

MOTION

Young people living in the City of Los Angeles must be equipped with the skills they will need to succeed in the future job market. Globalization and technological advances are transforming the world at an ever increasing rate. If we do not sufficiently invest in our youth now, our City will cease to prosper and grow. The City has not for some time developed a comprehensive youth development strategy that coordinates among City agencies and departments and with other jurisdictions such as Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles Unified School District focused on youth development.

City departments can often operate independently instead of reaching out to other agencies in fostering outcomes for our youth. A coordinated approach would address barriers and improve the sustainability and effectiveness of youth development.

To promote a comprehensive strategy and foster youth development it is necessary to accomplish the following:

1. Formalize the contributions of various stakeholders (i.e., property owners, businesses, etc.) across the City.
2. Cultivate relationships across City departments and communities.
3. Create a forum for community input. The existence of a forum provides access to the public, nonprofits, philanthropic partners, and youth themselves to provide input.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor, Housing and Community Investment Department and other relevant departments to report to Council on the formation of an Executive Task Force on Youth Development (Task Force) charged with formulating a "City of Los Angeles Youth Development Strategy."

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to undertake the following:

1. Serve as Chair of the Task Force with an initial composition of:
 - a. City Administrative Officer (CAO)
 - b. Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
 - c. Mayor
 - d. Housing and Community Investment Department
 - e. Economic Workforce Development Department
 - f. Representatives from youth-serving organizations working in high-need communities throughout each of the City's planning areas.
 - g. Young people willing to advocate, discuss, and represent the concerns and opinions of the City's highest-need youth.
2. Develop short-term objectives for the Task Force, which include:

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- a. A selection process for the Task Force, which includes the CAO and CLA to submit names for consideration to the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee or other relevant committees.
 - b. Bringing diverse partners to the table and create a process for community engagement.
 - c. Developing a vision statement for youth development.
 - d. Recruiting young people to serve on the Task Force.
3. Develop long-term objectives of the Task Force, which include:
- a. Recruiting up to five subject-matter experts to serve on the Task Force.
 - b. Coordinating with CAO and CLA to report back with a comprehensive assessment of all the funding and programmatic ways the City supports youth (CF 16-0596).
 - c. Reporting on steps necessary to establish a department, commission, or office, including funding options for implementing a Youth Development Strategy.

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