

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**ACTION ITEM #1.3**

**SUBMITTAL DATE: February 18, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of new members to the Council for Youth Development

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee approve the appointment of Garfett Calhoun and Tony Ortiz.

**Background:**

Garfett Calhoun is the Assistant Recreation Coordinator with the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department. Garfett coordinates the daily operations of the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) and is responsible for collaborative partners, special events, job creation, and program augmentation related to education, job development, and personal empowerment. He received certification from Cal State Northridge Center of Disabilities in Assistive Technology, which allows him to work with physically challenged individuals and their quest for independent living. Garfett is certified by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education State of California and has taught at the college level for several years in the area of Information Technology.

Tony Ortiz is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton with a degree in Public Relations and has been an Outreach Specialist with Riverside Community College for the past seven years. Serving as a liaison between the college and the community, Tony provides motivational presentations and coordinates campus tours to encourage youth to attend college. Tony has worked with such programs as Passport to College, Gear UP, TRIO Talent Search and the Riverside County Foster Youth Emancipation Program. His passion and belief that education changes lives has been the cornerstone of his presentations and service to the community. Tony helps students from all walks of life maneuver through the college enrollment process and understands the pathways to university transfer. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and continues to serve his community as the Head Coach for Junior All-American Football Riverside Rams.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: February 18, 2009 Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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