

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Araceli

**Date Submitted:** 11/08/2021 05:48 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1198

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a youth from Los Angeles who has seen firsthand the lack of investment within my community, I support item number 1 because moving \$300,000 into the Youth Development Department would allow the department to create a truly comprehensive three year strategic plan. This request is the first step to ensuring that our city creates a long term vision for its 800k youth and invests in positive youth development to tangibly support all of us in reaching our fullest potential. Moving forward, the department has the responsibility of creating a department that listens to the demands of young people and gives us decision-making power, especially when we are being directly affected. Any third party contractors hired should also have a history of youth and community engagement. I encourage you all to continue prioritizing LA youth by ensuring long-term investment and a consistent funding stream so this youth department is fully functional and able to meet the real needs of young Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leslie Montoya

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Benavides

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle C.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a youth from Los Angeles council district 1, who has seen firsthand the lack of investment within my community, I support item number 1 because moving \$300,000 into the Youth Development Department would allow the department to create a truly comprehensive three-year strategic plan. The strategic plan should also align with the task force recommendation so that the YDD fully supports and addresses the concerns of the youth. These requests are the first step to ensuring that our city creates a long-term vision for its 800k youth and invests in positive youth development to tangibly support all of us in reaching our fullest potential. Moving forward, the department has the responsibility of creating a department that listens to the demands of young people and gives us decision-making power, especially when we are being directly affected. Any third-party contractors hired should also have a history of youth and community engagement because, without it, it'd be more difficult for them to understand what we want and how to reach out to us. I encourage you all to continue prioritizing LA youth by ensuring long-term investment and a consistent funding stream so this youth department is fully functional and able to meet the real needs of young Angelenos. As a youth myself I would've wished to have more support and resources to help me throughout my years in high school, especially the youth that live in low-income communities who often have to search far and wide to get the help they need with not only their education but within their lives as well. Knowing that the city is supportive of youth futures helps put a lot of trust and faith in our paths.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Fitz

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Amanda Fitz, I am from CD 13 and with the Invest in Youth Coalition and I would like to give a public comment on item 1. As a youth from Los Angeles who has seen firsthand the lack of investment within my community, I support item number 1 because moving \$300,000 into the Youth Development Department would allow the department to create a truly comprehensive three year strategic plan. This request is the first step to ensuring that our city creates a long term vision for its 800k youth and invests in positive youth development to tangibly support all of us in reaching our fullest potential. It is important to me that the YDD has the necessary funding to execute the three year strategic plan efficiently because I have a brother in high school, a sister in middle school, and another sister in elementary school. I want them to know the YDD as they are growing up and are able to reap the benefits of the one day collective and resourceful YDD department. Moving forward, the department has the responsibility of creating a department that listens to the demands of young people and gives us decision-making power, especially when we are being directly affected. Any third party contractors hired should also have a history of youth and community engagement. I encourage you all to continue prioritizing LA youth by ensuring long-term investment and a consistent funding stream so this youth department is fully functional and able to meet the real needs of young Angelenos.