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## LA Area Chamber Convenes Conference to Address City's Youth Employment Needs

Facing a Summer of Deep Budget Cuts, Community Organizations Try To Bridge  
Gap Between Youth and Employment by Partnering with Local Business

- WHAT:** Building Better Business Relations Conference. First-ever conference hosted by LA Youth at Work, a project of the LA Area Chamber, is designed to link the City's youth with local businesses for employment opportunities.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 4; Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Conference from 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- WHERE:** Covell Commons at UCLA (enter from Sunset Blvd.)
- WHO:** More than 200 representatives from local business and youth serving Community-based organizations.

**Confirmed Speakers Include**

Patti DeDominic, Founder & President, PDQ Careers

Paul O' Reilly, President, O'Reilly & Associates

Frank De Vito, Employment Manager for Anchutz Entertainment Group

Marguerite Ave', Director of Corporate and Community Outreach for  
Goodwill Southern California

Jodeen Howes, Director of Staffing Services for Universal Studios,  
Hollywood and Universal City Walk

Ken Phillips, Director of Education and Workforce Investment,  
Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley

Libby Williams, Director of Community Initiatives and RBAN,  
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

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Co-Coordinator for the Conference

Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services  
UCLA Office of Instructional Development, Community  
Based Learning Program  
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles  
UNITE-L.A.  
Youth Opportunity Movement

Conference Sponsors

Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, City of Los Angeles  
UCLA Associate Vice Chancellor, Frank Gilliam, Jr.,  
The Center for Community Partnerships  
LA Unified School District

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