

Communication from Public

Name: Kasandra Cordova

Date Submitted: 12/07/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1428

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a youth organizer with Invest in youth coalition & We are in favor of the creation of a new Department for Families, Children, and Community Investment BUT we need your COMMITMENT to also push for an independent Youth Development Department. I know several council members know about Invest in youth, and appreciate their attendance at our Friday townhall but we need actions to follow. The establishment of a centralized Youth development department that holistically and equitably serves young people is needed now. Our city already spends over 60 million on so-called youth development by scattering funds across different departments. Even just listening to that, it doesn't sound right. These services are 1 not accessible to all young ppl, 2 there's no way in measuring the effectiveness of these programs, and 3 I doubt any have included the voices of those they are intended to serve. This call to action may seem bold, but it's really doing the bare minimum to ensure young folks are equipped to thrive in our city. Respect the motion you all passed, respect the executive youth dev task force, and support their blueprint and implement the Youth Development dpt. Young people are continuously working around the clock, juggling school, and finding the time to put in the work and now we need our council members which is you all to begin pulling your weight as well. This City loves to praise young leaders, but on behalf of young folks we no longer want to hear these pretty words, we need motions introduced and passed. We need bold decisions to be made and followed by action. We are your constituents, allow us to be at the table and work alongside you in getting this department. No more conversations about us without US.

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Name: Sam

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am Sam and Im speaking on agenda item 7. I am a 11th grader attending Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet and with the Invest in Youth Campaign. Although Council President Nury's Motion is a good start, we need councils commitment to continue pushing for a more inclusive and coordinated strategy for youth development for Los Angeles City. Housing an office within a larger department is similar to what already exists and its not enough. Young people are continuously working around the clock, juggling school, and finding the time to put in the work and now we need our council members which is you all to begin pulling your weight as well. This City loves to praise young leaders, but on behalf of young folks we no longer want to hear these pretty words, we need motions introduced and passed. We need bold decisions to be made and followed by action. We are your constituents, allow us to be at the table and work alongside you in getting this department. No more conversations about us without US. We need a standalone Youth Development Department that serves all young people.

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Name: Priscilla

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am Priscilla and will be speaking on Agenda Item no 7. I am a ninth grader with the Invest in Youth Campaign. After learning about Nury's Motion, I am afraid that the work we have been doing will be swept under the rug. The motion does state that the Youth Development task force recommendations will be taken into consideration, but that doesn't mean much. I know that and you all know that as well. My question to you is, why aren't we honoring and respecting the motion council passed back in 2019? You all voted for the establishment of a Youth development Task force because you know the current strategy for youth investment is not it. So as a young person who has taken time out of my day, I encourage you all to respect and honor the motion you already passed and listen to the young people who voluntarily sit on that body and share their insight, narrative, and expertise of being a young person in the city of LA.

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Name: Alina Carmona

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi everyone my name is Alina Carmona, I am a Case Manager with Legacy LA. I am part of the Invest in Youth Campaign. I would like to give public comment on Item #7. As a youth organizer, I would like to say that I am glad that there is action being taken to invest in our communities especially children and families. There is still, however, the need for the direct investment of youth through the creation of a youth development department. Just on this call alone I've heard more about animals than I about youth. Addressing the needs of youth under a department that serves different needs and populations would not ensure the proper accountability for funding of youth investment. Heaving a department that focuses on just youth would ensure that our young people like myself are getting all the support that we need. When we are having conversations regarding youth development, youth should be included in this process. NO MORE CONVERSATION ABOUT US WITHOUT US! We are the experts of our own stories and know what resources are needed in our own communities. We hope to be able to work with the council to make sure that youth voices are actually heard and that the possibility of having both departments, one for families and community and one for youth, be considered.

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Name: Lucy Herrera

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 01:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lucy Herrera and I am a Youth Director and active member with the Invest in Youth Campaign. For over the past 7 years our coalition has been pushing for the creation of a Youth Development Department. The Motion that Council President Nury Martinez and CM Monica Rodriguez calling for an Office of Family, children, and community Investment is doing something to address the lack of investment in communities. However, we believe a stand along Youth Development Department would best meet the needs of youth in the City of LA. Why can't we create both departments? THERE still needs to be investment and LONG TERM planning done strictly for youth. We are worried that having this proposed department will not give youth the centered- FOCUS that they need. We are worried that Youth issues and youth empowerment will get lost under a BIG department and that youth voices will once AGAIN not be heard. LA County has taken the first steps to make this happen, LA City can begin to do just that and listen to our demands. We need a Youth Development Department because there will be funds from Measure J passed by citizens in LA County that will provide money for youth. We need to be ready with a youth development department to be able to bring those funds to the City and use them in a way that benefits youth. Thank you.

