

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betty Marín

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 11:02 AM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Betty Marín and I work with the Alliance for California Traditional Arts as a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. We have been working with youth from across the city and in particular in Council District 14. I personally live in Council District 15. This last year with your support, we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to ensure it is funded properly in order to fulfill its mission to support all youth, but in particular youth most impacted by poverty, homelessness, violence and other gaps. The increased funding could have an impact on some crucial and concrete needs. For example: the YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is essential to continue to inform the department directly from the people in the most communities with some of the greatest youth development needs. The task force recommendations that were approved by the city council this year in January also recommended educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out of this budget. These stipends would allow youth who do not have access to additional resources from their parents or otherwise to be able to be leaders in the city without the additional stress of taking on unpaid volunteer work while trying to support their families. Needless to say, that the current allocation for the YDD funding is not equitable. The fact that the LAPD's printing budget is equal to the YDD's budget makes the inequity very clear. I urge you to review not only the Task Force recommendations, but also your own understanding of the funding necessary to support the close to 1 million youth that live in our City, almost ¼ of the total population and increase substantially the funding to the YDD. Our youth want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department. I urge you to use your leadership to make an impact on one of the most crucial parts of our society, so that the first ever LA City Youth Development Department does not fail, and instead is a national example of what investment in youth development can mean for the wellbeing and growth of our city overall.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle C.

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 12:47 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am Michelle and I am a youth from council 13th and while I am happy that the Youth Development Department has been established I am disappointed by the low amount of funding it got from the budget. This investment is for the youth and therefore for the future of the city so there should be more funding for the YDD in order to make it the best possible resource for the youth living in the city. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It's unfair that the city signed off on this task force but it's not being upheld by the city therefore I ask for the reconsideration and increase of funding of the YDD in order to support the youth of LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Benavides

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 01:22 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Michelle and I am a community member of Council District 14 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Although this is a historic accomplishment, the work doesn't end here. If the city really cares for our future, we need your support to make sure the department is funded properly in order to start serving the youth of Los Angeles. Currently, the department is only staffed by city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members because they were the ones in the frontlines to make this department happen and our city needs to set the example and make sure we have a department who looks like the youth they are serving. These positions should be both part-time and full time. Creating these positions will also create a career and leadership pipeline for our youth and this is what the dept is supposed to strive for. The task force recommendations that were approved by this council this year in January also asked for stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments. Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget thinks otherwise. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department, therefore stop letting them down. I urge you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alejandra Meza

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 03:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Alejandra Meza and I am a community member of Council District 14 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to make sure it is funded properly in order to start serving the Los Angeles city youth. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is so unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments. Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget thinks otherwise. The LAPD's printing budget is equal to the YDD's budget, that in itself says a lot. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department, therefore stop letting them down. I URGE you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Francisco Lopez

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 03:37 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alina Carmona

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 04:08 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Alina and I am a community member of Boyle Heights and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to make sure it is funded properly in order to start serving the Los Angeles city youth. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is so unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments. Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget thinks otherwise. The LAPD's printing budget is equal to the YDD's budget, that in itself says a lot. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department, therefore stop letting them down. I urge you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucy Herrera

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 04:30 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lucy Herrera and I am a community member of Council District 14 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to make sure it is funded properly in order to start serving the Los Angeles city youth. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is so unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments when our youth are our future and also need investment to continue to grow and thrive. Our Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget does not include them as a priority. The LAPD's printing budget alone is equal to the YDD's budget, that in itself says a lot. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department, therefore stop letting them down. I urge you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kasandra Cordova

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 04:40 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Kasandra and I'm a member of the Invest in Youth Coaliktion. We have been working with youth from across the city and in particular in Council District 14. I personally live in Council District 15. This last year with your support, we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to ensure it is funded properly in order to fulfill its mission to support all youth, but in particular, youth most impacted by poverty, homelessness, violence, and other gaps. The increased funding could have an impact on some crucial and concrete needs. For example, the YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is essential to continue to inform the department directly from the people in most communities with some of the greatest youth development needs. The task force recommendations that were approved by the city council this year in January also recommended educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out of this budget. These stipends would allow youth who do not have access to additional resources from their parents or otherwise to be able to be leaders in the city without the additional stress of taking on unpaid volunteer work while trying to support their families. Needless to say, the current allocation for the YDD funding is not equitable. The fact that the LAPD's printing budget is equal to the YDD's budget makes the inequity very clear. I urge you to review not only the Task Force recommendations, but also your own understanding of the funding necessary to support the close to 1 million youth that lives in our City, almost ¼ of the total population, and increase substantially the funding to the YDD. Our youth want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department. I urge you to use your leadership to make an impact on one of the most crucial parts of our society, so that the first-ever LA City Youth Development Department does not fail, and instead is a national example of what investment in youth development can mean for the wellbeing and growth of our city overall.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 05:08 PM

**Council File No:** 22-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give a public comment on Agenda Item #1 My name is (Y/N) and I am a (constituent/youth leader/community member) of Council District (YOUR COUNCIL DISTRICT) and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to make sure it is funded properly in order to start serving the Los Angeles city youth. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by the council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is so unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments. Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget thinks otherwise. The LAPD's printing budget is equal to the YDD's budget, that in itself says a lot. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth. development department, therefore, stops letting them down. I urge you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Lira

**Date Submitted:** 05/02/2022 05:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'd like to give public comment on agenda Item #1 My name is Michelle Lira and I am a youth leader of Council District 14 and a member of the Invest In Youth Coalition. This last year we made history by creating the city's 1st youth development department. Now that the department has been created we want to make sure it is funded properly in order to start serving the Los Angeles city youth. The YDD is currently only staffed with city servants and we need more funding in order to hire a minimum of 6 positions to be reserved for youth and community members. Creating these positions is going to create a pipeline for these folks to have bigger and better opportunities in the future. The task force recommendations that were approved by council this year in January also asked for educational stipends for the youth in the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council and are being left out in this budget. It is so unfair how the YDD is the department with the lowest funding compared to newer departments. Youth are the future, therefore they deserve to be invested in but the LA City proposed budget thinks otherwise. I urge you to listen to what is being asked on the Task Force recommendations and give more funding to the YDD. The youth did not want this department just to say they have one, they want a fully funded, equitable, and holistic youth development department, therefore stop letting them down. I urge you to support giving more funding to the youth development department. Your support will ensure that this department grows to be a great one in order to be able to serve young folks and become that equitable, holistic department that we the youth envision it to become.