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San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board Welcomes New Board Member

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (July 17, 2007) – The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) welcomes new board member Mark Smiley, president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Smiley, appointed by Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt. Mark represents the private sector.

“The WIB plays an important role in building a globally competitive workforce and economy,” said Vice-Chairman Ovitt of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. “Mark Smiley has a wealth of experience in helping businesses achieve their goals. He will make a great contribution to the board.”

Comprised of private business leaders and public sector representatives, the WIB is charged with building a skilled workforce and thriving economy. Members of the board are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

Smiley brings a unique perspective to the workforce needs of business. A former Mayor of the city of Glendale, Colo and co-founder of the Greater Glendale Chamber of Commerce, he has more than seven years of public service experience. He has been with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for two years.

“I look forward to joining this collaborative effort with business, workforce, education and economic leaders for the purpose of building a competitive local workforce,” said Smiley.

In 2006, Smiley graduated from the U.S. Chamber’s Institute of Organizational Management. He also holds a Bachelor of the Arts in mass communications and a master’s degree in communication studies.

The San Bernardino County WIB is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. It strives to create a strong, vibrant economy by developing the county's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The San Bernardino County WIB, through the county's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the county's Employment Resource Centers (ERC) and Business Resource Centers. The ERCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life, and the ERCs support and provide services to county's businesses including employee recruitment.

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