

1 **[Youth Commission endorses Youth Town Hall Report]**

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3 The Youth Commission endorses the Youth Town Hall Report that came out of the Our Children, Our
4 City Stakeholder Engagement Series.

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6 Supplemental Information:

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8 In May 2013, a stakeholder council convened by the mayor and superintendent, and made up of
9 community representatives, offered expertise on planning and overseeing an eight-month-long
10 process (Our City, Our Children) of engaging the community about how the City can best invest in
11 young people through the Children’s Fund and the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) for
12 decades to come. Through five community input sessions, over 600 participants—including youth,
13 parents, teachers, and providers—made their voice heard by identifying needs of young people and
14 how to potentially solve them.

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16 While there was representation from youth in these community input sessions, the Youth Commission,
17 with the support of community advocates and the independent facilitator of the OCOC process,
18 *Learning for Action*, took a further step to give youth a stronger voice in the process. In December
19 2013, the Youth Commission organized and facilitated a town hall that is formatted specifically for the
20 engagement of youth. More than 60 young people participated and their input is reflected in the Youth
21 Town Hall report, which will inform a policy development process for renewal of the Children’s Fund
22 and PEEF. Some key highlights of the findings include improving and expanding out of school time
23 programs, long-term internship opportunities, youth leadership and soft skill empowerment
24 opportunities; expanding services and programming to include disconnected transitional-age youth;
25 calling on basic needs such as housing, safety, and transportation for youth to be met; improving

1 coordination, outreach, and advertisement of services to youth and their families; and preparing
2 teachers and counselors to be culturally competent to diverse youth and their needs.

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11 Nicholas Persky, 2013-2014 Youth Commission Chair

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