

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

January 24, 2012

In 2009 and 2010, Los Angeles County led the nation in providing subsidized jobs to over 10,000 CalWORKs and other low-income parents, through our use of the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund. As a direct result of our success and that of other California counties, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 72 on March 24, 2011, which expands the eligible population for CalWORKs subsidized employment, increases the duration of subsidized job placements, and, most importantly, increases the available funds for CalWORKs subsidized employment. This expansion is possible because it is cost neutral to the state budget: the reimbursement counties receive for subsidized wages is equal to the CalWORKs grant savings realized by the State when a CalWORKs participant engages in subsidized employment.

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) currently contracts with the City of Hawthorne/South Bay Work Investment Board (WIB) to enroll and place GAIN participants into subsidized employment and on-the-job-training. This contract term will

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end March 31, 2012 and a new sole-source contract with South Bay WIB will be submitted for Board approval prior to expiration of the current contract. There are currently 470 Welfare-to-Work participants enrolled in subsidized employment.

DPSS has available Single Allocation funding (for which there is no NCC share) to significantly increase the number of CalWORKs participants in subsidized employment this fiscal year; however, to do so, DPSS needs to increase placements between now and March 2012. This in turn requires an increase in the maximum contract amount in the current contract with the South Bay WIB. We need to maximize this opportunity to help as many CalWORKs parents as possible to convert welfare checks into paychecks. DPSS estimates that 420 more participants could be enrolled in TSE with the available Single Allocation funding. Taking advantage of this opportunity will strengthen the support of our goals of transitioning CalWORKs participants to work and improving the local economy.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct DPSS to amend contract number COHO7001 for GAIN Vocational Services with the City of Hawthorne/South Bay Work Investment Board to increase the maximum contract amount for July 2011 through March 2012 by \$3 million from \$6,113,262 to \$9,113,262.

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