

BRaille INSTITUTE

Recently, my staff met with the President of the local Braille Institute. They were given a tour of the resources that the Institute makes available to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The President of the institute is convinced and, I concur, that these individuals, once properly trained can make a valuable contribution to any employer.

While I am aware that the County's personnel practices provide opportunities to individuals who meet the requirements of the jobs we have available, I think it is important that we reach out to blind or visually impaired individuals to apprise them of potential employment opportunities in the County of Los Angeles.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Director of Personnel to meet with the President of the Braille Institute, to learn about the various training programs that are provided to individuals at that Institute; and
2. Direct the Director of Personnel to report back within 45 days following the meeting with the Braille Institute, with ways that the County of Los Angeles can enhance access to job opportunity information for blind or visually impaired applicants.

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