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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim
FROM: Department of Human Services
DATE: January 25, 2011

RE: Annual Report Of The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission 2010

Attached is an annual report from the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission 2010. Department of Human Services staff and a representative from the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission will be available to answer questions.

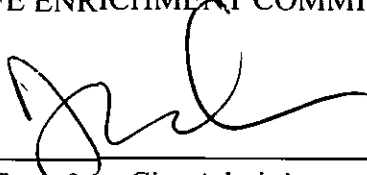
Respectfully submitted,



ANDREA YOUNGDAHL
Director, Department of Human Services

Attachments

FORWARDED TO THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:



Office of the City Administrator

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
January 25, 2011

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November 16, 2010

Oakland City Council
Life Enrichment Committee
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, CA 94612
Subject: Annual Report of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission 2010

Chairwoman Brooks and the Members of the Life Enrichment Committee:

The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission's Annual Report for the year 2010 is attached to inform the Life Enrichment Committee of the commission's activities for the past year and to inform the committee of our plans for 2011. Last year was a great year in which we learned 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 appointed by the Mayor and City Council. 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 Districts 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 crucial 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 are allowed full participation in the decision-making process and the building and designing of the future of our city.

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 and forums 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 political and civic 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 2011.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Afolarin Adeleke".

Afolarin Adeleke
Chair, Oakland Youth Advisory Commission



Youth Commission

Annual Report 2010



YOUTH LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT



OAKLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Youth Commission Committees

2010

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 strategies/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 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 to safety and youth.
 - Raising community awareness of safety concerns
 - Curbing juvenile delinquency.

Health and Environment

- The Health & Environment Committee is a standing committee of the Youth Commission that serves as a forum to review and recommend environmental projects and feasibility initiatives, and address 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.
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Collaborations, Accomplishments and Events continued 2010

General Youth Agenda

- **Mayor's Office**
 - Youth participated in a number of meetings and gave critical feedback about the experience of youth in the city ranging from violence, education, community benefits, health, environment and transportation.
- **Supervisor Keith Carson's Office, District 5, Making Connections**

Organizations came together to share best practices, challenges, network and identify points of collaboration, foster new connections and to leverage scarce resources

 - Two Youth Commissioners were panelists – May 2010
 - One commissioner led the youth organizations break out session
- **NAACP State Convention Youth Conference**
 - Worked with NAACP State Youth Councils to outline the NAACP's Youth Policy for 2011 – October 2010
- **Project Re-Connect, Department of Human Services and Youth Uprising**
 - Connected homeless youth to resources throughout the city - June 2010
 - PSA

Collaborations, Accomplishments and Events 2010

Education

- All City Council's Meaningful Student Engagement Collaborative
 - Attended Strategic Planning Retreat with various youth groups
 - Supported four resolutions
 - Youth Mayoral Forum – October 27, 2010
- America's Promise/Oakland's Promise Alliance /Mayor's Office
 - Dropout Prevention Summit – November 2009
 - Parent Engagement Roundtable - February 2010
 - Four Youth Commissioners won America's Promise, "My Ideas Grants". One grant was featured at the America's Promise Conference Nov. 7-9, 2010 in Hershey, PA. Two Youth Commissioners were flown to participate in the America's Promise Youth Conference in Hershey, PA . Nov. 7-9, 2010 in Hershey, PA.
- NASA Ames Research Center, Ankh Marketing, Oakland Parks and Recreation
 - Science and Cultural Festival at Chabot Space and Science Center - September 2010
- Oakland Natives Give Back
 - Youth Engagement Forum - June 2010
 - Backpack Giveaway's Youth Dropout Prevention Forum - August 2010

Collaborations, Accomplishments and Events continued 2010

Public Safety

- Proclamation For The International Day of Peace, September 21
 - Worked with and supported Donna Stoering and the Listen for Life Campaign on the proclamation for the International Day Of Peace
 - This day is to be recognized as an annual day of peace. There is a call to cease fire and not perpetuate acts of violence in the City of Oakland annually on September 21st.

