



YOUTH & EMERGING ADULTS **Strategic Plan**

Toward a New Generation of Hope: The Long Beach Strategic Plan for Youth and Emerging Adults

Two Year Update March 14, 2023

Office of Youth Development (OYD)

STATEMENT OF POSSIBILITY

Youth are valued and empowered as decision makers in the City of Long Beach to lead long-term change and solutions for the betterment of youth now and future generations

VISION

All youth and emerging adults between the ages of 8-24 are healthy and empowered with the necessary resources to develop into their true authentic selves.

STAFFING (3.0 FTE)

- Sherlyn Beatty, Youth Development Program Manager
- David McGill-Soriano, Youth Development Coordinator
- Yonique Edwards, Futures First Program Coordinator



Budget and Funding

Budget Overview

- Total funding is nearly \$3.1M
- 71% of funding goes to programming and direct community investments
- 69% of the budget is comprised of grant funding, including the Long Beach Recovery Act

Funding Sources:

- General Fund (Racial Reconciliation)
- Measure US
- Long Beach Recovery Act (LBRA)
- Grants

Measure US



FY22

Working with The Nonprofit Partnership, 70 local groups and organizations provided summer programs and fostering pathways of care and connection for children and young adults between the ages of 8 and 24 in Long Beach.

- 55 Youth 100 Mini Grants [FY22 Mini Grants](#)
- 15 Midsize Learning Community Grants [FY22 Midsize Grants](#)

Cultural
Workshops/Events

Leadership
Development

Physical and
Mental Health
Activities

School Supply
Distribution
Events

STEM/STEAM
Activities

Academic
Enrichment

Art and Music
Programming

Gardening

Measure US



FY23

- Youth 100 Mini Grants
- Youth Power PB Long Beach – a City-wide youth participatory budget process
- Intergenerational Youth Development Grants



Youth Advisory Council



Kimberly Lim
District 1



Anaya Gillette
District 2



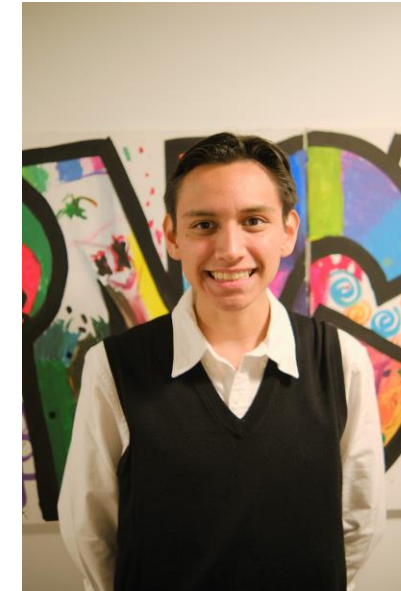
Alyssa Velasquez
District 3



Charles Fair
District 4



Diana Michaelson
District 5



Isaac Julian
District 6

Youth Advisory Council



Kevin Corona
District 7



Terina Faleono
District 8



Bryan Gutierrez
District 9



Maleka Lassiter
At-Large Member



Juvonne McNeill
At-Large Member

Youth Advisory Council

- 11 member advisory body of youth ages 16 to 26
- Focus is to ensure authentic youth-led engagement in the implementation of the YSP
- Ensure implementation of the Youth Strategic Plan, Administration of the Youth Fund, and engaging the City's Youth Voice
- Working alongside City departments, the Commission on Youth and Families, other youth leadership groups, and elected offices



Youth Strategic Plan Review Process

The Youth Advisory Council has spent the past 6 months gathering information on the YSP's progress to complete a comprehensive two-year report that is being developed in collaboration with the Office of Youth Development and City departments.

This report will highlight:

- 1) Accomplishments
- 2) Activities in process
- 3) Future activities



Strategic Goals

Goal 1:
Youth
Development

Goal 2:
Physical Health,
Mental Health,
and Emotional
Wellness

Goal 3:
Planning for
the Future

Goal 4:
Community
Care

Goal 5:
Housing

Goal 6:
Transportation

Authentic Youth Engagement



**Youth Leadership
Youth Voice in City Government**

**Youth Festival
Youth Power PB Long Beach**



Second Annual Youth Festival



Building a Strong Foundation

My Hood, My City

- ✓ Youth Storytelling
- ✓ Youth Led Neighborhood Tours
- ✓ West Lb, North LB, Washington Neighborhood
- ✓ Modeled after Chicago's My Block, My Hood, My City

"I enjoyed how we got the opportunity to show our neighborhoods by taking pictures of what we want to make better and what we enjoy."

