

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOTION

Angelenos have taken to the streets to elevate their voices and demand more services and support for our historically underserved communities. The steps we take to meet the greatest potential of the City of Los Angeles will vary, but many agree that greater investment in our youth is needed in order to reach a greater tomorrow.

Young Angelenos in underserved communities do not receive the resources and opportunities afforded to others for personal, academic, and professional development. According to the Advancement Project's 2018 *Blueprint for Youth Development* report about the City of Los Angeles, nearly 200,000 youth live in poverty, 68,000 are disconnected (defined as neither enrolled in school or working between the ages of 16 to 24 years old) and over 3,000 are homeless. To meet these needs, many nonprofit organizations and government agencies have initiated programs aimed at filling service gaps. However, no single entity provides fiduciary or interagency oversight or coordination, assesses the service landscape at a macro level to identify service gaps, or establishes metrics for data-driven outcomes and evaluations.

To address these issues, Councilwoman Rodriguez introduced a motion on March 28, 2018 (C.F. 16-0596-S1) calling for the formation of an Executive Task Force on Youth Development (Task Force) charged with formulating a "City of Los Angeles Youth Development Strategy" (Strategy). According to the November 18, 2019 CLA report the Task Force can advise the City on:

- Increasing and improving collaboration between City departments, community-based organizations, and other agencies serving youth;
- Establishing performance metrics to assess the effectiveness of youth programs;
- Increasing the number of youths who are connected to services that address their underlying needs; and
- Establishing a new department or a commission/office within an existing department.

On December 11, 2019 the Council approved the establishment of the nine-member body with seven Council appointees and two Mayoral appointees. The Task Force has held bimonthly meetings since April 17, 2020. Given recent events in Los Angeles and across the country, it is timely that the Task Force update Council on their progress.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Youth Development Task Force with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer BE INSTRUCTED to report to Council on the development of "The City of Los Angeles Youth Development Strategy" in order to effectively serve the needs of youth; and on the steps necessary to establish a department, commission, or office, including funding options for implementing the youth development strategy.

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