

July 19, 2007

# bakersfield enterprise zone

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Issuance of Hiring Tax Credit Vouchers Discontinued for the  
Bakersfield Enterprise Zone

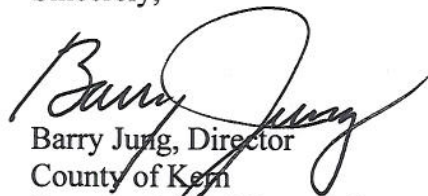
Effective immediately the issuance of hiring tax credit vouchers for the Bakersfield Enterprise Zone<sup>1</sup> has been discontinued following the zone's expiration on October 14, 2006.

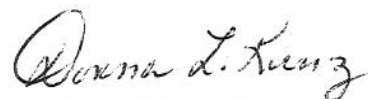
Bakersfield Enterprise Zone, co-managed by the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern, has expired after 20 years of operation, first as an Incentive Area and ending as an Enterprise Zone. The Bakersfield zone targeted approximately four square miles of economically distressed areas within the City and unincorporated County—a portion of the Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan area currently comprising 381 square miles. During the life of the zone, Kern County's Employers' Training Resource issued 3,992 vouchers to zone businesses.

Several strategies were employed to encourage zone businesses to take advantage of the tax benefits and credits during the program's term as spelled out in the State-approved, Bakersfield administrative plan. However, no commitment of City and County resources was made for that period following the zone's expiration except to complete those vouchers due employers for new hires during the final months of the zone—a natural lag in the vouchering process that has now run its course.

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<sup>1</sup> Zone designation was made by the State of California and is currently administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development within the Business Transportation and Housing Agency.