

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Janet Bibby
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter urging our federal representatives to restore funding to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program. The Federal government is proposing to eliminate funding for the WIA program which funds our Mother Lode Job Training. This program is critical to the citizens of Mariposa County during this recession and period of high unemployment. If funding is eliminated, then this program will in all likelihood have to close its doors.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters on issues they deem of importance to the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the letter, our federal representatives may not realize the importance of this program to Mariposa County. Individual members of the Board may draft their own letters on this issue, which may not carry the full weight of a letter endorsed by the entire Board.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		<u>Draft Letter</u>
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____	4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds _____	4/5's vote	
Contingency _____	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 11821 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
Absent: (none)
mwj Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

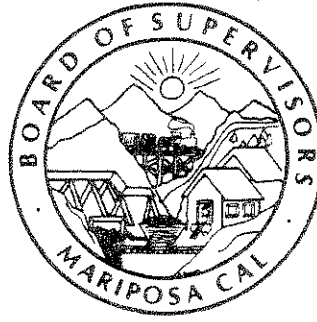
By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: [Signature]

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March 8, 2011

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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Workforce Investment Act Funding

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors urges you to consider restoring funding to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The WIA program has a substantial positive impact to employers, job seekers, and their families. During this critical economic time when the unemployment rate remains high, it is necessary to continue to provide essential employment services.

In Mariposa County, Mother Lode Job Training receives their funding through the WIA and provides critical job training and employment information to our citizens. Many of our local businesses and our county government utilize this program to assist with training possible future employees. In our small rural county, this program provides many of the services traditionally found in an unemployment office, which is of great benefit to our citizens as the closest unemployment office is in Merced County.

Additionally, our County has undertaken important steps to make employment services easier to access, by including office space for Mother Lode Job Training program in our new Human Services building. This will allow even greater coordination of available employment services to our citizens.

We know too well the difficulties of meeting service demands with a limited budget, but discontinuing funding for a program that is trying to alleviate a key result of the recession (unemployment) does not seem effective. Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

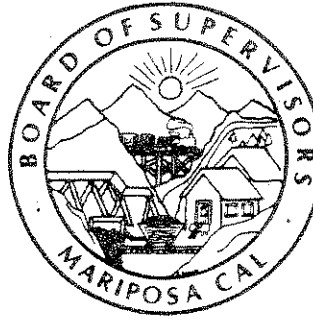
Sincerely,

JIM ALLEN
Chairman

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cc: Congress Member Buck McKeon
Senator Patty Murray

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Honorable Jeff Denham
United States Senator
1605 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Workforce Investment Act Funding

Dear Congressman Denham:

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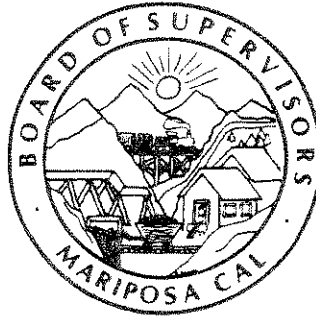
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Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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