

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angel Mortel

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 07:43 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Angel Mortel. I'm a community organizer with LA Voice and a mother of two young women. I have represented LA Voice in the Invest in Youth Coalition for the last two years and in this time have become more and more convinced of the powerful leadership of youth. It is time that we follow their lead and listen to what they are demanding – a stand-alone Youth Development Department that is focused on youth and that gives youth power and voice to influence the types of programs the City funds. At LA Voice, we have consistently advocated for a moral budget, using public monies to support a future and build a city in which all people are included and all people belong. A Youth Development Department will offer youth the vehicle to have their voice included and heard. We need you to invest the funds now to establish a department. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucy Herrera

**Date Submitted:** 10/27/2020 11:13 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello my name is Lucy Herrera and I am a CD 14 resident and I would like to give general public comment. The Invest in Youth Coalition is a campaign led by youth leaders in partnership with youth serving organizations focused on the creation of the City of LA's first youth development department. I have been part of the effort and working with the youth leaders from the beginning when I myself was considered a youth. Over the last five years we have met with many council members that were willing to meet with us as well as many people at the Mayor's Office to ask for the creation of a department. We were able to move City Council to establish a Youth Development Task Force focused on creating a youth development strategy and framework for a department as well as reports on the City's youth development programs and current investments. This campaign has reminded by youth, for youth, and with youth. Los Angeles is one of the only large cities without a youth development department. Now is the time to meet the needs of all youth of LA using an equity lens. We need a stand alone Youth Development dept that gives youth a seat at the table to use their voice and advocate for what youth want and need. City council members we need your support the 5 plus years of work and the process of the Invest in Youth Leaders as well as Youth Development task force. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maribel Lopez

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a youth leader with the invest in youth campaign. The Invest in Youth Coalition is a campaign led by youth leaders in partnership with over 50 youth-serving organizations focused on the creation of the City of LA's first-ever youth development department. For the past 7 years, we have been working tirelessly to advocate for a youth development department and we are one step closer because bc the city passed a motion in December to create a youth development task force who is working in partnership with youth, community members, parents, and youth-leading organization to create the blueprint of how an equitable, inclusive, and diverse youth development department should look like. We don't just want this to be any regular city department, we want it to be intentional and have youth voices at the forefront. That is why the Youth Development Task Force has been working in partnership with the Invest in Youth. Within the last 2 months, we hosted 4 listening sessions and engaged over 45 different nonprofit youth development organizations and over 200 youth and allies focused on asking young people about their youth development program needs, youth development outcomes and metrics, equity, funding, and parent programs. Youth are literally creating a framework of how they are envisioning their ideal youth development department. We need you to support those efforts and to make sure that happens. The youth in your districts will remember the decision you make. Stand on the right side of history and work with us, the leaders of NOW.