

YEAR 26 / PROGRAM YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On April 7, 2025, the draft Year 26 WDB Annual Plan for Program Year 2025-26 was released for a thirty-day public comment period ending May 7, 2025. During this period, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) scheduled in-person presentations of the Annual Plan during the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Youth Council and Policy & Oversight Committee meetings where the public was afforded the opportunity to provide public comment. The Department also held one virtual community forum to solicit public comments. The next section provides summary notes of the public comments received.

Stakeholders were given the opportunity to submit comments via email. No comments were received to the Planning Unit inbox during the public comment period.

WDB Executive Committee (April 10, 2025)

There were no comments from the public on this agenda item during the meeting.

Executive Committee members commended EWDD for the thoroughness of the plan. Some committee members expressed interest in seeing the economic opportunities listed alongside the challenges for the Los Angeles region. The committee also recommended older workers be listed as an opportunity rather than a challenge.

WDB Policy & Oversight Committee (April 17, 2025)

There were no comments from the public or from the committee on this agenda item during the meeting.

Virtual Community Forum (April 23, 2025)

A total of 6 community members were in attendance.

Jorge Orozco, Para Los Ninos: Noted that LACCD Community College Navigators were a great resource for his YouthSource Center. Inquired as to whether that program would be continuing into next program year.

EWDD informed that LACCD Navigators are in the strategies and activities for the Year 26 Annual Plan.

Afton Branche Wilson, Chrysalis: Introduced herself and thanked EWDD for their continued support of LA:RISE. Asked to hear more about the Inside Safe Job Connector Program and the role of Job Connectors.

EWDD explained the role of InsideSafe Job Connectors in referring homeless individuals going through the inside safe program to employment programs. Job connectors serve as liaisons for those in transitional housing to connect to services offered by the workforce development system.