EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM: 1.2   **SUBMITTAL DATE: January 15, 2015**

SUBJECT: Appointment of new member to the Council for Youth Development (CYD).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee approve the appointment of Jasmine Romero to the CYD.

BACKGROUND:
Jasmine Romero is 20 years old and originally from East Los Angeles. Jasmine considers herself to be outgoing, hardworking, organized, and a great leader. Due to circumstances beyond her control, she dropped out of high school in her senior year and moved to Mexico to be with her mother. Jasmine was only there six months and was kicked out of the house. Jasmine decided to move back to the United States to complete school and make a better life for herself. She did not have any family, but a friend opened up their home to her, and she was able to have a place to live. She reconnected to school and was able to catch up on her credits and passed the Math CAHSEE exam.

Jasmine moved to Hemet and was referred to the Empower Youth Opportunity Center. Jasmine felt welcomed the moment she walked in the door. Once she found out about the great opportunities at the Center, Jasmine signed up. It's only been five months since she enrolled and she has accomplished so much. Jasmine received a Certificate in Entry to Medical Careers, completed basic skills and is on track to graduate with her high school diploma from the Come Back Kids program. She is also in the youth council and currently holds the position of Stop Gap Leader. Jasmine is in the process of enrolling at MSJC for the fall 2015 semester. She plans on getting her Associates in Child Development. Being involved in the Youth Center has helped her with reconnecting to school, and she participates in a variety of activities. Jasmine has made new friends and is discovering a variety of opportunities.

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Date: January 15, 2015 Approval: Yes	Required: No