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Dear partner,

Welcome to the "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization, including upcoming events, encouraging stories of success and achievements throughout the South Bay area.

We encourage you to visit our social media outlets for additional resources, which may be found at the end of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel  
Executive Director  
SBWIB

## **Board Member Spotlight**

### **Meet Glenn Mitchell** ***Chairman of the Board*** ***South Bay Workforce Investment Board***

Glenn Mitchell was elected Chairman of the Board of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board by his fellow board members at the July 20, 2023 meeting.

Glenn was first appointed to the board by the Gardena City Council in 2007 and over the years has served in various capacities such as chair of the Performance & Evaluation Advisory Committee and Vice Chair of the Board.



A native of Washington, D.C., his family moved to Southern California in 1956. After a brief stint at El Camino College, Glenn decided in 1976 to get into the insurance business and eventually became co-owner of Gardena General Insurance in 1988.

Glenn has devoted himself to other voluntary projects over the years including being an active 45-year member of the Carson Gardena Dominguez Rotary Club,

and for the past 47 years as a member of the Executive Committee for the Miss Los Angeles County and Miss Culver City Scholarship contests for the Miss America Pageant.

Glenn met his future wife Joan in Sausalito, California after she had finished her service as an Army Nurse in Vietnam, and they were married in 1971. They have three grown children.

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### **More than 600 Job Seekers and Employers Participated in Construction Job & Apprenticeship Fair Hosted by Carson Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes in Partnership with SBWIB**



An overflow crowd of eager job seekers, employers and trade union representatives were hosted by Carson Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes at the Construction Job & Apprenticeship Fair July 15th, at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center in Carson. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) was co-presenter of the event.

“It’s not often that younger job seekers have the ability to meet face to face with contractors and union and labor organizations under the same roof and learn how they can get training and employment preparation skills through paid apprenticeships,” Mr. Vogel reflected. He also noted that nearly 60 individuals came away with potential job offers and second follow up interviews with the 33 participating construction employers and public agencies.

[Read the press release here](#)



## Success Story - Meet Denise Benitez



***"The TSE program helped me grow in so many ways and helped me get back on my feet. I gained new skills and am still amazed about how much the Gardena One-Stop does for the community."***

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We are asking individuals, businesses and others to complete a brief survey to help guide the expansion of broadband internet services into more South Bay communities to increase access and to better serve the region. Please take this survey on your notebook or desktop computer, if possible.

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## Success Story - Meet Meet Miguel Rodriguez



***“Working at Bachem has been an awesome experience. I got to collaborate with some intelligent people, learn some remarkable things, and explore what a scientific profession could look like. Completing this apprenticeship has given me the confidence to further pursue my academic career in the field of biochemistry and valuable skills that will most definitely help me advance in this line of work.”***

[Read Miguel Rodriguez's success story here](#)

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**Eleven Young Adults Graduate and Gain Their High School Diplomas Through SBWIB's Second Chance YouthBuild Program**







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## **Congresswoman Maxine Waters Awards \$500,000 Grant to SBWIB for Program to Prepare Disadvantaged Individuals For Careers in the Construction and Transportation Industries**



Congresswoman Maxine Waters presented a check for \$500,000 to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) that will help fund an initiative to provide recruiting and training services for women, minorities, dislocated workers, and other individuals with barriers to employment who are interested in entering the Construction and Transportation Industries. Among the attendees at the presentation were civic leaders, including Inglewood City Councilman Eloy Morales Jr., and representatives from trade unions, construction companies, and dozens of job seekers seeking careers in construction.

[Read the press release here](#)

## South Bay workforce agency gets \$500,000 to help those with employment barriers



Congresswoman Maxine Waters presented a check for \$500,000 to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board on Friday, May 26, to help disadvantaged individuals enter the construction and transportation industries. (photo courtesy of SBWIB).

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Rep. Maxine Waters recently presented a check for \$500,000 to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to help folks facing barriers to employment find jobs in the construction and transportation industries.

The money will go toward an initiative to provide recruiting and training services for women, people of color, dislocated workers and other disadvantaged individuals who are interested in a career in construction or transportation.

"These community projects are vital to our communities and this grant will help people prepare for careers in high-paying construction trades," Waters said in a statement.

[Read the Daily Breeze article here](#)

[Read the South Bay Cities article here](#)

## Success Story - Meet Olga Stepanenko



***"Definitely take it into consideration, from resume assistance and interview skills coaching to job opening notifications. I could not have landed my current position without the South Bay One Stop Center."***

[Read Olga Stepanenko's success story here](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Job Openings & Job Fairs Webpage

A graphic for the South Bay Job Openings &amp; Job Fairs webpage. It features a red header with the title and a subtitle: "Visit our new centralized webpage with on going job openings and job fairs!". Below the header is a collage of job listings, including "Hiring Accounting Assistant" and "Hiring Warehouse Associate". A large QR code is prominently displayed in the center, with a circular overlay that says "Scan the QR Code or visit" and "http://www.southbay1stop.org/jobopenings". At the bottom, there are logos for the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and the South Bay One Stop Center, along with social media icons and the text "Additional ways to connect with us may be found at: www.sbwib.org".

It is our goal to provide essential workforce services to support the public. With COVID-19, many South Bay Employers are in immediate hiring demand. The SBWIB has taken a number of steps to ensure the public has access to the resources they need.

We welcome you to view our South Bay Job Openings & Job Fairs webpage.

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