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Name: Jasmine

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 12:47 PM

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Name: Maribel

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 01:04 PM

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Name: Jaquelyne Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 04:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Jaquelyne Rodriguez and I work at Legacy LA in Boyle Heights. I would like to give public comment on Item #7. I am a Leadership Program Coordinator and I work with high school youth. I am happy to hear that Los Angeles is planning to invest in a children and family department. However, Los Angeles desperately needs a youth development department. Addressing the needs of youth requires staffers to pay full attention and dedicate an entire department that would meet those needs. As part of the Invest in Youth Coalition, youth have recognized a long list of issues that need to be resolved. This is why youth should be included in this process and have the opportunity to work with council members. I hope you consider the creation of 2 departments: (1) children, families and community; (2) youth development department. Thank you for your time.

Hello my name is Jaquelyne Rodriguez and I work at Legacy LA in Boyle Heights. I would like to give public comment on Item #7.

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However, Los Angeles desperately needs a youth development department. Addressing the needs of youth requires staffers to pay full attention and dedicate an entire department that would meet those needs. As part of the Invest in Youth Coalition, youth have recognized a long list of issues that need to be resolved. This is why youth should be included in this process and have the opportunity to work with council members. I hope you consider the creation of 2 departments: (1) children, families and community; (2) youth development department.

Thank you for your time.

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Name: Michelle Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello council members my name is Michelle Gutierrez from CD 7 and I am here to give public comment on item #7. I am a youth leader from Pacoima Beautiful and also one of the two youth that currently sits on the City's Executive Youth Development Task Force. Youth across the city have been advocating for a youth development department for the last 7 years and we are finally creating the framework and blueprint of it through the City's executive youth development task force. The work is already being done for you all. We have created a youth survey to hear from youth priorities and needs, we have done numerous listening sessions and youth forums, and now we are here to ask you to support our effort and respect our process. We are definitely in favor of this motion and the creation of this Family, Children, and community investment Department BUT we are also asking FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP and champion in Creating an independent youth development department. THERE still needs to be investment and LONG TERM planning done strictly for youth. We're worried that having this proposed Family and children department will not give youth the FOCUS that we deserve. We're worried that Youth issues and youth empowerment will get lost under a BIG department and that our voices will once AGAIN not be heard. We can look at LA county for guidance seeing as they had an office but they NOW moved to the creation of a Youth DEPARTMENT. If the county figured it out, so can LA City. If you truly want to support and empower youth, this is your opportunity to hold up to that responsibility.

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Name: Monica Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 04:41 PM

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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.

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Name: Oscar A. Dominguez

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 05:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council Members, I'm a Youth Organizer with the Invest in Youth Coalition. I currently live in CD 1. We appreciate the intention of Council President Nury Martinez and Council Member Monica Rodriguez to introduce this motion to create a new Department. However, our Coalition has seen that the word Youth is not included in the name of this new Department for Families, Children, and Community Investment even though it mentions youth development in the motion. We ask the City Council to listen to the demands of Youth Leaders in our coalition and in our city who have been advocating for a stand-alone independent Youth Development Department in our city for years. We believe a new Youth Development Department will be better at efficiently, productively, and transparently prioritizing youth needs in our city holisitically and equitably while combating the injustices, inequalities, inequities, and exclusion youth have had to face in our city especially youth of color. Also, a Youth Development Department could empower Youth by letting them be part of the decision-making process on how they want to be served, funded, supported, and identify the kind of resources they want to receive. We suggest the Council follow the leadership of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors who have recently passed a motion to create a Youth Development Department at the county level as they have seen the need for this department and listened to the Youth Leaders who advocated for it. If the County can do it during these times, so can our City. This could also be a great opportunity for our city to partner, learn, and collaborate with the County's process to create their Youth Development Department while we create one for our own city. Be on the side of All Youth and grant them a Department that only focuses to serve them instead of being ignored, tokenized, and generalized. They deserve it and need it especially during this pandemic. Thank you.

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Name: Samantha X Nieves

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Samantha, I am a youth from Boyle Heights involved in the Youth Advisory Board. We were able to move the 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. We are glad that our efforts have woken up the city council and that we have Council President Nury Martinez and CM Monica Rodriguez who are taking the 1st step with this motion. But we still need to continue the work in creating a youth development department. We want to work with Council President Nury Martinez and CM Rodriguez and their offices to make sure the recommendations of the youth development task force will be honored in and we look forward to meeting with them to make sure youth will be apart of the conversation and won't be left out because we still need a YOUTH centered and youth development focused department. We hope that the council will support the youth of LA.

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Name: Gabriela Arreola

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Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 06:10 PM

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