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AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Sara Bedford

SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Report of the Oakland
Youth Advisory Commission

DATE: May 20, 2013

City Administrator
Approval

Date

5/30/13

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission's presentation of the 2013 Annual Report. Staff from the Department of Human Services and representatives from the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission will be available to answer questions.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Chantal Reynolds, Youth Leadership and Development Coordinator, at (510) 238-3245.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Bedford, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

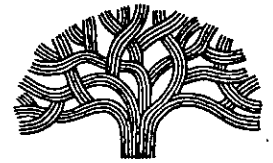
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ATTACHMENT

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
June 11, 2013

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Life Enrichment Committee
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Subject: Annual Report of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission 2013

Chairwoman Brooks and the Members of the Life Enrichment Committee:

The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission's Annual Report for the year 2013 is attached to inform the Life Enrichment Committee of the commission's activities for the past year. The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission reconvened after a year's hiatus and a two year hiatus from 2007-2009. This year was a great year in which we teamed the process, structure and functions of the Youth Commission, our role within City Government and the power of our voices as youth in this city.

The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission is a group up to 25 young people between the ages 13 to 21 who are nominated by City Council and appointed by the Mayor. The commission was created to advise City Officials about issues related to youth in the City of Oakland. Moreover, this body was created to ensure that City Officials make informed decisions and create progressive youth policy by hearing directly from youth in the respective Council District's throughout the city. The commission gives Oakland's youth a voice in governmental affairs. Since the welfare of our community will increasingly be in the hands of the generations to come, it is critical to allow this alternative and cmcial perspective in the City's decision making process. Young people are the City's chief economic asset, most valuable resource and are key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation. Furthermore, young people represent agents, beneficiaries and victims of major societal changes and it is critical that we be allowed full participation in the decision-making process and the building and designing of the future of our city.

As part of the Oakland City Charter and Ordinance 10545, 11058, 11461, & 11869, the Youth Commission has made and will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our city's children and youth. The commission organized, supported and collaborated with various organizations on a number of exciting events, a Commercially Sexual and Exploited Children's Hearing and a Public Safety Town Hall that allowed youth to be involved in decisions that affect our everyday lives. The Oakland Youth Commission will remain dedicated to youth leadership, decision making, and empowerment and thank City Officials for the opportunity to be a part of the larger political and civic engagement process.

As the City of Oakland's youth representatives, the commission hopes to frequently collaborate and meet with the Mayor and City Council to review policies pertaining to youth, draft recommendations and provide input in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Tahmdsebi
Chair, Oakland Youth Advisory Commission



Youth Commission

Annual Report 2013

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP &
DEVELOPMENT**

Youth Commission Committees

2012-2013

Education

- The Education Committee is a standing committee of the Youth Commission that serves as a public forum for community input on issues related to education.
- The committee uses data and statistics, and youth surveys and findings to create strategic plans that will aid in policy decisions that look to provide an equal and quality education, quality teachers and administrators, and safe facilities and school sites for Oakland Youth.
- This body's goal is to bring to city officials the issues of education which drastically affect all areas of life for Oakland Youth, especially public safety.
- The committee supports youth groups through collaborations that seek to enhance the overall educational experience of Oakland Youth.

Public Safety

- The Public Safety Committee is a standing committee of the Youth Commission that serves as a forum for community input on matters of public safety and youth welfare in the City of Oakland.
- Its goal is to improve the overall safety of the community by:
 - Reviewing current policy and recommending safety initiatives and policy changes as it relates to youth.
 - Reviewing requests made by the public and deciding what is best way to move forward on that request as it relates safety and youth.
 - Raising community awareness of safety concerns
 - Curbing juvenile delinquency.

Environment and Sustainability

- The Environment & Sustainability Committee is a standing committee of the Youth Commission that serves as a forum to review and recommend environmental projects and sustainability initiatives, and addresses issues concerning public health and housing for Oakland Youth.
- This committee reviews current policies and drafts recommendations that:
 - will provide cleaner and greener neighborhoods and housing
 - that will provide equal access to quality physical, psychological, and emotional health care.
- Its goal is to make sure that all Oakland Youth are healthy, have access to quality health care, access to healthy food, access to decent housing and environmentally safe neighborhoods free of environmental hazards.

