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To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*
From: John Keisler, Economic Development Director *JK*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Pacific Gateway Career Center Grand Re-Opening**

After 21 years, Pacific Gateway is moving its Career Transition Center (Center) from the current location at 3447 Atlantic Avenue to 4811 Airport Plaza Drive (adjacent to the Port of Long Beach administration building). The move was initiated in 2015 in response to State seismic requirements. (The Center also houses California Employment Development Department staff and services.)

As part of this exciting move, the Center is also changing its name from Career Transition Center to the WorkPlace. This new name is reflective of its open design and dynamic services, which include online portals, ESL classes, occupational training, workshops, career counseling, video conferencing, and other activities to help residents connect to their next opportunity. It also houses a small 'inspiration theater' for short films and testimonials from those who have overcome employment obstacles, as well as a commissioned film by a local filmmaker on the same theme. Although, construction on WorkPlace's large training room will not be completed until late August, the new location will begin welcoming customers on August 6, 2018. The WorkPlace will continue to house the Youth Opportunity Center while a site search is conducted for its new location, slated to open in January 2019.

The Economic Development Department will host a Grand Re-Opening event for the City Council and the public tentatively planned for late September. More information to follow as details are finalized. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

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