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Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Ron Gonzales

SUBJECT: Approval of nominations to the WIN Board of Directors

DATE: January 30, 2006

Approved

Date 1/30/06

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following nominations to the San José Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	SECTOR
Rachel I. Perez	Gavilan Joint Community College	Public
Deborah Sweeney	Department of Rehabilitation	Public

BACKGROUND

Established in 2001, the Workforce Investment Network Board of Directors is composed of employer, educator, and economic development and community service organization representatives throughout its service area. Nominations for board appointments are regularly submitted to the Network office by current board members, outside businesses and community sources. These nominations are considered and evaluated for future appointments on an ongoing basis. The Workforce Investment Board currently has 36 members: 14 public sector and 22 business/private industry representatives.

Ms. Perez is the Associate Dean of Community Development and Grants Management for Gavilan Community College in Gilroy, California. Her extensive career experience in education includes working as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in the K-12 system and 10 years in community college education. Currently, Ms. Perez coordinates the development of the Gavilan College Noncredit Division for adult learners. This program will provide remedial, developmental, occupational and general education courses for adults. Ms. Perez previously served as board director for Mujeres Puedan, the Latina Coalition of South County, The Bridge Counseling Center and served two terms on the Santa Clara County Task Force for teenage pregnancy prevention, and at this time sits on the board for St. Joseph's Family Center in Gilroy.

Ms. Sweeney is a Rehabilitative Administrator II with the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation and has more than 10 years experience with the Department as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and a Rehabilitation Supervisor. She currently supervises counselors, manages active contracts, develops district training programs and is an active participant in Workforce Santa Cruz County/One Stop implementation. In addition to her work with the State Department of Rehabilitation, Ms. Sweeney has served as the past Chair of the Santa Clara County Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities and the San José Disability Commission.

To achieve the goals of the federal Workforce Investment Act, the SVWIN board works collaboratively to link effective job training for individuals with workforce development for employers. Creating these linkages is critical to ensuring that our residents are prepared with the appropriate skills and training as they enter or return to the job market.