

WHAT IS THE LAYC?

Created in 1996, the **Los Angeles Youth Council (LAYC)** is a voluntary group of youth between the ages of 13-19 and residents of the City of Los Angeles. Members of LAYC serve as advocates of the City's youth by promoting existing City sponsored programs, identifying the need for new programs and activities, and by securing the involvement of young people in the community and in to the City's governmental processes.

As the representatives of youth in the City and the link to City officials, LAYC members have the opportunity and responsibility to bring forth youth needs and the City's response to those needs. LAYC serves as a leadership, youth development, and community empowerment opportunity for its members as well as other youth in the City. Members are engaged in a variety of activities from community development to developing policy recommendations about key issues that affect the youth of Los Angeles.

There are **five ways to be involved** in the LAYC organization:

- **LAYC Chapter Member**
- **Appointed Council District Member**
- **Elected Council District Member**
- **Executive Board Officer**
- **Youth Commissioner**

LAYC members survey the City's youth by asking them to identify issues most affecting their lives. From this survey, a theme to address the issues is selected in fall. LAYC Chapters develop projects and events to address the issues and promote the theme. In addition, the LAYC and LAYC Chapter members organize events to raise awareness, and educate and engage youth in their communities.

To learn more about how to get involved in LAYC and in your community, check out our website: www.ccyf.org/YouthCouncil or give us a call at (213) 978-1841.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Los Angeles City Youth Council is to represent and advocate on behalf of the youth in the City of Los Angeles and to encourage youth involvement in the community and city government.



JOIN OR START A LAYC CHAPTER TODAY!

You will:

EDUCATE

- Learn and share how your City government works and issues youth in your communities are facing.
- Create awareness on policies and issues that affect youth in Los Angeles.



EMPOWER

- Work together to create change in your community. Partner with organizations/groups that have the same vision and goals as you and your LAYC Chapter.
- Be part of the LAYC Youth Network to promote your events and receive support from youth all over the City.
- Receive leadership skills training like public speaking, community organizing, project development, and much more.



ENGAGE

- Build a relationship with City Council to provide youth focused proposals.
- Organize and develop your own projects: clean up your neighborhood plant trees, host a youth forum, or develop a youth program. Whatever you can envision, you can do!



LAYC ORGANIZATION

LAYC CHAPTERS

Minimum 5 members to start a LAYC Chapter - from school, church, community organization, clubs, etc.

Leadership positions available:
Chapter Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator

Appointed Council District Members

- 15 positions,
- Appointed by Council Offices

Elected Council District Members

- 15 positions,
- Elected by LAYC Chapter members within each Council District

Executive Board

Leadership positions available:
President, Vice President, Director of Chapter Affairs, Secretary, Communications Officer, and Historian

Youth Commissioner

Appointed by the Mayor

CCYF Commission

Provides support to the LAYC and its members