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**SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
HOSTS HAWTHORNE TEEN CENTER 7th ANNIVERSARY**

HAWTHORNE – The Hawthorne Teen Center 7th Anniversary celebration, held at the Center, was hosted by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and drew more than 100 people, including students, staff, parents and community civic leaders. The event took place at the Center on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 4:30-6 p.m.

Chief Executive Officer of the SBWIB, Jan Vogel, was joined by City of Hawthorne Treasurer, David Patterson and Maritza Molina, Centinela Valley Union High School District Board Member.

The Hawthorne Teen Center is operated by the SBWIB in partnership with the City of Hawthorne Recreation & Community Services Department.

CEO Jan Vogel stated, “I’m thrilled that the Teen Center has been a safe and wholesome environment where teens can participate in after-school recreational sports, fun developmental games and activities, for all these years,” he said. “The staff directly interacts with and impacts the lives of these teens and reinforces the importance of staying in school, entering college and learning about different careers to lay the groundwork to continually better themselves and their situations,” he added.

The event included award presentations, including certificates for ‘Rising Star’ (16-year-old Grace Ngwa) and ‘Academic Achievement’ (17-year-old Faiza Abid), as well as a Ping-Pong match and refreshments.

Open weekday afternoons from 3-6 p.m., the Hawthorne Teen Center provides a safe environment where teens can have fun and learn through games, computers, counseling and workshops and is operated by the SBWIB. The Center, which is free for students, reinforces the importance of preparing for careers by staying in high school, attending college and exploring different careers. Academic services include homework assistance and tutoring, California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation and scholarship and college search assistance. Outlets for arts and crafts and sports and fitness are also available to students.

For more information on the Hawthorne Teen Center 7th Anniversary please contact Jan Vogel at (310) 970-7700 or jvogel@sbwib.org.

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board SBWIB, Inc. administers employment and training programs through four One-Stop Business & Career Services centers (Torrance, Carson, Gardena, Inglewood), as well as two Teen Centers (Hawthorne, Inglewood) and serves 11 cities in the South Bay Workforce Investment Area, which include Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Lomita and Torrance.



L to R: Gloria Garcia, Hawthorne Teen Center Coordinator, Jan Vogel, SBWIB CEO, 'Academic Achievement' Award recipient, Faiza Abid, Maritza Molina, Centinela Valley Union High School District Board Member



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