Additional and Upcoming Collaborations 2010-2011

Public Safety

- Pueblo/All City Council – Create policies based on 2010 survey findings (Police and High school student contact and relations)

Media and Public Relations

- All About the Biz
 - Youth Column in the Post - Youth Speaks the Biz
 - Youth TV Network-"Let's Resolve" - Discussing Youth Issues at various venues around the City

Resolutions supported-OUSD's All City Council's Meaningful Student Engagement Collaborative

The Youth Commission supports the success of all students in OUSD. We do that by supporting and working within the Meaningful Student Engagement Collaborative which is a group of youth organizations . Last year, we supported the passage of the following and worked with the collaborative to see that these changes were and continue to be implemented in OUSD.

- A-G – This resolution creates educational equity in Oakland through the implementation of the University of California and California State University A-G Course Sequences as part of the High School graduation requirements.

- Restorative Justice – This resolution promotes the opportunity to repair harm and restore relationships between victim and perpetrator. It practices the use of multiple strategies to deal with misconduct, especially for non expulsion offenses.

- Seal of Bi-literacy – Requires all students in OUSD to graduate with competency and mastery of two or more languages and seeks to develop critical life skills., cultural understanding and economic mobility in a global economy.

- “Making A-G Real”- Resolution to Strengthen Student Access and Completion of the A-G Course Sequence and High School Graduation Requirements Through the Implementation of Peer Academic Support Systems.

Issues of Concern Sent to Mayor 2010

- Add more youth to boards and commissions
- Look into the budget cuts at Peralta Colleges.
- Bart Station safety at the Coliseum/Oakland Airport station.
- Oakland needs affective and quality teachers.
- Decriminalizing the young victims of human trafficking.
- School campus health clinics at all school sites
- Need sex education classes at an earlier age.
- The media had been unfairly projecting bad images of Oakland Youth and OYAC feels that the City should try to put pressure on them to do a better job of putting forth positive image sof youth in Oakland or create the City's own media outlet to take on this endeavor.
- Focus on access to healthy and affordable foods in all neighborhoods.
- Subsidies should be given to monoculture food farms.
- Address drunk driving near the Eastmont Mall area.

Areas of Focus and Top Concerns for Youth 2011

Civic Engagement

- Support the Dream Act – Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act which provides pathways to citizenship for youth who arrived in the United States before the age of 16 by attending two years of college or two years of service in the military (**Resolution**)
- 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. (Look at health, educational, and housing disparities, homicides, Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), juvenile delinquency, and unemployment).

Areas of Focus and Top Concerns for Youth 2011

Public Safety and Criminal Justice System

- 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, a computer center and graduation assistance services to assist youth in the City of Oakland.
- Pueblo/All City Council – Create policies based on 2010 survey findings (Police and High school student contact and relations)

Community Enhancement and Historic Landmarks

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

Areas of Focus and Top Concerns for Youth 2011

Education

- Oakland Army Base Community Benefits package - Create a pathways program to Port jobs at the Oakland Army Base in Oakland Schools
- Independent Oakland policy audit of “push out policies” that force or cause students in Oakland to drop out.
- OUSD’s African American Male Achievement Initiative, the NAACP, Skyline BSU, Youth Commission

Sudden and constant changes in class schedules and classes which overwhelmingly affect graduation and grades.

Counseling shortages which overwhelmingly affect students of color.

Reduction in credits for repeated classes which lead to a deficiency in credits needed to graduate senior year.

A number of other issues that disproportionately affect the graduation of students of color.

Areas of Focus and Top Concerns for Youth 2011

Health and Environment

- Community Benefits should include the clean up of West Oakland and funds to pay for the health needs of residents due to toxic activities at the Port.
- Food Justice

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.
- Oakland Army Base Community Benefits package should include a policy that mandates that youth receive 10% of all of the jobs and resources on the project for the duration of the project.

