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work2future Business & Administration Center

5730 Chambertin Dr. San Jose, CA 95118

Re: Letter of Support for SJECCD-WI as WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker & Youth Service Provider

Dear work2future Board Members:

As members of Silicon Valley Career Pathways (SVCP), Northern California's largest career pathways consortium and recipient of a National Bellwether award in Planning, Governance and Finance, we want to strongly express our support of San Jose Evergreen Community College District-Workforce Institute (SJECCD-WI) as the Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth WIOA Service Provider. Due to limitations in the RFP system, we were unable to present letters of support with the proposal. Together, with Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) as a key SVCP partner coordinating this letter, we hope the board will review and consider our positive recommendation.

SVCP is pleased that SJECCD-WI submitted a proposal that addresses the recent concerns raised by community members in regard to WIOA services. Through our strong collaboration, SVCP has built a system of on-ramps for students, clients, community members, and disengaged individuals to receive the services, support and education needed to achieve their academic, career, and personal goals. As a collection of school districts, community colleges, universities, adult schools, non-profits, and industry partners, SVCP has the infrastructure and resources to continue building and expanding partnerships, which are key to effectively streamlining services and connecting clients appropriately. If given the opportunity, SJECCD-WI will have the support, expertise, and open doors of SVCP organizations to successfully reach and serve Adult/Dislocated Workers and Youth in our community.

As members of SVCP, we interact directly with members of the communities in the service area, many of which qualify as WIOA clients. As a consortium, with SJECCD-WI as the lead agent, we have been effective reaching and serving those in the pipeline and those disengaged from the system. We truly understand these populations, the educational system, the career options available, the region's workforce needs and our community as a whole. Therefore, we are confident that with SJECCD-WI as the WIOA service provider our community will be properly served.

Regions where community colleges or districts have acted as the WIOA service provider have proven to be effective due to their strong infrastructure, additional resources, and most importantly access to the community members and community-based organizations. We trust





that with SJECCD-WI as the WIOA service provider, the San Jose region will be effective and successful as well.

Together we can make a difference and change people's lives for the better. We hope the board will consider this information when making their decision.

Sincerely,

Silicon Valley Career Pathways Consortium Partners (signatures listed below)







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