

Capps visits Goodwill Workforce Center



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Rep. Lois Capps, right, speaks with Goodwill employee Melissa Manzo during a visit Wednesday to the Goodwill Workforce Services Center in Lompoc.

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Rep. Lois Capps, D-Santa Barbara, was in Lompoc on Wednesday afternoon to get an up-close look at the Goodwill Workforce Services Center.

Capps' visit was in response to Goodwill's employment training services and the positive impact that the center has had on the local community, her office said.

According to the 2012 Economic and Fiscal Impact Report published by the Council of California Goodwill Industries, California's Goodwill Industries placed 14,215 individuals into jobs last year, with a total statewide economic impact of \$401.4 million.

Last year, Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties placed 423 individuals into jobs, employed 383 people and generated \$32.7 million in economic output.

"Our economy continues to get stronger because of places like Goodwill," Capps said. "They are preparing people on the Central Coast for the workforce and putting them in a position where they can be successful."

The Goodwill centers offer various programs aimed at putting people back to work, including employment preparation classes, work experience and skills training and certificate programs, placement services and job development and retention services.

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