

Communication from Public

Name: Cesiah Prado

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cesiah Prado and I am a young person who lives in Council District #10 who supports the Invest in Youth Coalition and their demand for equitable Invest in young folks. I have read the report written by the Youth Development Taskforce and know all these recommendations are long overdue. I urge you all to support all recommendations because young people need a youth development department. Growing up in South Los Angeles, there was a lack of resources to propel me academically and to encourage other interests. I relied heavily on the few programs that provided youth development and as a result, I was able to attend and graduate from California State University, Northridge. Although I now hold a degree that allows me to help my community, my efforts are not enough. We need you now more than ever to support the next generation of youth. There are hundreds of underserved youth whose lives could be effectively impacted through a department that is carefully designed to equip them with all the tools needed. From my understanding, measure J did pass and ensuring the safety of young folks by providing safe spaces and enrichment programs are all a part of reimagining public safety, therefore these are potential funds you all can look into before some councilmembers say there is no money.

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Name: Angelica Ramos

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Angelica Ramos, I support the need for a Youth Development program for the City of LA. As a long time Boyle Heights resident, I feel there are not enough programs investing in our youth. A large population that Los Angeles serves is the youth however, not enough resources are available to help them nourish and develop into more productive citizens of the community. The need for better collaboration and coordination between city and community programs need to be supported to ensure that the youths are connected to the services they need. During this pandemic, most of the youth are being affected, having to struggle with online learning, not being able to access classrooms, or the appropriate materials needed to succeed in school. I urge you to support the recommendations for a Youth Development Department written by the Youth Development Task Force. The need for a task force has always been there, now it is time to act on it and make things happen for our youth and help give them a voice in Los Angeles