



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 7/12/2022

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Human Services

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Katie Greaves 707-565-8501

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt a Gold Resolution recognizing Edwin Barr for his years of support to the Sonoma County Adult and Youth Workforce Programs. (Countywide)

### **Executive Summary:**

This item requests adoption of a resolution to recognize and express gratitude to Ed Barr for over 22 years of service supporting Sonoma County adult and youth workforce programs.

### **Discussion:**

Ed Barr began serving on the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the WIB Executive Committee in 2000. The WIB is a group of key stakeholders appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to address workforce challenges throughout Sonoma County. The WIB members are leaders in the community who represent business, industry, labor, education, and economic development. Their vision is to create a robust local workforce with the skills needed for today and for tomorrow. The mission of the WIB is to lead an integrated workforce development system to ensure the County's economic vitality and quality of life.

As a result of the WIB's leadership:

- Vital partnerships are strengthened between business, economic development, education, labor, and community
- Employers are valued as the pivotal link in our workforce development system

Ed was member of the Sonoma County Youth Education & Employment Services Council (Youth Council) from 2005-2015.

The mission of the Youth Council was to develop a comprehensive system of services for all Sonoma County youth that integrates academics, career preparation, and youth development strategies through collaboration with youth, employers, educators, service providers and the community. The vision was for all Sonoma County youth to have the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in a competitive global workforce.

The Youth Council's accomplishments include:

- Securing contracts for youth provider services utilizing a regionally-based approach.
- Convening six Youth Symposiums.

- Holding five Youth Summer Job Fairs.
- Receiving the Architect of Change Award for implementation of the All Youth: One System Program.
- Developing the Sonoma County Work Ready Certificate using employer-generated requirements.
- Receiving the National Association of Counties Achievement Award for the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps.
- Extending some Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps summer crews to year-round.
- Organizing Youth Convenings about career and academic opportunities.
- Receiving approval for Tier 1 and Tier 2 placement on the Sonoma County Upstream Portfolio for the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps.
- Receiving the California State Association of County's Challenge Award for the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps.
- Partnering with Redwood Credit Union to host the "Bite of Reality" Financial Workshop for the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps.
- "Job Link Friday" youth orientations.
- "Bright Ideas" Award for the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps from the Ash Center for Democratic Governance & Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Ed has also been involved with the following Sonoma County workforce programs:

- Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board, Member and Chair
- WIB Executive Committee, Member and Chair
- Sonoma County Youth Council, Member and Chair
- Sonoma County Youth Council Executive Committee, Member and Chair
- Spirit of Sonoma Winner, 2004

The WIB requests that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors honor Ed Barr upon his retirement from the Workforce Investment Board for his dedication and commitment to the work of the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board and the Youth Council, and thank him for his years of service to the Sonoma County community.

**Prior Board Actions:**

09-11-18: Gold Resolution thanking Bill Nordskog for his years of service supporting Sonoma County Adult and Youth programs as a member of the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Education and Employment Services Council.

3/11/14: Gold Resolution thanking Jim Sartain for his 28 years of service supporting Sonoma County youth programs and his membership on the Youth Education and Employment Services Council.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

None

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

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**Attachments:**

Gold Resolution

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

None