



August 29, 2016

ERIC GARCETTI

MAYOR

Michaela Mendelsohn
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Dear Michaela:

In today's ever-changing and competitive economy, employers in the City of Los Angeles (City) report difficulty finding workers with the right skill sets to meet their workforce needs. This leaves many of our job seekers unable to qualify for available high-skill, well-paying jobs. Addressing this issue of labor force demand and supply imbalances is essential to the work of the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (WDB).

I believe that you can significantly contribute to the WDB's effort to address the skills attainment, career advancement, and economic mobility issues of workers, as well as the human capital needs of employers. That is why I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation for membership on the WDB. The term of your appointment to the WDB, which is subject to confirmation by the City Council, will be from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

Over the past three years, under my direction and in partnership with the City Council, the WDB leveraged public and private sector resources to build a workforce development system that is informed by industry employer demand. The WDB also undertook a number of initiatives to facilitate the employment of veterans and other job seekers from hard-to-serve populations, including homeless individuals, welfare recipients, formerly incarcerated individuals, and persons with disabilities. Recognized with numerous national accolades for its use of proven and innovative practices, the WDB's remarkable progress is felt across the city.

As the WDB moves forward, it will need to confront unique challenges to ensure that all Angelenos achieve their full potential in the labor market. Far too many of our neighbors are still unemployed, and many of them lack the level of education and training that will lead them to good jobs. Our youth is another critical target population, with one out of every six youth being out of school and out of work. The need for more opportunities is high and without an appropriate response, the economic viability and quality of life in Los Angeles may suffer.

I have assembled for the WDB an extraordinary team of civic leaders with a breadth of experience and expertise needed to overcome our challenges. I am confident that you and your WDB colleagues, under the Chairmanship of prominent entrepreneur Charles Woo, will guide the WDB to a successful future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti'.

Eric Garcetti
Mayor