

August 13, 2025

The Honorable City Council of the
City Council, City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Request for Approval of Foreign Travel by Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Members Teri Hollingsworth and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek, and WDB Youth
Council Committee Member Esther Dabagyan

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 4.242.9, "Advance Council approval shall be needed for foreign travel (except to Canada or Mexico) involving more than one City commissioner. A request for such foreign travel shall be filed with the City Clerk for placement on the next available Council agenda". This letter is to request approval for two Workforce Development Board (WDB) members, Teri Hollingsworth and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek, and one WDB Youth Council Committee member, Esther Dabagyan, to travel to Germany for the period of October 24, 2025 to November 1, 2025.

The WDB received an invitation from the DiagUSA Foundation to participate in a Transatlantic Apprenticeship Study Trip to Germany that brings together leaders to promote and implement apprenticeship programs modeled after Germany's Dual Education System. They organize a delegation each year to observe best practices in registered apprenticeship programs across multiple industries, including manufacturing, public service, and healthcare. This trip is partially funded by the German Foreign Ministry and the Goethe Institut.

It is respectfully requested that this communication be placed on the next available City Council agenda.

Sincerely,



LASHONDRA MERCURIUS, Chair
City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board

