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Name: Michelle

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Michelle, Over the last 7 years, youth from the invest in youth campaign has 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. Just last December 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 CM Monica Rodriguez who is taking the 1st step with this motion and the task force submitting their reports with recommendations. But we still need to continue the work in creating a youth development department. We want to work with Council Members their offices to make sure the recommendations of the youth development task force will be honored and we look forward to meeting with them to make sure youth will be a part of the conversation and won't be left out because we need a YOUTH centered and youth development focused department. We hope that the council will support the youth of LA. Let's not make the same mistake the county did. They created a youth OFFICE but then realized and came to the conclusion that LA needs a Youth Development . For the motion this Tuesday we urge you to support the framework that was created to meet the needs of youth and in order for them to be successful.

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Name: Olga Corona de la Cruz

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon my name is Olga and I would like to give public comment on Item # 1. As a Youth Advocate with the Invest In Youth campaign, I'm proud to see our 7 year-long efforts finally reach an agenda. We have finally woken up the city council and council members are finally seeing the need and doing something about the lack of investment in our communities, especially during these difficult times. With the report and motion in, CM Monica Rodriguez is helping the city to take its 1st step in equitable investing in the lives of young people who have been left out of the conversation for far too long. This is much-needed work. We need an independent youth department in order to meet the needs of youth in the city. THERE needs to be an investment and LONG TERM planning done strictly for youth with a FOCUS that we need. The establishment of a centralized Youth development department that holistically and equitably serves young people is needed now.

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Name: Adam Torres

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a student in the Boyle Heights community theater "Casa0101." And I support the Youth Development Department, having a spaces like this have really made me grow as a person, and I'm positive many people in creative spaces feel the same way. Which is why I just wanted to share my comments on this!