

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 10/25/04

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: BOS Resolution

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To request the BOS approve a resolution in support of Merced County's Workforce Investment Board's continued designation as a Workforce Investment Area and opposing the California Performance Review Section GG23.

DISCUSSION: During the September 28, 2004 Workforce Investment Board meeting, the Board took action to have individual WIB members send letters to elected officials advocating local control of Workforce Development. Additionally, staff was directed to take appropriate action to promote and enhance WIB advocacy.

One such step is a request from the WIB to the BOS to sign a resolution in support of the WIB's continued designation as a Workforce Investment Area and opposing the California Performance Review Section GG23, a recommendation to realign and consolidate Workforce Investment Areas and Boards.

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 -

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MERCED
COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
BOARD'S CONTINUED DESIGNATION AS A
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA AND
OPPOSING THE CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE
REVIEW SECTION GG23, A
RECOMMENDATION TO REALIGN AND
CONSOLIDATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
AREAS AND BOARDS.**

WHEREAS, the County of Merced has a "temporary" designation as a workforce investment area as defined under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 due to the county's population base of under 500,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Merced County Board of Supervisors is the chief elected local official (CLEO) under the WIA legislation; and

WHEREAS, Merced County receives WIA formula and discretionary funding directly from the state and has its own Workforce Investment Board appointed by the Merced County Board of Supervisors to oversee programs and set local policies for the use of WIA funds in Merced County; and

WHEREAS, a consolidation of areas would result in significant loss of local control and autonomy for Merced County workforce development programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the design and delivery of business and local workforce systems-systems that are genuinely responsive to business demands and economic development needs-must occur at the local level, and not driven from the State Capitol; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Merced County Workforce Investment Board supports its continued designation as a Workforce Investment Area and opposes the California Performance Review recommendation to realign and consolidate Workforce Investment Areas and Boards; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Merced County Board of Supervisors declares as follows:

The County of Merced shall submit letters to the Governor and the State Legislature and will actively express to State officials the County's opposition to said recommendation.

I, Demitrios O. Tatum, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2004 by the following vote:

Supervisors

Ayes:

Noes:

Not Present:

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Board this _____ day of _____ 2004.

DEMITRIOS O. TATUM, Clerk

By _____
Deputy