

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 8/17/00**

**FROM: Nomination Committee**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**Meeting Notes**

**SUBJECT: Election of Officers**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** That the WIB elect a chairman, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair from the slate of nominees submitted by the Nomination Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** AT the WIB meeting in July, a Nomination Committee was appointed to identify WIB members who would be appropriate for nomination as officers on the WIB. The committee identified five members, all from the private sector, who agreed to serve as officers on the WIB if elected. The committee is asking that the WIB review the biographies of the nominees and elect a Chairman, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair from the names submitted.

**N.B.**

Candidate, Don Gormly, owner of Anberry Rehabilitation Hospital is not yet a member of the WIB, although his name has been sent to the Board of Supervisors. Any election of Mr. Gormly to office would be contingent upon his appointment by the Board of Superivisors.

**ATTACHMENT(S)** Biographies of the nominees.

**Background Summary**  
of  
***Tom E. May***

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Mr. Tom May and his family moved to Los Banos in 1974 from the Bay Area. As he is fond of saying, "It was a great adventure for my wife Betsy and our two young children to move to the wide open spaces of the Valley." After working at a variety of local jobs, he returned to school and graduated *Acum laude* from California State University, Stanislaus, where he remains a lifetime Alumni member.

Tom is the owner and operator of the Apricot Tree Restaurant & Gift Store. Located on Interstate 5, it serves the needs of weary travelers in an Oasis-like setting. Tom is deeply involved in the daily operations of the businesses. In his capacity as President of the corporation, he must make crucial decisions, deal with personnel and stay abreast of current trends, etc. Prior to owning the restaurant, he was the CFO for Mid Cal Auto Truck Plaza Inc., where his responsibilities included; financial, accounting, insurance, payroll, personnel and representing the CEO during absences. Mid Cal employed over 200 and reached annual sales of 20 million. Mr. May has also worked as an Accountant with O. Ray Sheets Accountancy and was Retail Sales Manager for Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Always willing to serve, Tom is past president (1989-1999) and is still a current board member of the Santa Nella Chamber of Commerce. He has served as past president and previous Board member of the City of Los Banos Planning Commission, and a Board of Director Member of the Clairmont House in Berkley, California. Since 1994, he has served as Vice Chair, Chairman and Board of Director Member of the Merced County Housing Authority. Tom proudly served two terms as a Board Member of the Private Industry Council (PIC-1988-1996).

In spite of all these duties, Tom still finds time to serve his community. He has devoted long hours, outstanding leadership, and is now an active, working member of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Tom is a firm believer in the concept of improving the local labor market through skills development, quality training and services for those in need and continuous improvement in all areas.

**Background Summary**  
**of**  
**Rick Osorio**

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Rick Osorio is the owner of Osorio Financial Services. His offices are located throughout the Valley with branches in Fresno, Merced, and Stockton. In addition to his other business ventures, Mr. Osorio recently opened a new mortgage brokerage service here in Merced. Although his business keeps him busy, year round, he still finds time to devote many hours to serving his community.

Over the years, Mr. Osorio has served on the United Way of Merced, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Merced Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club of Merced, the Merced-Mariposa Life Underwriters, Merced County Community Action Agency, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Viet Nam Veterans of America.

During this time, Mr. Osorio also spent a four-year tenure on the Turlare County Private Industry Council (PIC) and for the past seven years, he has served on the Merced County Private Industry Council (now WIB), where he continues to serve. While serving on the Merced PIC, Mr. Osorio served as PIC Chair and has also been heavily involved in various PIC/WIB committees and planning groups. Mr. Osorio has outstanding leadership qualities and an excellent record for attendance at PIC/WIB meetings. He is a major contributor during discussions and is creative and visionary during the planning sessions. Mr. Osorio's dedication to the development of a skilled workforce in Merced County is readily apparent to all who know him.

**Background Summary**  
of  
**Don Bergman**

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Don Bergman is an outstanding community leader whose visionary goals for Merced County encompass a wide range of economic growth and labor market development. Mr. Bergman is owner of a small business in Merced and currently serves as CEO for the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce where he is able to put his ideas into practice, on a daily basis.

He stays thoroughly involved in the local community by serving on numerous boards and committee memberships, and served as City Councilman for the City of Merced. He has also worked with other agencies in the area such as the Child's Advocates of Merced County, Community Action Agency, the Challenger Learning Center, City of Merced Downtown Task Force, the Economic Development Advisory Board and is an outstanding, active member of the Merced County Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Mr. Bergman's expectations for the local WIB entail the improvement of economic vitality in the local area and to strengthen and develop a highly skilled and employable workforce through improved client services and quality training. Mr. Bergman will build upon the improvements brought about by the Workforce Investment Act to improve the perceptions of area employers, regarding the local workforce, which has been trained through the local WIB.

**Background Summary  
for  
Steve Tinetti**

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Steve Tinetti, the owner of Tinetti Realty Group, is a well respected, community leader who is committed to the improvement and expansion of the local economy and the development of a strong workforce. Although Mr. Tinetti's business consumes a great deal of his time, he still manages to devote many hours in service to his community.

Mr. Tinetti is currently the Interim Chair for the Merced County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) where he has been a major contributor to the planning and decision making process during the transition from the Private Industry Council (PIC) to the WIB. During this time, Mr. Tinetti has also served as a Chairman for the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the City of Merced and he is currently, a Board member of the Challenger Learning Center Foundation. He is an Advisory Member of the Merced County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDCO) and also serves on the Merced County Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Board. Some of his past accomplishments include Chairman of the Steering Committee School-to-Career implementation at MCOE, member of the City of Merced General Plan Update Committee, and past Director for the Merced Booster's Club.

Mr. Tinetti has also been highly recognized and honored within the realms of his chosen profession where he has served as President of the Merced County Association of Realtors and has chaired various other realty committees. In his capacity as a Real Estate Broker, Mr. Tinetti has had the opportunity to work with many new companies who have relocated to the Merced area. Because of his heavy involvement with these companies, he has developed an expertise in local labor market resources and has an excellent command of what the employer needs.

Mr. Tinetti's goal is to create a strong labor force through quality services and training programs which will help to improve the local labor market and bring about a strong, stable economy.

**Background Summary  
for  
Don Gormly**

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Don Gormly recently relocated to this area from Los Angeles where he was actively involved in community events. While there, he served as President to the Santa Anita Little League and was also the Director of Strategic Planning for the Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy Advisory Board. He also served a member of the California Association of Health Facilities Government Relations Litigation Subcommittee.

Mr. Gormly is the owner of the Anberry Rehabilitation Hospital in Atwater where he is in charge of daily operations and personnel. As a new member to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Mr. Gormly feels that his years of experience in both strategic planning and new business start-up will assist him in becoming an active and vital member of the Board.

While serving as a member, Mr. Gormly hopes to be an intricate part of the ongoing process in the development and improvement of the local economy. He feels that being a member of the WIB will afford him the opportunity to become more involved in the community and will enable him to better assist in the development of local resources for economic growth and prosperity for all.