

# County of Santa Clara

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Stakeholders, Foster Youth Employment Task Force

From: Sandra Y. Nathan  
Deputy County Executive

Subject: Invitation to Task Force Meeting

Supervisor Beall, in collaboration with the County Executive's Office and Social Services Agency, would like to invite you to participate on a Blue Ribbon Task Force to address the employment needs of emancipating and emancipated foster youth. The Task Force will be charged with building three essential elements that will guarantee success for this venture:

1. In collaboration with the Social Services Agency, establish an employability/educational skill-building avenue for emancipating foster youth.
2. Work with the County Employee Services Agency to expand the successful Welfare to Work unclassified position for foster youth.
3. Reach out to the Valley's employer community to provide employment and paid internship opportunities for deserving youth.

The following key partners have agreed to participate on a foster youth employment task force:

- Working Partnership USA
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- Santa Clara County Foster Parent Association
- Silicon Valley Children's Trust Fund
- United Way
- San Jose Business Chamber
- Labor Council

The first meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2006, 3pm to 4pm, County Government Center, Room 157, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. An agenda is attached.

It is expected that the Task Force will convene in February and March. Task Force recommendations will be on the agenda for the Children, Seniors and Families Committee in late April or early May. We thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this worth cause. Please RSVP to Gracie Sanchez at 408-299-5106.