



LA FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

5% FOR PUBLIC SAFETY WITH A POSITIVE FUTURE

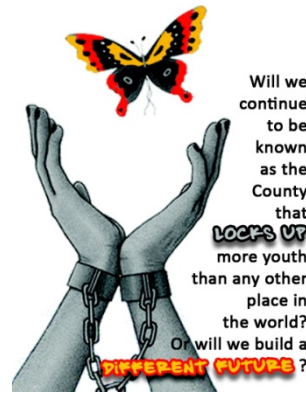
A 5% redirection of law enforcement dollars in Los Angeles County would provide \$280 Million annually for youth development.

\$280 Million: Establish a County Department of Youth Development with a priority to fund 70 youth centers; 650 FT peacebuilders/ intervention workers in schools and communities; and 35,000 youth jobs. Ensure a redirection of at least 5% of the county funds spent on suppression (Sheriffs, Probation, District Attorney, Courts) to fund the initiative with an understanding that youth resources and opportunities are essential and cost effective components of public safety. We are asking the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution in support, and to appoint a commission to develop a plan for the implementation of the department.

Youth centers would exist in communities throughout the county and would provide coordination of youth development programs, peacebuilding/ intervention efforts in surrounding neighborhoods and schools, as well as youth employment.

Key components of the department would include:

- ❖ A funding process that is open, accessible and transparent that provides youth development funding through an RFP process with oversight by a community funding board that includes government officials, youth, parents and community-based organizations.
- ❖ A training institute in partnership with a local community college and Cal State to establish certificate, undergraduate and graduate programs in youth development and non-profit management.
- ❖ A countywide roundtable to coordinate truce building, rumor control and inter-neighborhood understanding among intervention workers in order to prevent street-based violence.
- ❖ Joint use agreements with school districts to maximize the use of schools as effective and engaging community spaces before and after school and on weekends.
- ❖ Training and support for schools and communities in establishing alternatives to suspension, expulsion, arrest, court, detention and incarceration including the use in schools of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS), transformative justice and comprehensive school safety plans than engage all members of the school community in promoting and ensuring safe and positive environments.



Some of LA 4 Youth Partners

- 2nd Call
- A Place Called Home
- ACLU of Southern California
- Advocates for Peace and Urban Unity
- Asian Pacific American Legal Center
- CD Tech
- CADRE
- California Drug Counseling
- Children's Defense Fund
- Community Justice Network for Youth
- Detours Mentoring Group
- Flintridge Center
- Gay Straight Alliance Network
- Girls & Gangs
- It's Time for a Real Change
- Jobs Create Peace
- Jovenes, Inc.
- L.A. Community Action Network
- L.A. County Commission on Human Relations
- L.A. Workers Center
- Life After Uncivil Ruthless Acts
- Los Angeles Region YouthBuild Collaborative
- Martinez and Son Management Consulting
- National Juvenile Justice Network
- Pathways to Your Future
- Pico Youth and Family Center
- The Positive Results Corporation
- Project Cry No More
- Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos
- Soledad Enrichment Action
- Southern California Ceasefire
- Stepping Stones
- Teen Line
- Tessie Cleveland Community Services
- UC Berkeley Law National Lawyers Guild
- Violence Intervention Program
- Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater L.A.
- Weingart East L.A. YMCA
- Youth Justice Coalition
- Youth Speak Collective
- Youth Policy Institute

Alternative to Incarceration

LA has a long history of locking up more young people than anywhere else in the world. Follow the recommendations of the Youth Justice Coalition's *Welcome Home L.A. and Trapped and Tracked reports*, the *Justice for Families* report, the No More Jails Coalition, and recommendations of the Vera Institute, Commission on Jail Violence and Austin Report to reduce jail, juvenile hall and camp populations, improve conditions of confinement and support community based alternatives to detention. Reports can be found at: www.youth4justice.org



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