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Work2future Workforce Development Board 5730 Chambertin Drive San Jose, CA 95118

Dear Work2future Board Members:

## I write to express my support for JobTrain's proposal to earn the WIOA Youth Services contract for the San Jose service area.

I believe that our community's WIOA Youth Services dollars can be more effectively deployed to serve Santa Clara County's most disconnected youth and young adults by selecting an organization with a 50-year track record of success in Silicon Valley, and which is already providing services on the ground in San Jose and Santa Clara County through deeply connected community partnerships. JobTrain is that organization.

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Our community needs a vendor who knows how to creatively approach serving our least-resourced youth and young adults in this moment of crisis, and who possess the credibility to work collaboratively with the local service providers to activate the whole ecosystem. Choosing JobTrain is an important step in that direction.

In community partnership, Karin Kelley Executive Director Teen Success, Inc. kkelley@teensuccess.org



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In community partnership, Phil Morales Director, Opportunity Youth Academy Santa Clara County Office of Education Phil\_morales@sccoe.org

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Work2future Workforce Development Board 5730 Chambertin Drive San Jose, CA 95118

## **RE: Support for JobTrain San Jose Youth Services Proposal**

Dear Work2Future Board Members:

On behalf of the San Jose Conservation Corps + Charter School, I am writing to express my support for JobTrain's proposal to earn the WIOA Youth Services contract for the San Jose service area.

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Sincerely,

**Dorsey Moore** Executive Director/CEO, San Jose Conservation Corps + Charter School 408-439-6653; <u>dmoore@sjcccs.org</u>





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May 22, 2020

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Dear Work2future Board Members:

## I write to express Bill Wilson Center's support for JobTrain's proposal to earn the WIOA Youth Services contract for the San Jose service area.

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Pilar Furlong Chief Community Resources Officer

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