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## South Bay Workforce Investment Board Hosts Fifth Anniversary Celebration for Inglewood Teen Center

**HAWTHORNE** – Inglewood civic leaders and educators joined with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) on October 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Inglewood Teen Center which is housed in the Inglewood Public Library. The SBWIB operates both the Inglewood Teen Center and the Hawthorne Teen Center.

Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr, congratulated and thanked the center staff and SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel for providing a full range of no cost services for the youth of Inglewood as well as the support they have been providing for more than 35 years to large and small businesses and employment preparation and training for adults and youth seeking jobs.

In addition to the City of Inglewood, the center has working partnerships with El Camino College, Centinela Youth Services, Inglewood Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Friday Night Live program.

Recognition was also given to three student participants who have frequented the center for several years. Recipients included: Aaron Ector, the Rising Star Award; Ricardo Williams, Teen Center Ambassador Award; and Ray Quevedo, Member of the Year Award. Besides receiving certificates from the SBWIB, the students were also honored by Rubie Magallanes representing the Los Angeles Rams, who presented them with Rams insignia ball caps, and two tickets each for the upcoming Rams vs Seattle Seahawks game.

The SBWIB also operates four South Bay One – Stop Business & Career Centers that provided no cost services to businesses and individual job seekers in 11 South Bay communities including Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Lomita and Carson.

For further information telephone (310) 970-7700 or visit www.sbwib.org.





## Inglewood Teen Center Photo Caption



Three of the Inglewood Teen Center's outstanding student participants were honored during ceremonies marking the fifth anniversary of the center which is operated by the South Bay Workforce Investment. Presenting recognition certificates to the students were SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel, at left, and Rubie Magallanes from the Los Angeles Rams, at right. Each student also received two free tickets to an upcoming Rams games.

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