- Program Participant



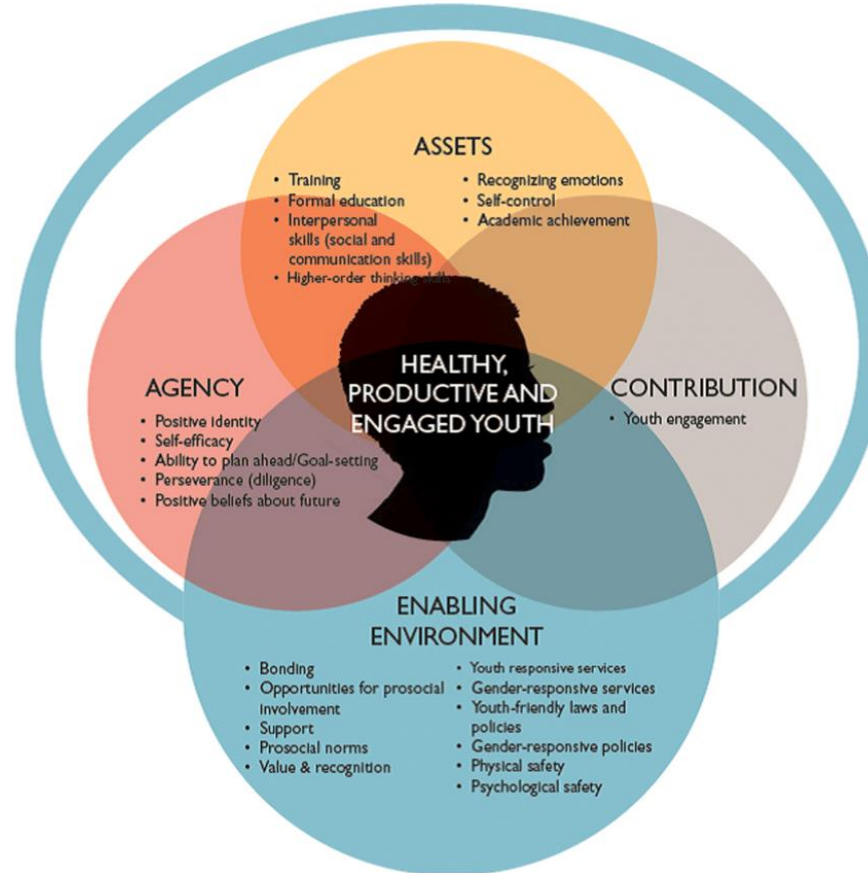
Building a Strong Foundation

City Employees Youth Mentoring

- ✓ Franklin MS, Hoover MS, Lindbergh MS, Stephens MS, Washington MS
- ✓ 81 City Employees have completed mentor training
- ✓ June 2023-September 2024

Building Youth Social Capital

- ✓ Books & Buckets
- ✓ Californians for Justice
- ✓ Earthlodge Center for Transformation
- ✓ Pools of Hope
- ✓ RightWay Foundation
- ✓ Youth Leadership Institute



Youth Civic Leadership Academy

- ✓ LB Youth Advisory Council, LA City Youth Council, LA County Youth Commission
- ✓ Certificate from USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
- ✓ March 18, 2023 @ USC

Youth Interns

- ✓ Support Office of Youth Development
- ✓ Pacific Gateway's Youth at Work and Climate Corp Programs
- ✓ Youth Festival leads, community outreach, and general office support

Building a Strong Foundation

Partnerships and Collaborations

- ✓ City Departments: Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Police Department, Long Beach Public Library, Human Resources, and Development Services
- ✓ Department of Health and Human Services Community Impact Division's Violence Prevention Team
- ✓ College Promise Network: LBUSD, LBCC, CSULB
- ✓ LBUSD's Sankofa Parent Village
- ✓ Youth Services Network
- ✓ LA County and LA City Youth Development Department
- ✓ Long Beach Foster Youth Futures Coalition
- ✓ Funding the Next Generation's CA Youth Departments/Divisions/Offices Cohort



Future Focus

- Develop and sustain family-centered approaches to health, mental health, and trauma
- Enhance career development opportunities
- Strengthening partnerships
- Focus on transition-age youth housing opportunities
- Provide safe and accessible transportation



Thank you!

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