



City of Fresno Youth Commission

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**Introduction**

The City of Fresno Youth Commission exists to be the voice of the youth in their respective districts in regards to issues that relate to youth. The Fresno Youth Commission has met twice a month and has received trainings and held public meetings to learn more about the City and identify the significant issues that impact young people. They sought areas where they can leverage the most impactful change in their communities. The Fresno Youth Commission has researched and identified two needs in the city of Fresno in the area of Youth Opportunities. The recommendations that the Youth Commission would like to present to you on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 are:

**Proposal #1: Local Government Internship Program**

We would like the city of Fresno to create a Local Government Internship program to provide high school, college, or university students with the opportunity to gain both academic and practical experience working in local government. Internships should be paid and designed to provide participants the opportunity to apply academic skills to various real world assignments while under the employ of the City. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about the City of Fresno and the exceptional services provided to the community.

**Budget:**

We would like to ask the city of Fresno to set aside a minimum of \$100,000 to help fund this program. We took into account that with a maximum of 160 hours \$100,000 would help provide 62 paid intern positions at \$10 per hour.

**Specific Recommendations:**

Budget: \$100,000 per fiscal year

Ages: 16-21 years old

Pay: \$10-\$15 per hour

**Proposal #2: Enhancing City of Fresno Website**

The current [www.fresno.gov](http://www.fresno.gov) website is difficult for youth to navigate. While we are working with the City Clerk’s office to create a Youth Commission webpage on the City of Fresno website, we would like to make a recommendation to have the website be more youth friendly. We would like to see the website be easier to navigate in order to find files or information that relate to youth.



**Conclusion**

The Fresno Youth Commission looks forward to hearing the decisions made by the City Council Members. We would like to thank all of you for making the time to meet with us in your offices and allow us to share our ideas with you. If our recommendations are taken into account, we are available to provide more details in being able to implement our two recommendations of creating a local government internship program and enhancing the City of Fresno website. We would ask to be a part of the implementation of these recommendations. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do to serve our city.

Sincerely,  
The Fresno Youth Commission