

# Making Cities More Youth-Friendly

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**What are we doing in this session?**



# **Strengthening your city's support of children and youth**

## **RESOURCES**

2014

**ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT < 1% OF GENERAL FUND DEDICATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Financial analysis of spending on children and youth services citywide conducted.

2016

**MEASURE Y LOSES BY 0.85%**

Measure Y on the June ballot to create the Sacramento Children's Fund and a new department.

2020

**MEASURE G LOSES GARNERING 45% APPROVAL**

Measure G on March ballot to create the Sacramento Children's Fund

**MEASURE A LOSES GARNERING 43% APPROVAL**

Measure A on November ballot that included \$10 million set-aside for children and youth

**\$9.9 MILLION OF CARES FUNDS ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH USING STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

City Council approves \$9.9 million in CARES-funded children and youth programs to address mental health and learning loss.

2021

**\$6 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES IN MID-YEAR BUDGET**

City Council invests \$6 million to address children and youth ongoing needs through expansion of City-operated programs and competitive grant process for CBOs.

**\$2.8 MILLION OF ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

City Council approves \$2.8 million in ARPA funds for community-based safe spaces and gang prevention programs.

2022

**\$5 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES IN MID-YEAR BUDGET**

City Council invests \$5 million for youth workforce development, access to safe spaces, and stabilization grants for youth-serving non-profits.

**MEASURE L TO CREATE SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S FUND PASSES**

Measure L approved by voters by 63% creating the Sacramento Children's Fund.



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## **RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE**

# INFRASTRUCTURE



## DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH, PARKS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CREATED

Parks and Recreation Department reorganized to include Youth Division.

## FIRST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY MANAGER HIRED

Position created in City Manager's Office to oversee youth policy citywide.



## JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMISSION HELD

City Council and Sacramento Youth Commission hold joint meeting for first time in City's history.



## CITY OF SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING

City Manager's Office and Department Directors begin meeting to better align children and youth services.



## LAW & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE APPROVES SENDING ORDINANCE TO CREATE DEPT. OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO FULL COUNCIL

City Council's Law & Legislation Committee approves forwarding an ordinance to create the Department of Youth Development to City Council for consideration.

## YOUTH ADVISORY LIAISON TO CITY COUNCIL CREATED

City Council approves creation of Youth Advisory Liaison to the City Council to be held by a youth between ages 18-24.



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**RESOURCES  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROGRAMS**

## PROGRAMS

2019

### **RydeFreeRT LAUNCHES**

City partners with Sacramento Regional Transit and invests \$1 million to offer fare-free public transit to all youth.

### **CITY PILOTS PROGRAM TO REPURPOSE ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROW HOUSES INTO HOUSING FOR HOMELESS TAY**

City launches pilot to transfer illegal grow houses to non-profits serving homeless TAY.

2021

### **POLICE CADETS' TRAINING ADDS CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, ACEs, & TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES**

Police cadet cohort participates in 10-hour training for first time.

2022

### **FEE WAIVERS FOR YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS USING CITY ATHLETIC FIELDS APPROVED**

City Council approves granting fee waivers to recreational youth sports teams that meet specific criteria for usage of City athletic fields.





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**RESOURCES**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**PROGRAMS**  
**POLICY**

# POLICY

2017

## **CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES**

Citywide Youth Development Campaign Plan establishes vision, mission, values, and goals for City around supporting young people.

2019

## **SACRAMENTO YOUTH COMMISSION CHARTERED**

City Council passes ordinance formally making the Youth Commission a chartered body.

2020

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REDEFINED**

City Council passes resolution redefining public safety to include prevention services for children and youth.

2021

## **YOUTH SEATS DESIGNATED ON CITY COMMISSIONS**

City Council approves ordinance designating seats for youth on three City Commissions.

## **SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

City collaborates with County and SCOE to propose and invest in Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board focused on advising systems leaders on making services more youth-friendly.

2022

## **RESOLUTION FOR PARITY IN BUDGET INCREASES ACROSS ALL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

Law & Legislation Committee reviews and forwards to Budget & Audit Committee a resolution requiring that, when police, fire and/or emergency services budgets increase, budget for youth prevention services must increase by same percentage.



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## **WISH LIST**

# THE WISH LIST...

## POLICY

CONTRACTS FOR EARLY EDUCATION/ CHILDCARE SERVICES REQUIRED TO INCLUDE QUALITY STANDARDS

PARTICIPATION IN CITY INTERNSHIPS GIVE PREFERENCE WHEN APPLYING FOR CITY ENTRY LEVEL JOBS

ANY CITY CONTRACTS OVER \$X MILLION REQUIRED TO INCLUDE YOUTH INTERSHIPS/WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

ALL CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS PROVIDING SERVICES FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS INCLUDE LANGUAGE ABOUT QUALITY STANDARDS

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF 10-YEAR GENERAL PLAN

EQUITY ANALYSIS OF CITY-OPERATED AND CITY-FUNDED CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

LIGHTING FOR ALL CITY-OWNED OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FIELDS

EXTRA POINTS GIVEN IN RFQ/RFI PROCESS TO PROPOSALS THAT BENEFIT YOUTH

PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION (OF ANY KIND) EXPEDITED IF PLANS INCLUDE CHILDCARE CENTER AND/OR IF VENDOR PROVIDES CHILDCARE TO EMPLOYEES

## INFRASTRUCTURE

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS FOR ALL CITY-OPERATED CITY-FUNDED CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/ MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

FINANCIAL TRACKING SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPENDITURES

GRANTMAKING PLATFORM

CONSISTENT EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR ALL CITY-OPERATED AND CITY-FUNDED CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

## PROGRAMS

ELIMINATION OF FOOD DESERTS IN COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POPULATIONS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## HUMAN RESOURCES

CHILDCARE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

CITY EMPLOYEES WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXEMPT FROM BUMPING

CITY EMPLOYEES GIVEN RELEASE TIME TO MENTOR YOUTH

ALL CITY EMPLOYEES WORKING WITH SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH TRAINED IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Questions?







**How  
about  
your  
city?**