



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

- Youth Strategic Plan
- Youth Advisory Council
- Youth Fund



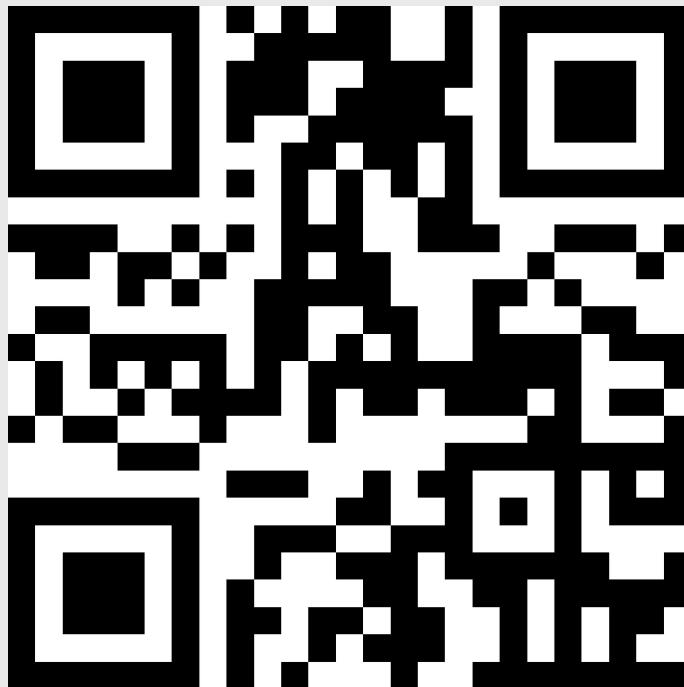
# Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan



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

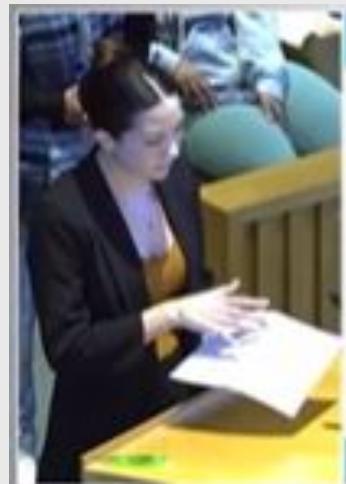
**Goal 5:**  
Housing

**Goal 6:**  
Transportation

# Youth Advisory Council



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## Strategic Goals



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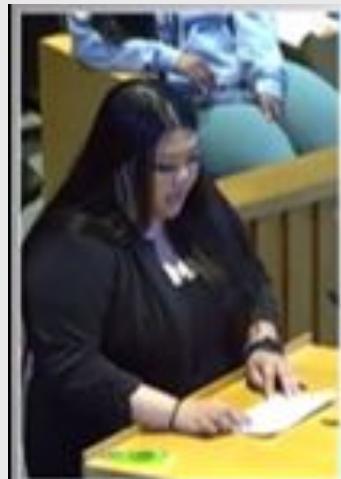


## Youth Advisory Council

- 11 member advisory body of youth ages 16 to 25
- 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

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Youth Festival  
Youth Power PB Long Beach



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# Youth Advisory Council



# 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](http://longbeach.gov/youthfund)
- [Investinyoutlb.org](http://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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