

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 11/12/09**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

**SUBJECT: Letter of Resignation – Mr. Robert Bittner**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): For information only.**

**DISCUSSION: Mr. Robert Bittner resigned as Employment Development Department's representative on the Merced County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and as a member of the Youth Council, effective the end of November 2009. After 39 years of State service, he will be retiring at the end of December 2009. Mr. Bittner thanked WIB Board officers, staff and the WIB membership, and wishes the WIB well in continuing excellent service to the employers and jobseekers in Merced County. Mr. Bittner suggests Mr. Kurt Silva, EDD's Manager for Merced County, as his replacement on the WIB.**

**Thank you, to Mr. Robert Bittner for the many years of invaluable service as a member of the WIB since the JTPA days in the 1990's. Mr. Bittner has been an amazing contributor to the WIB, and will be greatly missed.**

**ATTACHMENT(S):  
Resignation Letter**



Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

November 2, 2009

Albert Montejano, Chair  
Merced County Workforce Investment Board  
1880 Wardrobe Avenue  
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Letter of Resignation: WIB Membership as EDD's Representative

Albert,

With regret, I must advise you that I will need to resign as the Employment Development Department's representative on the Merced County Workforce Investment Board, and a member of the Youth Council effective with the end of November, 2009. After 39 years of state service, I will be retiring from EDD at the end of December. I've thoroughly enjoyed my membership on the WIB, going back to the JTPA days in the 1990's. The Merced County WIB board officers, the staff to the Board, and the WIB membership are first rate, and to my mind represent one of the finest WIBs in California. The degree of knowledge and involvement of all the WIB members is exemplary, and beyond that of many other boards. I wish you all well in continuing your excellent service to the employers and job seekers in Merced County.

For my replacement as the EDD representative on the WIB, I am nominating Kurt Siva, EDD's Manager for Merced County. Kurt is well experienced in and supportive of all the WIB's initiatives and I am confident he will do an excellent job as our EDD representative.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Bittner".

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