

MOTION

This morning, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) received notice that the Youth Policy Institute (YPI) would be closing its doors and suspending all programming, effective immediately, as a result of its financial challenges. YPI is the lead contracting agency operating Youth Source Centers within the City of Los Angeles, serving the North Valley from a location in Pacoima, and Central City from a location in Pico Union which are funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). YPI also operates the North Valley Work Source Center in Pacoima, the Family Source Center in Hollywood, and two Day Labor centers in Council District 6 and Council District 2. The closure of these locations creates a tremendous void in services for families and their children in areas of the City where they are most needed.

Family Source Centers are located in high-need areas of the City to provide a continuum of core services designed to assist low-income families achieve financial stability. The Day Labor Resource Centers Program in the City of Los Angeles is a public safety program, which allows persons seeking casual labor work to safely congregate and be matched with employers seeking temporary workers.


Many young people rely on the services offered by their local Youth Source Center, which include work readiness programs, tutoring, computer training, college preparation, career exploration and mentoring. It is of the utmost importance that the youth enrolled in programming at the YPI operated Youth Source Centers continue to have access to these vital resources. This is especially true for high school seniors, who are most at risk for being seriously impacted, as the college application season is upon us.

I MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department obtain a replacement operator for the Pacoima and Pico Union Youth Source Centers, the North Valley Business Source Center, as well as the Day Labor Centers operated by YPI, and report back on the outcome and the impact of the temporary closure on those receiving services.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing and Community Investment Department obtain a replacement operator for the Hollywood Family Source Center operated by YPI, and report back on the outcome and the impact of the temporary closure on the families receiving services.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council authorize the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement with the replacement operator for Pacoima and Pico Union Source Centers.

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