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TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Civicorps Certificate of Support

SUMMARY

Civicorps is a West Oakland nonprofit that helps young men and women ages 18 to 26 earn their high-school diploma, gain job skills and enter family-sustaining careers. In 2014, a partnership of Civicorps, the City of Oakland and Waste Management created the Teamsters Union Apprenticeship Career Pathway. Civicorps staff and leaders would like to recognize the Recycling Board's support of this award-winning program by presenting the Board with a certificate of recognition.

DISCUSSION

The Recycling Board has provided grant funding to Civicorps over the years to support a variety of programs, most recently to assist with the expansion of their Recycling Social Enterprise program, which provides job training to at risk youth. Our prior support also has included funds to support the Apprenticeship Career Pathway program. This innovative, multistep program helps young adults from low-income and under-resourced communities earn their high school diploma and, then, enter a recycling pre-apprenticeship training program. Once students earn their Class B driver's license, they are eligible to enter a union apprenticeship at Waste Management in Oakland and after two years, obtain a Teamster truck-driving job and the opportunity to earn a pension. Recently, Schnitzer Steel has been added to the pathway program for youth to gain skills to enter into the International Union of Operating Engineers.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.