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Summary: The Sylmar Neighborhood Council would like to express its support for this council file. Please see the following attachment drafted by our Youth Affairs Committee and accepted by our full Board.

Mayor Eric Garcetti & the Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS in support of CF-16-0596-S1.

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council (SNC), which represents over 90,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, want to express support for Council File 16-0596-S 1, which aims to develop a coordinated comprehensive youth development strategy among City agencies, City departments and other jurisdictions, such as Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles Unified School District. SNC believes that one of the most valuable investment of public funds and resources the City of Los Angeles can undertake is in our youth. This investment in youth development should be focused on assisting youth to reach their full potential, to create safe neighborhoods and provide access to opportunities that prepare them to thrive in their future.

The City Council's directive to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to form an Executive Task Force on Youth Development to establish a "City of Los Angeles Youth Development Strategy" is only the beginning of what should be a transformative initiative. The City of Los Angeles needs to analyze and address the systemic and socio-economic issues that affect youth, particularly minorities who historically have been marginalized, such as poverty, criminalization, homelessness and unemployment, to name a few. These issues are not solely limited to the well-being of Youth but also hinder the overall vitality of a community. Fostering and developing Youth yields active citizens that empower their communities and set them on trajectory to succeed.

SNC recommends that said task force focus on developing innovative practices that bring together all city agencies and departments, non-profits, community grassroots organizations and youth centers. Additionally, SNC recommends that a process be put in place to ensure all interested parties are transparent and accountable on the work they do to improve the lives of young Angelenos and, in turn, human capital necessary to contribute and benefit from the prosperity of Los Angeles. Additionally, SNC recommends that community engagement take place in communities where Youth have historically been challenged systemically and socio-economically to garner their input and vision. Furthermore, the SNC believes that Neighborhood Councils should also be included in this strategy as neighborhood councils serve as conduits to their communities.

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council therefore supports CF 16-0596-S 1 and its delineated objectives.