



**WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD
MERCED COUNTY**

March 11, 2002

Executive Committee

Rick Osorio
Chair

Honorable Dick Monteith
Senator, 12th District
State Capitol, Room 4090
Sacramento, CA 95814

John Headding
1st Vice Chair

Re: Support for AB 1846

Nellie McGarry
2nd Vice Chair

Dear Senator Monteith,

Kathleen Crookham
Supervisor Dist. 2

The purpose of this letter is to offer the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County's support for AB 1846.

Peter Fluetsch

As you know, the Enterprise Zone Program targets economically distressed areas throughout California. Special state and local incentives encourage business investment and promote the creation of new jobs. The purpose of the program is to provide tax incentives to businesses and allow private sector market forces to revive the local economy. The Merced Atwater Enterprise Zone is assisting in Merced's efforts to revitalize the community's economic base. The Enterprise Zone program is factored into the decision of many of our employers to increase staffing, expand business operations and make additional capital investments.

Gisela Malone

The proposed legislation will not affect the State budget until approximately 2006. While the costs are deferred, the benefits are much more immediate. Passage of this bill will provide job generating and capital investing employers with the assurance that Enterprise Zone benefits will remain in effect longer. Furthermore, potential employers who are currently being recruited to site their plants and businesses in California will be encouraged to make California their home.

Al Romero

We need to extend the Merced Atwater Enterprise Zone for another five years to ensure continued economic vitality in the Greater Merced Atwater area.

Thank you for supporting this important piece of legislation. We look forward to working with you to ensure its passage. If we can be of assistance, please contact me at (209)725-3593.

Sincerely,

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Rick Osorio,
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cc: Assemblyman Lou Correa, Sacramento

“Merced County’s Workforce Investment System will keep pace with new growth, the emerging economy, and the ever-changing needs of the employers by creating a better educated, highly skilled workforce, that’s capable, prepared, and thoroughly knowledgeable”