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**CHEVRON EL SEGUNDO REFINERY AWARDS \$25,000 EDUCATION GRANT
TO THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

HAWTHORNE – Chevron El Segundo Refinery awarded the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) with a \$25,000 grant during an Executive Board meeting, March 16, 2016, at the SBWIB’s corporate office in Hawthorne. Lily Craig, Chevron Policy, Government and Public Affairs Representative presented the award to Jan Vogel, CEO SBWIB.

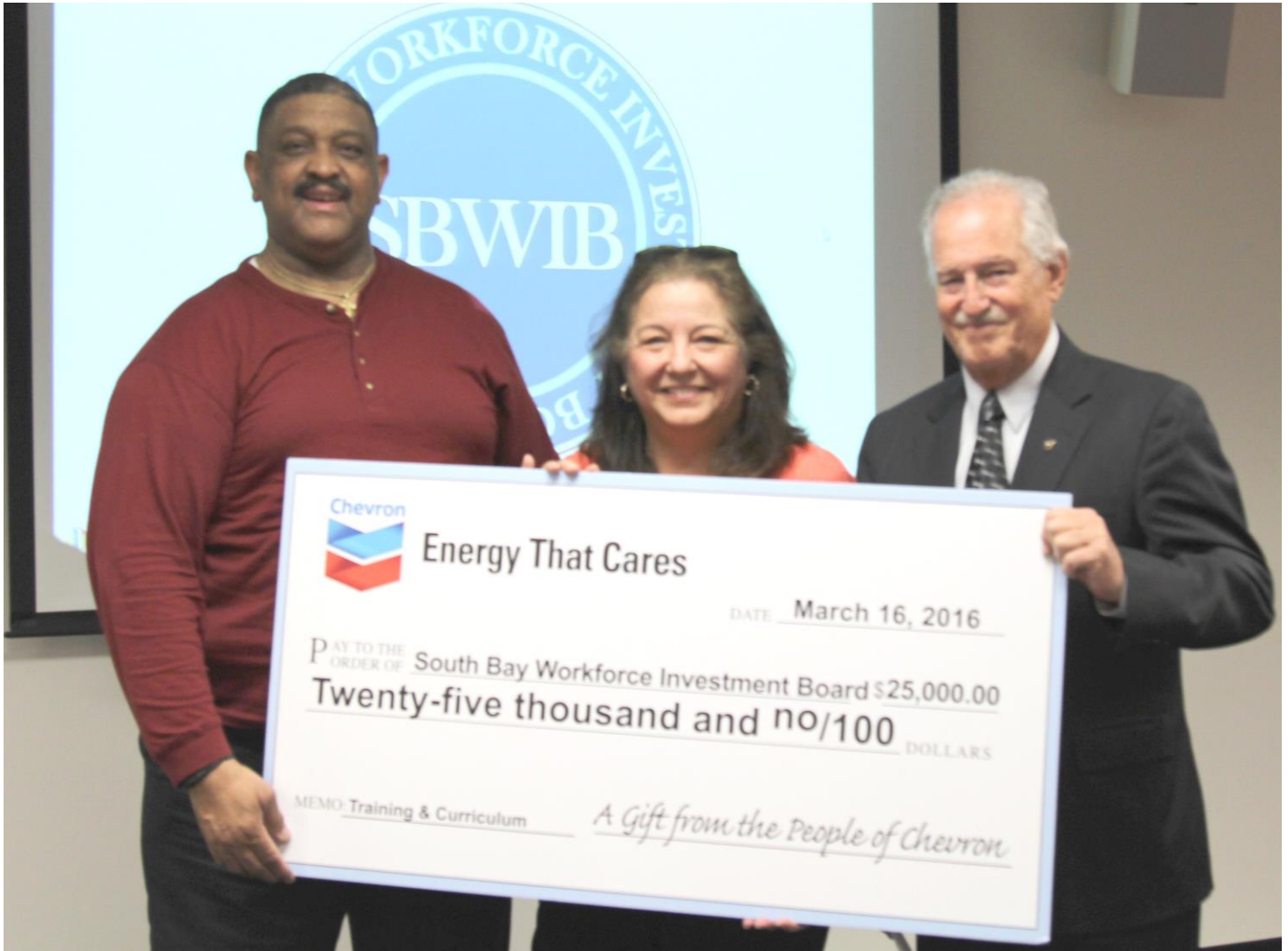
Chevron’s community involvement program includes significant financial investments to a variety of non-profit organizations, with particular emphasis for support in the areas of math and science.

In the face of declining resources and increased service delivery requirements under the new Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), the SBWIB, like many other workforce organizations across the country, seeks to leverage public and private resources to address the workforce development needs of its job seeker customers. Increasingly, technology-based tools offer efficient methods for providing customers with assessment, training and job search services.

The Chevron grant will be utilized partially for a new *Virtual Technology Project*. This program will maximize the use of technology-based workforce tools that are essential to achieve employment and job advancement outcomes in demand occupations in growth industry sectors such as manufacturing, business and professional services, healthcare and transportation. **The program will assess skill levels of clients in in the sectors that use technology to best meet the needs of employers.**

Jan Vogel, stated, “We are thankful to Chevron for these much-needed funds, which will be used towards this new project effectively training individuals and matching them with the right employers and industries. Chevron’s continuous financial support and commitment to the community will benefit the South Bay Area for years to come.”

The SBWIB is organized under a joint powers agreement between 11 South Bay cities with the purpose of providing no-cost business, employment and youth development services to communities within the area that includes: Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena, Lomita, Torrance and Carson. There are 48 workforce boards throughout California. The SBWIB provides services to employers and job seekers in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County.



Chevron El Segundo presented the South Bay Workforce Investment Board with a \$25,000 grant during a recent SBWIB Executive Board meeting, March 16, 2016.

Left to right are Wayne Spencer, SBWIB Chairman, Lily Craig, Chevron Policy, Government and Public Affairs Representative, Jan Vogel, CEO SBWIB.