



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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**STAFF REPORT**  
**February 27, 2007**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Sacramento Agenda for Youth**

**Location/Council District: Citywide**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council review, comment and provide direction to staff with regards to the "Sacramento Agenda for Youth".

**Contact:** Alan Boyd, Recreation Superintendent, 808-6077  
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**Presenter:** Jay Schnerier, Chairperson, Mayors Commission on Sacramento Youth

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Recreation Administration

**Organization No:** 4715

**Description/Analysis:**

**Issue:**

In Fall 2005, the Mayor appointed a Commission on Sacramento Youth to recommend appropriate policies and actions the City can undertake to make Sacramento a youth-friendly city (Commission Members are listed in Attachment A).

The first issue addressed by the Commission was to propose how pre-school aged children in Sacramento could have access to exceptional quality pre-school programs. The Commission identified a number of recommendations and actions the City could undertake to support planning and implementation efforts

to maximize the opportunity to serve all of our pre-school children. On May 23, 2006 the Mayor and City Council endorsed the recommendations presented and in a number of instances, City staff has been able to facilitate and/or support the implementation of a number of the recommendations. One significant example is that staff from both the Parks and Recreation and Development Services Departments are active participants with other governmental agencies and community organizations in streamlining the permitting and other related processes for the development of home and/or center child care facilities.

Following the above, the work of the Commission has focused on the needs of Sacramento youth, the services and programs currently available to meet those needs and the identification of gaps in service delivery as well the organizational environment in which various governmental and non-profit organizations address the needs and gaps. The Commission heard from school superintendents, staff of non-profit organizations serving youth and youth themselves as the basis for the Commission's development of the "Sacramento Agenda for Youth". (Attachment B)

**Policy Considerations:** The recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Sacramento Youth are consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability within the community.

**Environmental Considerations:** There are no environmental considerations with this report.

**Committee/Commission Action:** The Mayor's Commission on Youth developed the "Sacramento Agenda for Youth" and the Sacramento Youth Commission endorsed the "Agenda" on December 4, 2006.

**Rationale for Recommendations:** Youth are Sacramento's most important asset. Strategies to make them productive citizens are vital to the future of our community. The Sacramento Agenda for Youth provides the framework for this endeavor.

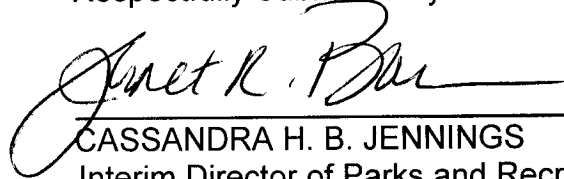
**Financial Considerations:**

There are no additional financial considerations with this report. The City Council approved on November 22, 2005 on-going financial support for the work of the commission and related projects. Staff support is being provided by existing City staff.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Recommendation Approved:



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## **MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON SACRAMENTO YOUTH 2005-2007**

Heather Fargo	Mayor, City of Sacramento
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Ralph Pettingell	Recreation Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation (Retired)
Velma Sykes	President/CEO, Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
Rev. Charles Warner	President, ACT, Christ Temple Apostolic Church

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Who:

The defined target audience is youth 12-18, particularly those who find it difficult to access the “system”.

Why:

We believe that youth are an integral part of the future success of the City of Sacramento and that the City should do everything possible to provide an infrastructure of support and resources to ensure that youth are successful.

- Sacramento is the most diverse community in the country – there is value in understanding other groups in the country.
- Safe places can be used to foster positive connections among youth.
- The long term health of the governance system is dependent on an influx of educated, informed youth.
- There is a need to educate the community about the importance and value of youth leadership.

What:

The attached matrix provides an overview of a multi-year agenda designed to make Sacramento a “youth-friendly” city, supporting our youth to be ready for life as they graduate from high school and enter post-secondary education and/or the world of work. This agenda shall be supported and supplemented by a youth survey undertaken biennial to identify current needs and appropriate recommendations as well as a mapping of current youth assets.

