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Victor Valley College President to Serve on Workforce Board

SAN BERNARDINO – Victor Valley College President Dr. Robert Silverman was appointed Tuesday to the Workforce Investment Board by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

“Given the versatile role of a community college in preparing young adults for future careers, having Dr. Silverman on the Workforce Investment Board is a natural fit,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the High Desert. “He will bring valuable expertise and enthusiasm as we work to build a skilled workforce and lay the foundation for long-term, sustainable economic growth.”

The Workforce Investment Board is made up of representatives from private industry and the public sector appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Workforce Investment Board is a public-private partnership to identify the needs of local employers, create training programs, and prepare residents to work in those industries. It also provides job placement, job search, career counseling, resume writing and interview training services at the county’s three Employment Resource Centers in addition to providing assistance to businesses at its Business Resource Centers.

“I’m very honored to receive this appointment and I have always been committed to workforce development and the WIB. I look forward to working with everyone to ensure the residents and businesses in our County receive the best benefits possible from these programs,” said Dr. Silverman.

A Southern California native with more than 20 years of experience, Dr. Silverman previously served as president of Mount Hood Community College in Oregon. Throughout his career he has been active in numerous civic and professional organizations, with an emphasis on workforce issues, including apprenticeships and job training.

San Bernardino County, and the High Desert in particular, have been hard hit by the recession because of the downturn in key local industries, especially construction.

“Dr. Silverman will be especially sensitive to the situation and needs of High Desert residents, many of whom will benefit from his strong and varied background in this area,” added Supervisor Mitzelfelt.

In addition to Dr. Silverman, six other new members for the Workforce Investment Board were appointed Tuesday.