

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, as a youth of Los Angeles, I'd like to say that "We are excited that Council President Martinez and Councilwoman Rodriguez are creating this much needed and necessary department but we also want to highlight that we need investment and long term planning for youth and want to urge you to consider establishing a Youth Development Department that can only focus on youth. A department that focuses on a variety of issues loses the focus and support we need as young people. Youth issues and youth empowerment will get lost under a big department and our voices again will not be heard. We need to make sure that anything that involves youth includes youth in the process of decision making. We are the experts of our stories and know exactly what we need to thrive. The county began by establishing an office and it didn't work out but just 2 weeks ago the County Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of a Youth Department. We appreciate that both councilwomen are pushing this effort but we still feel that we need an independent youth department in order to meet the needs of youth in the city.

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Name: Monica Rodriguez

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Monica and I am one of the 2 youth that currently sits on the City's Executive Youth Development Task Force. We are in favor of the MARTINEZ- RODRIGUEZ motion BUT let's make it even stronger and more effective by putting our young people 1st and investing in a Youth Development Department as well. The task force was established with the help of Councilwoman Rodriguez with the purpose to establish a Youth Development Department, we have worked diligently to get youth input and we want to know what happened to that motion. We're asking for your support to have that process respected and for it to be followed through. Please meet with us to work in collaboration and in solidarity to help make this happen. WE'VE DONE THE WORK ALREADY, you all have the reports and the Youth Development Taskforce is about to complete the Youth Development Department blueprint in January. This was done through numerous community listening sessions and youth town halls. The framework is all there, the work is laid out for you all, now it's time for the Council to step up to the plate and make it happen. All we ask that you consider having a youth department as well as a department for communities and families. Thank you.