How:

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Discussing, validating and implementing the matrix is a multi-step process.

- The Sacramento Commission on Youth will meet with the Sacramento Youth Commission to present and discuss the recommendations.
- Agenda for Youth presented to the Mayor and the City Council in February.
- Adoption of some or all of the agenda would then be followed by an implementation plan and strategy including a funding proposal.
- Currently, there is no individual or department whose sole responsibility is to improve the lives of youth in the city. Placing an individual in the Mayor's Office with this responsibility would be a start. Roles and responsibilities would include increasing innovation, increasing the effectiveness of current programs, and leveraging current and future opportunities. A Division or Department of Youth over time is a long-term possibility.
- The city should create a systematic infrastructure that would bring together the city, school districts and all other youth providers in a regular way to do joint planning and create joint projects both on the capital and program sides.

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## Objective

Short Term Activities: Yrs 1-2

Medium Term Activities: Yrs 2-3

Long Term Activities: Yrs 4-5

1. **Have access to Safe Places – Provide opportunities and facilities for youth to learn and grow that are physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe**
  - o Implementation of Prop 49 – Support for quality After-School Programs
  - o Application and implementation of federal 21st century learning center grants

- o Partnerships with private, non-profit facilities and programs
- o Open public & school libraries in non-school hours with structured programs
- o Open schools during non-traditional hours with programs (midnight basketball, music, art)
- o Support longer hours for supervised sports facilities (city owned, Boys & Girls Club, etc.)
- o After hours mentoring & tutoring programs
- o Joint Use Agreements with other governmental and private institutions (schools, faith based, other) – apply for available state funding

- o Teen Street - a public transportation accessible street(s) designed for the explicit use by youth (retail, restaurants, live music, etc. – possibly in the rail yard)
- o Joint use Community Centers/ Teen Centers with:
  - o Art Centers for youth (as an aspect of other facilities.
  - o Youth Social and Truancy Services
  - o Resource Center for youth (safe place to go, emotional & physical safety)

2. **Create opportunities for Jobs and Internships for Youth**

- o Support ACT task force on summer job creation for youth
- o Expand internships for youth, especially in the summer - City & other agencies
- o City internships – year round

- o Coordinate with existing organizations (LEED, SETA, Urban League, Oak Park program, JARS in Antioch) to support more job/internship creation
- o Act as liaison between schools and businesses. Businesses need to understand the importance of supporting youth jobs and internships.
- o Business survey – website of opportunities by zip code (San Diego example)
- o Expand community service opportunities, work with schools on graduation requirements and school credit

- o City-run Employment Center for youth that offers job skills, training, job matches, follow-up, etc.
- o Employment training camps for youth to be job ready
- o Teen Industries – develop industry run by and for youth – provide job training and jobs/internships (use Father Boyle/LA example)
- o Possible CTE graduation requirement

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<b>3. Develop Youth Leadership Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boards &amp; commissions to add youth membership; Make them youth friendly (meeting times &amp; locations, meaningful to youth)</li> <li>○ Annual youth summit, with Youth Commission, to develop youth agenda with follow-up working committees</li> <li>○ Training for youth on being a member of a board or commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional infrastructure for youth leadership with on-going training opportunities and youth leaders network, with a succession plan</li> <li>○ Partnership with Sierra Health Foundation for use of Grizzly Camp as training site</li> <li>○ Create a Youth R important marketing campaign</li> <li>Expand Sacramento Youth Leadership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teen run radio station</li> </ul>
<b>4. Supporting Our Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Release time and support for city staff to mentor</li> <li>○ Support recruitment of mentors in a community-campaign</li> <li>○ Assemblies and workshops on school and student safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City Departments Adopt a School Program for mentoring &amp; tutoring</li> <li>○ 800 number and link to current mentoring programs</li> <li>School safety initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Counseling services and programs to help youth navigate</li> <li>○ Drop-out prevention programs</li> </ul>
<b>5. Strategic Initiatives</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop/support health/physical fitness programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with schools to create 2nd language program for all Sacramento Youth</li> </ul>