

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Liz Herrera. I am the executive director of El Nido Family Centers, a youth and family social service agency. El Nido stands with the Youth Development Task Force in advocating for funding to establish the City of LA's first Youth Development Department. Many major cities have such a department. Los Angeles needs its own to ensure that there is a coordinated strategy and effort for youth programming. One that engages youth in a leadership role to define their needs and priorities, and along with City leaders and other stakeholders, define the outcomes and metrics to guide funding decisions. The dynamic and inspirational youth who are leading the Invest in Youth Coalition reflect the transformative work that can be done through the establishment of a Youth Development Department.