

**TO: Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee**

DATE: 5/12/03

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: CVOC Letter of Support

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To authorize the WIB chair to sign a letter of support for the Central Valley Opportunity Center.

DISCUSSION: The Central Valley Opportunity Center has asked for a letter of support from the Merced County Workforce Investment Board to attach to their application for continued Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program funding (WIA 167). The program includes funding for continued CVOC services at the Worknet Employment Resource Center.

ATTACHMENT(S): WIB letter of support.



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U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Division of Federal Assistance
Attention: Serena Boyd, Room S-4203
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Merced County Workforce Investment Board is pleased to lend our support to the Central Valley Opportunity Center's (CVOC) application (WIA 167) to operate the Department of Labor's Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program in the counties of Merced, Madera, and Stanislaus.

CVOC has provided employment and emergency services to our community since 1979. They have assisted thousands of farm workers in upgrading their vocational skills, job training, English as a second language instruction and job placement.

CVOC is one of our Worknet Employment Resource Center partners. That partnership will provide to migrant and seasonal farm workers employment and training services, housing opportunities, disability/rehabilitation services, and referrals for health issues, just to list a few.

Again, I want to once again express our strong support for CVOC's service for the migrant and seasonal farm workers in the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

Rick Osorio, Chair
Merced County Workforce Investment Board

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