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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Presents Twenty Seventh Annual Awards Ceremony

HAWTHORNE – More than 500 elected officials, civic leaders, business representatives, workforce partners and award honorees joined with the South Bay Workforce Board (SBWIB) to celebrate the 27th Awards Ceremony, November 3rd in the Grand Ballroom at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

Torrance Mayor George Chen welcomed everyone and expressed his city's gratitude for bringing the annual celebration back to Torrance and congratulated SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel and the organization for passing their 40-year mark in providing valuable no cost services to individual job seekers and businesses large and small throughout the South Bay region.

The SBWIB's top honor, the Esther Williams Award of Excellence, was presented to retiring Hawthorne City Councilmember Olivia J. Valentine for her many years of civic service, not just to her community as a member of the city council for 11 years, but also as a long-time supporter of the SBWIB and a variety of regional public policy boards addressing issues affecting the well-being and safety of communities throughout the southland.

"This event showcases some remarkable achievements and success stories of our clients, many of whom have overcome some significant barriers to accessing meaningful and lasting employment," noted SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel.

In total, 74 individuals, businesses and training partners were honored during the event with the net proceeds supporting the many youth service programs the SBWIB provides including Teen Centers.

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Pictured above from left to right; Jan Vogel, CEO, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.; Mayor Alex Vargas, City of Hawthorne; Council Member Olivia J. Valentine, City of Hawthorne and Esther Williams awardee; Mayor James T. Butts, Jr., City of Inglewood; Council Member Alex Monteiro, City of Hawthorne



Awards ceremony Jazz, R & B Pop Vocalist, Brenna Whitaker, and the Little Big Band.

