

# Senator Boxer Visits The City's West LA OneSource Youth Center



United States Senator Barbara Boxer made a whirlwind stop at CDD's UCLA West OneSource Center on Monday, June 29, 2009. She wanted to see funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in action. It was an opportunity to meet with officials from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and talk with young people who have summer jobs because of the stimulus money. She didn't mince words when it came to youth and the need for focus.



*Sen. Boxer meets with students and staff to discuss summer jobs and youth employment.*



"You've got a lot of energy; you've got a lot of talent," she told the young people, "You could get a C with your first draft, but if you keep working on it you can get it up to an A-, B+ or even an A."

Senator Boxer also met with WIB Executive Director Gregg Irish and with CDD General Manager and WIB member Richard Benbow during her stop at the center.

"It's a wonderful thing to be at a center where you know you're going to change lives," Boxer said.

Stimulus funds are expected to create 16,500 new full- and part-time jobs for 14- to 24-year-olds enrolled in OneSource Youth Opportunity System programs.

The UCLA West One Source Center has a strong mentorship program staffed by UCLA students. They place many of their students in the summer jobs program at quality work sites on the UCLA campus, such as the dental school.

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*WIB Executive Director Gregg Irish talked to the senator about ARRA funds.*

