college districts throughout the South Bay attended the 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair hosted by the City of Carson and presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), April 27th, at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center in Carson.

Carson Mayor Albert Robles welcomed participants to the fair and urged the students to “think positive, look the employers in the eye and let them know you are sincere and ready to work.”

More than 80 employers from private and public sectors talked to the students and conducted interviews. At the end of the three-hour event, 235 of the students were hired on-the-spot and 280 others were invited back for second interviews.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel noted, “This is by far one of the most successful job fairs we have presented over the years, and I want to commend my staff and the employers who made it possible.” He added, “Mayor Robles challenged us to try and achieve a 50 percent hire rate today, and we have a great shot at meeting his challenge.”

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Careers Centers within the South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne providing adult, youth and business services. For further information telephone 310-970-7700 or visit SBWIB.org.

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17th Annual Blueprint for Success Photo Caption

Some of the more than 960 high school and college students attending the 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair on April 27th at the Carson Community Center listen to the welcoming address by Carson Mayor Albert Robles. 235 of the students received job offers on-the-spot and 280 more were invited back for second interviews.

