

South Bay Workforce Investment Board

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South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Hosts Grand Opening Of South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center – Torrance

TORRANCE - The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) hosted a grand opening of its new South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center-Torrance, located at 1220 Engracia Ave., on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

In attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony that officially opened the new One-Stop were Torrance Mayor, Patrick Furey; City of Torrance Councilmembers Heidi Ann Ashcraft, Mike Griffiths and Kurt Weideman; Lomita Mayor, Henry Sanchez; Lomita Mayor Pro Tem, James Gazeley; Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Donna Duperron; Lomita Chamber of Commerce President, John Ballard; Jan Vogel, Chief Executive Officer, South Bay Workforce Investment Board; Wayne Spencer, SBWIB Chairperson; Hamilton Cloud – representing US Congresswoman Maxine Waters; Barry Heads – representing Assemblymember Mike Gipson; Erick Matos – representing Assemblymember David Hadley, as well as other dignitaries.

Mayor Furey stated, "We are fortunate to have this new One-Stop center in the heart of Torrance. The programs offered here will benefit the region as a whole."

Visitors took a tour of the new One-Stop facility's usage space and equipment, which also included 15 brand new computers. The opening of the Torrance One-Stop was made possible through a collective collaboration between the SBWIB, and the cities of Lomita and Torrance, both of which are new to the South Bay Workforce Investment coverage area, which also includes Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach.

Jan Vogel stated, "The South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers offer free, convenient access to multitude of services for job seekers and business alike all under one roof. Partnering with the EDD makes this location, truly, a one-stop shop."

For more information on the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center-Torrance, contact Guadalupe Gasca at (310) 680-3830 or visit www.southbay1stop.org.

High-res images available upon request.



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Left to right: SBWIB Chairperson, Wayne Spencer; Torrance Mayor, Patrick Furey; Jan Vogel, Chief Executive Officer, SBWIB; Lomita Mayor, Henry Sanchez