

**HOW HAVE NEW VOICES FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH BEEN BROUGHT INTO CITY
GOVERNMENT?** - David McGill Soriano, Youth
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Youth Development

Overview

- Youth Strategic Plan
- Youth Advisory Council
- Youth Fund



youth and young adults in
Long Beach between the
ages of 5-24 years



Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan



The vision of the Long Beach Strategic Plan for Youth and Emerging Adults is that all youth and emerging adults between the ages of 8-24 are healthy and empowered with the necessary resources to develop into their true authentic selves.

Statement of Possibility

Youth are valued and empowered as decision makers in the City of Long Beach to lead long-term change and solutions for the betterment of youth now and future generations



Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 1:
Youth
Development

Goal 2:
Physical Health,
Mental Health,
and Emotional
Wellness

Goal 3:
Planning for
the Future

Goal 4:
Community
Care

Goal 5:
Housing

Goal 6:
Transportation

Youth Advisory Council




Youth Advisory Council



Strategic Goals


Goal 1: Youth Development	Goal 2: Positive Health, Safety & Quality of Life Experiences	Goal 3: Learning for the Future	Goal 4: Community Care	Goal 5: Housing	Goal 6: Transportation
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Youth Advisory Council

- 11 member advisory body of youth ages 16 to 26
- Focus is to ensure authentic youth led engagement in the implementation of the YSP
- Ensure implementation of the Youth Strategic Plan, Administration of the Youth Fund, and engaging the City's Youth Voice
- Working alongside City departments, the Commission on Youth and Families, other youth leadership groups, and elected offices



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Authentic Youth Engagement



Youth Leadership
Youth Voice in City Government

Youth Festival
Youth Power PB Long Beach



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Youth Power Participatory Budgeting Long Beach

- Youth vote on public dollars from Measure US Youth Fund (Oil Barrel Tax)
- 2023, \$300,000 disbursed with 852 Youth Voting
- 2024, \$400,000 hopes of 1,000-2,000 youth voting
- longbeach.gov/youthfund
- [Investinyoutlb.org](https://investinyoutlb.org)



Youth Power Participatory Budgeting Long Beach

2024 Youth Power PB Timeline

01	OCT- DEC: Planning, Youth Steering Committee Orientation, Finish RuleBook
02	JAN: Youth Power PB LB Launch! Orientation & Idea Collection
03	FEB- MAR: : Proposal Development, Meetings w/ Youth Budget Delegates
04	APR: Proposal Presentations, Voting, Youth Voter Fair!
05	APR- SEPT: Disburse Funds & Proposal Implementation
06	APR - SEPT: Close out PB Process; Invest in Youth works on Budget Advocacy



YOUTH POWER PB Long Beach!



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