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From: Wendy Erica Werden [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 4:02 PM
To: COB_mail
Cc: Wendy Erica Werden
Subject: Support JobPath funding today for a prosperous economic future!

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Re: Please continue/increase JobPath funding – our economic future is at stake!

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live in District 4 and I'm an active voter.

Today I'm writing in support of JobPath. JobPath is a critical community partner in providing the workforce needed to keep Pima County viable in an ever changing global economy.

I've supported JobPath both personally and professionally for many years because it's proven to work as an economic development engine for the Southern Arizona region. I've attended JobPath events and talked directly with JobPath participants who told me that it was an effective resource that allowed them to be successful in breaking the cycles of poverty that impact so many in Pima County! They need the wrap-around support that JobPath provides to successfully transition into new careers through the educational process.

JobPath has an incredibly high completion rate of more than 90 percent, meaning it graduates workforce ready people who can help our economy grow in high-paying jobs.

I encourage you to vote to continue JobPath's general funds at the same or increased level.

Sincerely,

Wendy Erica Werden

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Subject: JobPath Funding

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As a former Vice Chair of JobPath, and Board Member for many years, I urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors to continue the vital funding of this incredibly successful program that provides a tremendous financial return on the County's investment. I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow but trust you will not abandon JobPath's essential work to change lives and graduate students who benefit the residents of Pima County in a very substantial manner in many critical disciplines. Please don't abandon this exceptional organization.

Bruce Dusenberry
Horizon Moving Group, LLC

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 Letter of Support for JobPath

4/15/2024

Re: JobPath’s Vital Role in our Community

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to show my support for the JobPath program and the vital role they play in creating equitable access to education, job training, and economic opportunity in Pima County.

I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Directors for 7 years, 4 of which as Board President. I was introduced to JobPath when I was asked to speak to young high school students about the “Day in the Life” of an Engineer. I was immediately interested in the mission as my mother, Mary Hartl (Nee. Mary Ann Lemieux), an Army Nurse Veteran from Vietnam, was a Surgical Tech Instructor in my hometown of Racine, Wisconsin. I watched for years as the education her students learned served the community and got those families financial stability. Once I was introduced to JobPath, I found a way to serve my community in a way that emphasized education, broke the poverty cycle in multiple ways, gave the community the workers it needs, and continue my mother’s legacy. In my time on the board, I have watched the program go from serving less than 200 students to over 600. The mission and quality of the programs has remained constant due to Ana Grief and her staff. The programs have expanded, in times of need, to give the students the stability they need to get through school and gain employment that is so desperately needed. Post Covid, JobPath has a variety of programs that supports students during their coursework and gives them useful skills to get and keep in-demand jobs. As a small business owner in Tucson, I see the struggle for qualified technical candidates across aviation, automation, and applied technologies. As an asthmatic, I see and feel the need for qualified medical care givers. As an educator, I see how stabilizing the external concerns of a student enables them to focus on the coursework and complete their programs of study.

JobPath has played a vital role in economic development for the Southern Arizona region since it was founded in 1998 and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. JobPath has a strong reputation for helping students succeed in our community:

- Over 90% of students supported by JobPath complete their program
- 85% of those find employment in their field within 6 months of their graduation
- Those who complete their program increase their annual salaries by an average of \$42,000/year

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Additional funding will allow JobPath to improve equity and access to education and job training programs. Investing in JobPath is proven good use of tax dollars.

Sincerely,



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