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## Community Joins Inglewood Teen Center in Celebrating Black History Month



South Bay Workforce Investment Board's Inglewood Teen Center celebrated Black History Month with performances on Tuesday, February 25th. The event was attended by civic leaders, educators, family members and students and performers.

With the theme of "Words, Sounds & Visions Celebrating Black Creativity", the Inglewood Teen Center (ITC) welcomed the community to its annual program highlighting Black History Month, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at the center located within the Inglewood Public Library. Established more than 10 years ago, the ITC is sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

More than 100 attendees that included civic leaders, educators, family members and students and performers from Inglewood High School, Morningside High School, Inglewood City Honors and Lawndale High School, were entertained by student dance performers, vocalists, poets/essayists, and

the Inglewood High School violin orchestra. Performances included: "Sorry I'm not political," a poem written by Jace, about how dangerous being a 'fence sitter' can be and how detrimental that can be to the country; "I Am My Father's Daughter," poem written by Muna; "Booster's Monologue" from August Whitney's play "Jitney" recited by Khalin; and "All I Ask," a song by Adele performed by Vocalist Ariel.

The audience was also treated to choreographed performances by Amari to Beyoncé's "Brown Skinned Girl," numerous performances by Morningside High School's Step Team, the Omega Gents and renditions of "I Wonder as I Wander," "Rise up Sheppard & Follow," *Swing*

*Low Sweet Chariot*," "When the Saints Come Marching In," & "Kumbaya" performed by the Inglewood High School violin orchestra.

Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr. welcomed everyone and thanked the SBWIB for partnering with Inglewood to create the teen center that not only provides a safe alternative for youth during after school hours but also gives them resources to prepare themselves to achieve higher education and career pathway training opportunities.

Included among the special guests were: Inglewood Councilman Alex Padilla; Hayley Hutt and LaQuisha Bryant representing Assemblymember Tina McKinnor; Glenn Mitchell, Chairman of the SBWIB; Dr. James

Morris, County Administrator, Inglewood Unified School District; Julian Rodriguez, Superintendent, and Ashley Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel acknowledged the outstanding efforts of the ITC staff in staging the annual event as well as providing services and support to Inglewood youth. The SBWIB also provides youth services at its Hawthorne Teen Center.

Visit [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org) for more information about the many no cost services the SBWIB offers to youth and adults as well as businesses.

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