Media and Public Relations

- All About the Biz-highlight positive youth activity and concerns
 - Youth Column in the Post - Youth Speaks the Biz
 - Youth TV Network-Let's Resolve" - Discussing Youth Issues at various venues around the City

Proclamation

- **Youth Day**

- Proclamation for the declaration of an annual Youth Day in the City of Oakland. Each year the Youth Commission and affiliated partners will give an annual updated, State of the Youth Report which would include data, statistics and youth survey findings.
- We hope to have one day each year dedicated to youth in hopes of creating policies and a strategic plan that will lead to a better quality of life for youth in Oakland.
- Proposed date would be in September

Making Connections

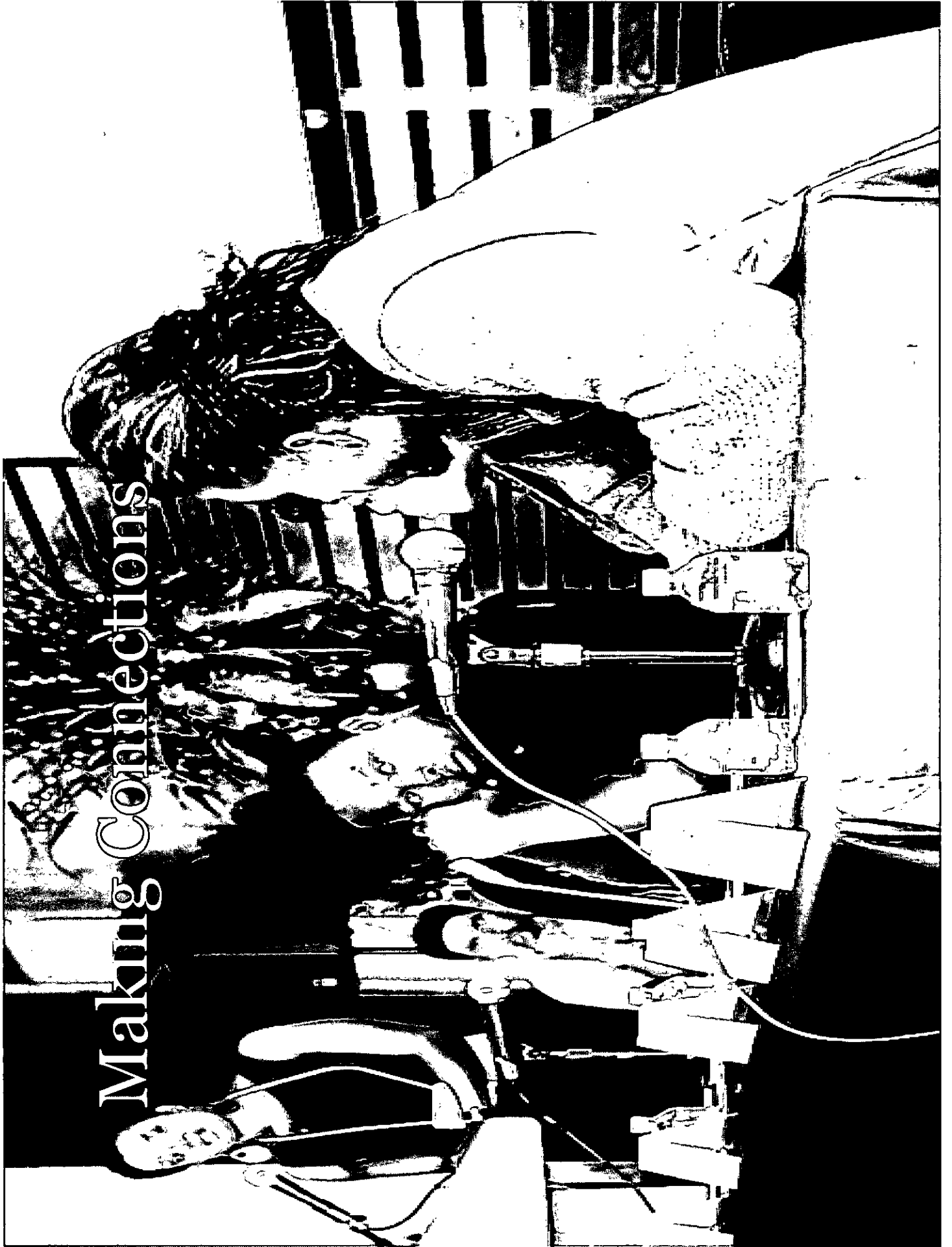


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Making Connections



Youth Engagement Forum



Youth Engagement Forum

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- 3 points
- 1 point

High School Dropouts

lack of adequate
resources for mental
health in school

High School Dropouts

lack of standardized
career options

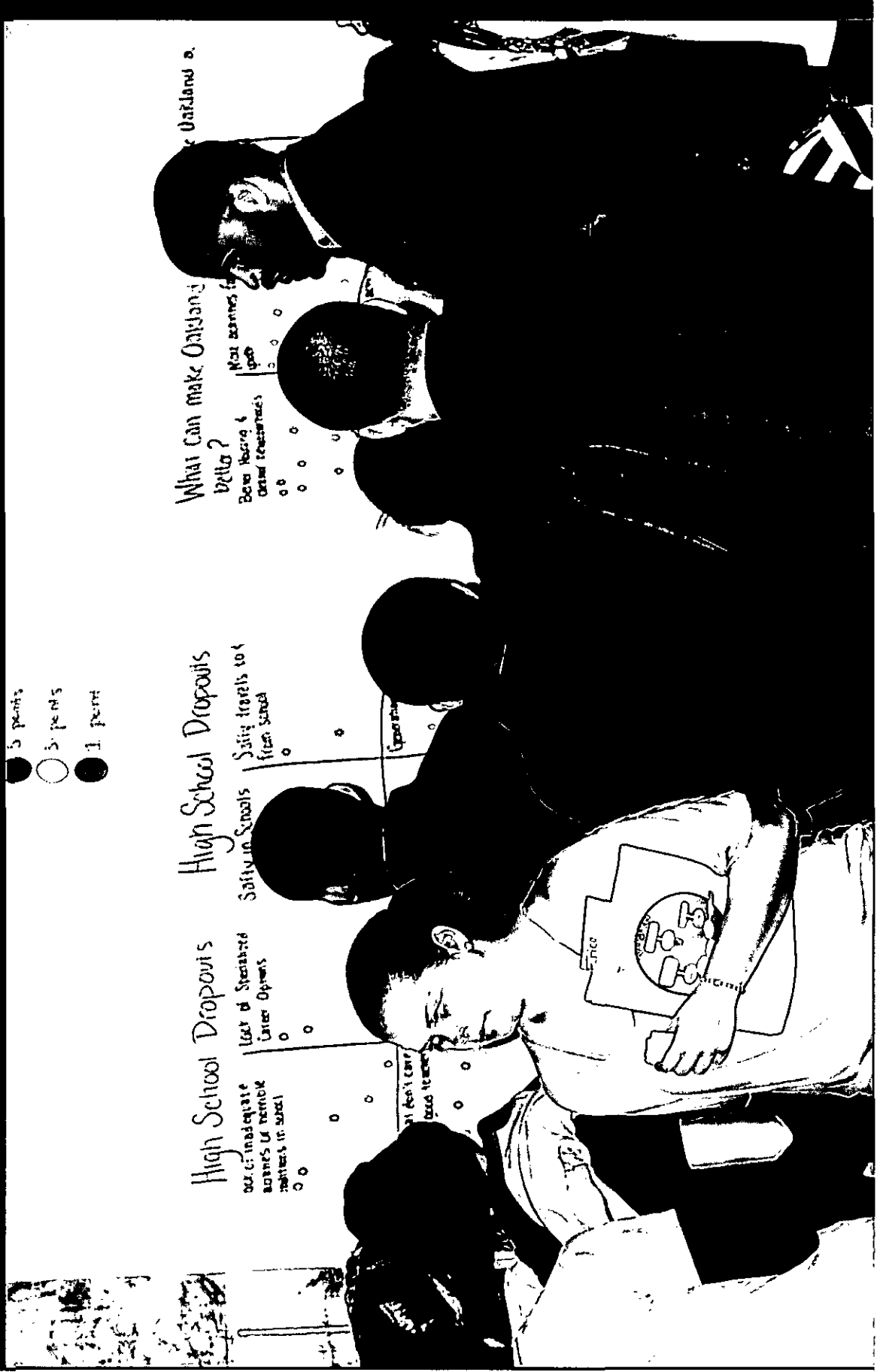
High School Dropouts

Safety travels to
fresh school

What can make Oakland better?

More hours &
career resources

Oakland



Youth Engagement Forum

