

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Hernandez

**Date Submitted:** 03/09/2021 04:19 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0223

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Michelle Hernandez and I am a constituent of Council District 1 and a member of the Invest In Youth Campaign. We want to highlight that we have been needing investment and long-term planning for youth for so long and want to urge you to consider establishing a Youth Development Department that will only focus on youth between the ages of 10-25. Youth in Los Angeles face large amounts of missed opportunities because there is no one there to support their endeavours and support them. I have seen and experienced how hard minorities in these communities face various obstacles that could be easily fixed with a youth development department. We need to show our youth that we care and that they matter. For this reason, I urge you to support the recommendations for a youth development department written by the Youth Development Task Force. Supporting this report means supporting the demands of youth and community members who were actively involved in the process of writing and gathering data for this report. It's time for the City of Los Angeles to Step-Up and provide the long term youth investment that has been denied for far too long. Your support of this report will ensure that young folks have a seat at the table when it comes to discussing matters that impact us directly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aileen Esparza

**Date Submitted:** 03/09/2021 04:23 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0223

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Aileen Esparza and I am a community member of Council District 14 and a member of the Invest In Youth Campaign. Leaving this public comment item council file #21-0223 we 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 will only focus on youth between the ages of 10-25. For this reason, I urge you to support the recommendations for a youth development department written by the Youth Development Task Force. Supporting this report means supporting the demands of youth and community members who were actively involved in the process of writing and gathering data for this report. It's time for the City of Los Angeles to Step-Up and provide the long term youth investment that has been denied for far too long. Your support of this report will ensure that young folks have a seat at the table when it comes to discussing matters that impact us directly.