



North Hollywood Northeast Community Impact Statement

SUPPORT: [Council File 21-0223](#)

Youth Development Department / Youth Development Task Force

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The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council expresses our support of the establishment of the City's first Youth Development Department. There is a collaboration by nonprofit organizations, community leaders, educators, parents and young people who have focused on elevating the voices of youth to lead change in the City of Los Angeles and they are now advocating for the establishment of this department. The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council stands with them. Today the call to action is more critical as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on young people of color because it has magnified disparities in education, access to resources, safety, and employment opportunities. The City's youth are faced with learning loss that will lead to dramatic future quality of life issues if we don't develop a strategic vision to address these disparities.

As a elected leaders representing our stakeholders, we urge you the to act **now** to take the following actions:

1. Schedule and hold a hearing on the motion to establish a Youth Development Department
2. Approve the establishment of the City's Youth Development Department that will focus on **youth development, youth employment, youth empowerment, and violence prevention**

3. Allocate **\$1.7 million in the 2021-22 budget** to seed the department per the CAO report

We urge our City Councilmembers to use their power to act now to secure a Youth Development Department. We are in a circumstance that measures the humanity and character of our City officials and citizens. We ask that your actions display your commitment to both the represented and underrepresented members of our community.

Sincerely,

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