



Michelle Gutierrez, a local of Pacoima, initially became involved with Pacoima Beautiful through YUTEP in 2018. Since then, Michelle has participated in a multitude of programs and internships provided by Pacoima Beautiful. Through this involvement Michelle has grown a passion for her community and social justice. Most recently, she was a part of the LA City Youth Development Department task force where she worked alongside other LA county members to create a blueprint for the first ever Youth Development Department in Los Angeles City. She currently attends UC Berkeley and plans to major in a study that incorporates addressing issues that affect disadvantaged communities such as Pacoima.