Collaborations and Events

2012-2013

General Youth Agenda/Events

- **Oakland Youth Commission 2012 Voter Election Guide**
 - City Council Candidate Information and interviews
 - California State Propositions

- **Supervisor Keith Carson's Office, District 5, Making Connections – February 23, 2013**
 - Organizations met to share best practices, challenges, network and identify points of collaboration, foster new connections and spoke about how to leverage scarce resources
 - Commissioner Edward Gray panelist : Intergenerational Relationships

- **San Francisco Free Muni Bus Pass Campaign**
 - Letter of Support to Municipal Transportation Agency -passed

Collaborations and Events

2012-2013

Education

- Youth Leadership Conference - Fall 2013
 - Vision: All Oakland youth are informed, empowered, engaged, and active participants in positively influencing and creating city-wide youth policies and solutions
 - Collaboration Oakland Housing Authority, OUSD, All City Council, Youth Uprising and Lao Family Services
- Oakland Natives Give Back - August 18, 2012
 - Backpack Giveaway's Youth Dropout Prevention Back to School Rally

Public Safety

- Youth Focus – February 21, 2013

Coommissioners along with other youth groups throughout the City taped interviews with then Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan and Oakland Unified School District Police Chief Williams . Here are the YouTube Links to the shows:

 - Chief Jordan::
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psRpdPBOb2o&feature=share&list=UU7oq1CaE5Oy4nGEL5-iSZtw>
 - Chief Williams::
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woznChqZntk&feature=share&list=UU7oq1CaE5Oy4nGEL5-iSZtw>

Collaborations and Events

2012-2013

Public Safety

- **Commercially, Sexually, Exploited Children (CSEC) /Human Trafficking Hearing – May 6, 2013**
 - Testimonies were heard from District Attorney Nancy O’Malley’s office, OUSD Police, OUSD CSEC staff, CSEC survivors, activists, youth, and CSEC serving organizations.
 - Over 250 people attended

Youth Public Safety Town Hall on Crime and Safety – May 9, 2013

- The Mayor and the Oakland Police Department held a Town Hall for youth in an effort to inform the new crime reduction strategy’s strategic plan

- **Children’s Defense Fund Community and Safety Forum– March 25, 2013**
 - Eric Gant panelist: The Role of Policy & Systems Change

Collaborations and Events


2012-2013

Public Safety

- Children's Defense Fund
 - AB 549: the Campus Safety Bill: Commissioners gave input on this bill.
 - AB 814: CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy – Commissioners gave input on this bill.

Environment and Sustainability

- Oakland Youth Friendly Business Awards - September 13, 2012
 - The Oakland Youth Friendly Business Awards is an event in which the Oakland Youth Commission recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals and youth serving organizations that are making a difference in the lives of young people in Oakland.
 - Commissioner Chair, Lilly Tahmasebi presented the awards to the recipients: Pandora-Jeff Kennedy, La Estrellita Café and Bar, Alta Bates Summit Youth Bridge Program, and Pablo Paredes – American Friends Service Committee



Collaborations and Events

2012-2013

Environment and Sustainability

- **Bay Cares Test for a Ticket Campaign – March 10, 2013**
 - Commissioners presented a Mayoral Proclamation at a Hip Hop Concert in which young people who took HIV test were given a free ticket to the concert.
 - The proclamation urged young people to take routine HIV tests, know their HIV status, link to care, and promote HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.
 - OYAC Recorded a PSA for the concert

- **Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Elihu Harris' Lecture Series
March 20, 2013**
 - OYAC was a partner organization
 - Guest Dr. Helene Gayle discussed the following issues: the social determinants of health, HIV/AIDS and women, and children and poverty at the local and international level.



Top Concerns & Recommendations

Environment and Sustainability

- Create a committee to assess and address the needs of African American and Latino youth who are the most vulnerable and at risk populations in the City of Oakland. (Health, access to a equitable and quality education, housing disparities and living conditions, homicides, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), juvenile delinquency, and unemployment).
- Create a public/private partnership via WIB to set aside funds for a **One Stop Shop for YOUTH**. The One Stop Shop would have and provide education, housing and health resources, employment services, include a computer center and graduation assistance services to assist **YOUTH** in the City of Oakland.

Education

- Conduct an Independent policy audit of the “push out policies” that force or cause students in Oakland to drop out.

Top Concerns & Recommendations

Public Safety

- **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)**
 - CSEC Awareness Day during CSEC Week
 - Put Youth Commission CSEC Letter and Fact sheet on the City of Oakland's Website and urge the Mayor and City Councilmembers to send it out in their newsletters to their constituents.

Community Enhancement and Historic Landmarks

- Create historical landmarks of historic sites throughout the city - E.g. West Oakland Black Panther Party Historical Sites

Economic Vitality and Employment

- Local Hire policy needs to include youth-10% of the 50% of jobs in the local hire policy should be set aside for youth between the ages of 16 and 26.



Resolution 001-2013

CSEC Awareness and Prevention

- Resolution urges the City Council and Mayor in partnership with Oakland Unified School District, local law enforcement, the Department of Health and Human Services, and community-based organizations that work with children, youth and families to prioritize the development and institutionalization of a comprehensive prevention model to eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Oakland. (Resolution will be carried to Council by Councilmember Lynette McElhaney's Office)