

Youth Commission Presentation

Presented by
City of Fresno Youth Commission



About YLI

Founded in 1989, YLI builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive social change.

YLI designs, implements and develops capacity for community-based programs that provide youth with leadership skills in the areas of environmental prevention, civic engagement and policy advocacy.

YLI has been serving the Central Valley for over 14 years.

- More info about YLI can be found at www.yli.org.



Youth Commission Learning

- **City Staff Presentations**

- City Manager Bruce Rudd presented to the youth about general plan items and committees
- Parks, AfterSchool, recreation and Community Service Dept.
 - Kristina Chamberlain, Assistant Director
 - Shaun Schaefer, Community Services Manager



Leadership Development Trainings

- Youth and Adult Partnership Training
 - How to create youth and adult partnerships which gave them skills on how to work together with adults on how to address issues in Fresno
- Youth Advocacy Training
 - How to create a shared vision for the impact that they want to make for youth in Fresno
- Youth Leadership and Teambuilding Training
 - How to work together as a team to implement their vision for youth in Fresno



Leadership Development Trainings

- Teambuilding Training
 - How to effectively communicate with one another
- Meeting Facilitation Training
 - How to conduct meetings in accordance with The Brown Act
- Youth Participatory Action Research
 - How to conduct a focus group
- Youth Action Planning
 - Issue Identification



Committees Created

- By-Laws Committee
- City Council Committee
- T-Shirt Committee
- Social Media Committee
- Voting Age Committee



Teen Summit

- Youth Commissioners led Youth Commission workshops on Saturday, March 25th, 2017.
- We thank the Councilmembers for their monetary support for the Teen Summit!
- Over 300 youth from all over Fresno attended



Civic Engagement Task Force

- Youth Commissioners Miranda Lara (District 7) and Nina Narahari (District 2) are representatives and participate with the business and community leaders in the Civic Engagement Task Force.
- They were guest speakers at the Constitution Day event in September of 2016.
- Youth Commissioners Miranda Lara, Gabriel Murrillo (District 7) and Nina Narahari (District 2) presented on the Youth Commission work in March



Youth Commission Involvements

- Youth Commissioner Yvette Flores led a workshop at the Youth Leadership Conference on April 1st, 2017.



Elected Meetings

- The majority of our Youth Commissioners have met with their Councilmembers to discuss the following youth issues:
 - Youth jobs and internships
 - Enhancing Website



Proposal 1: Local Govt. 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.



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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 fund 62 paid interns at \$10 per hour.



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Specific Recommendations

- Budget: \$100,000 per fiscal year
- Ages: 16-21 year olds
- Pay: \$10-\$15 per hour



Proposal 2: Enhancing City of Fresno Website

The current www.fresno.gov website is difficult for youth to navigate. We would 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.

- Youth Tab on Website



Community Youth Summit

- We would like to invite you to our Community Youth Summit!
- Youth will be sharing about the work they are doing and their successes!



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Graduating Youth Commissioners

We would like to congratulate the Youth Commissioners that will be furthering their education this Fall:

- **Marissa Vang - Dominican University**
- **Jason Phillips - CSU Fresno**
- **Matthew Saavedra - Southern Methodist University**
- **Neng Thao- UC Berkeley or**



The City of Fresno Youth Commission would like to say...

Thank you!

