

Merced County Workforce Investment Board YOUTH COUNCIL

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Mayor Hub Walsh
City of Merced
678 W. 18th Street
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Dear Mayor Walsh:

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 provides the framework for a national workforce preparation and employment system. This system is intended to help all Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers. As part of this Act, local Workforce Investment Boards and associated Youth Councils were formed to better meet the needs within their purview.

One of the first goals of the Merced County Youth Council was to conduct a needs assessment survey. That task has been completed. From that, our job was to develop a County-wide Asset Map and in turn, perform a gap analysis to determine what youth needs are not being addressed.

This has been a long and arduous process, but through the efforts of the Youth Council and its Planning and Quality Assurance Committee, we are proud to provide you with the first step in meeting our goal of better serving the youth of Merced County.

We would deem it a privilege to formally present our efforts as they pertain to the city of Merced to the Merced City Council at your earliest convenience.

Please inform us of the earliest date we might be included on your meeting agenda. Representatives from our Planning and Quality Assurance Committee will attend and provide you with an overview of our product and our plans to meet the goals we have set for the Merced County Youth Council.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to providing you with this information.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie McGarry
Chair

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