

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi everyone my name is Jackie Vargas and I'd like to give a public comment on item number 1. There is a huge NEED right now for the direct investment of youth through the creation of a youth development department. Addressing the needs of youth under a department that serves different needs and populations would ensure the proper accountability for funding of youth investment. Having a department that focuses on just youth would ensure that youth are actually being prioritized and cared for! We have been fighting for this youth department for years and years now and we won't stop until it gets done. However, as a youth myself, it is so sad to see how hard we have to fight and push to get this department. That should NEVER be the case, why is it so difficult to get this department, YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE! You should want to help us, you should want to do better, what is stopping you? You have an animal department but cannot find the time to help create a YOUTH one? Shame on you, what are you implying? You now have no excuses, we have heard them all, we have jumped through your hoops and trials, all the excuses have been used up, it is time to take action NOW. The hard work has been done, you have our blueprints now. 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. NO MORE CONVERSATION ABOUT US WITHOUT US! Support the Taskforce blueprint and implement the Youth Development DPT.