

September 20th, 2016

Honorable Robert Garcia
Mayor
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mayor Garcia,

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the 33rd Senate District Young Senators Program. As you heard from the Young Senators, this program is designed to provide high school students with unique opportunities that yield insights about potential career and educational paths. Throughout their tenure, the Young Senators explore the industries, professions, and social innovations that are critical to our state's economy, cultivating a unique educational-based experience, and fostering the next generation of California leaders.

Local, state and national leaders from diverse fields, including Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies, expose the Young Senators to the important relationship between the state's public and private sectors. Young Senators also volunteer at local community events where they gain insight into their own potential and are inspired to reach their full realization as leaders in our communities.

Every year our partnership with the Southeast Community Development Corporation and Southwest Airlines gives us the opportunity to fly the Young Senators to Sacramento for their signature trip to the Capitol, Google Headquarters and Stanford University. This trip gives each of the students the opportunity to see what it's like to live on a college campus and opens their eyes to the endless opportunities that are available to them through an education in their chosen field.

I am very proud of the partnerships we have built and the work each of these Young Senators have put into building their futures. Thank you for allowing them the opportunity to address you at tonight's city council meeting.

Sincerely,

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Senator, 33rd District
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee