



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYWOOD YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 AT 4:30 PM**

Maywood City Council Chambers  
4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270  
[www.cityofmaywood.com](http://www.cityofmaywood.com)

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**  
CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL

**II. YOUTH COMMISSION OFFICIALS**

CHAIR  
Eliud Gonzalez

STAFF  
John Thornton, Community Services  
Supervisor

VICE-CHAIR  
Roy Hernandez

Ivan Rodriguez, Recreational Leader

COMMISSIONERS  
Hailey Montenegro  
Valentina Ortiz  
Pedro Velez

**III. MEETING PROCEDURES**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON.

THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING VIA ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89441471614> AND VIA THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

Public Participation Options:

1. **In-Person:** Council Chambers located at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA
2. **Before the Meeting:** Public comment will be accepted for the record in advance by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting by email to

[john.thornton@cityofmaywood.org](mailto:john.thornton@cityofmaywood.org); or if you are unable to email, please call the Community Services Office at (323) 562-5722. Your comment will be made part of the written record but will NOT be read verbally at the meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Youth Commission Meeting, please contact the Community Services Office at (323) 562-5722 within 72 hours of the meeting.

**IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Time allotted: 3 minutes)**

Speakers wishing to address the Youth Commission may use the instructions provided in section **III. MEETING PROCEDURES** beginning on page 1 of this agenda.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

MUSIC CHANGING LIVES: EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH MUSIC

**VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. YOUTH COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES (SELA) YOUTH HUB RESOLUTION

**VIII. STAFF COMMENTS**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** - The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood Youth Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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**PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETING AGENDA AND AGENDA PACKETS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk hereby certify that this agenda was duly posted by law at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270 and the City Website. Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting, is available for public inspection at the Maywood City Hall, 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood CA 90270. If you challenge in court any discussion or action taken concerning an item on this Agenda, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the meeting or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or prior to the City's consideration of the item at the meeting. In compliance with the ADA, if you need special assistance for the meeting, call (323) 562-5714 within 72 hours prior to the meeting so the City can make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.



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**DATE:** June 10, 2026

**TO:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION

**FROM:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**BY:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**SUBJECT:** YOUTH COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES (SELA) YOUTH HUB RESOLUTION

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Youth Commission review and discuss the proposed Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Youth Hub Resolution and adopt a recommendation to the City Council supporting the City's participation in the SELA Youth Hub Network and adoption of the proposed resolution.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Youth Hub is a regional collaborative initiative focused on improving youth development, education, workforce readiness, leadership development, health, and community engagement opportunities for youth ages 0–24 throughout Southeast Los Angeles.

Representatives from the SELA Youth Hub first presented to the Maywood Youth Commission during its April 8, 2026, regular meeting, where commissioners received an overview of the organization's mission, regional partnerships, and available resources for youth and families. The presentation provided an opportunity for Youth Commissioners to learn about regional efforts to support youth and discuss potential benefits for Maywood residents.

Following the Youth Commission presentation, SELA Youth Hub representatives presented to the Maywood City Council on May 27, 2026, and requested the City's consideration of a resolution supporting participation in the SELA Youth Hub Network. After discussion, the City Council directed staff to return the item to the Youth Commission for further review and recommendation before bringing the proposed resolution back to the City Council for final consideration.

Proposed Resolution Includes:

- Formally recognizing the SELA Youth Hub as a regional youth development initiative that coordinates programs, services, and leadership opportunities for youth ages 0–24 throughout Southeast Los Angeles.
- Participating in the SELA Youth Hub Network by designating a City staff liaison to engage in collaborative planning, coordination, and information sharing with partner organizations.
- Supporting the SELA Youth Hub through collaboration and resource sharing, including identifying opportunities to provide space for youth programs and events, connecting local youth and families to available services, supporting joint grant and funding opportunities, and collaborating with county and state youth development initiatives.

**DISCUSSION:**

Participation in the SELA Youth Hub Network would provide the City of Maywood with additional opportunities to connect local youth and families to regional resources, including workforce development programs, internships,

leadership training, educational support services, mentorship opportunities, mental health resources, volunteer opportunities, and civic engagement initiatives.

Through participation in the network, the City may also gain access to collaborative grant opportunities, technical assistance, regional planning efforts, and partnerships that could strengthen existing youth programs and services offered by the Community Services Department and Youth Commission.

The proposed resolution does not create any immediate financial obligation for the City. Rather, it serves as a formal expression of support for regional collaboration and designates a City representative to participate in information-sharing and planning efforts with SELA Youth Hub partners. Participation would allow the City to remain informed of funding opportunities, youth initiatives, and best practices being implemented throughout the region.

The Youth Commission may discuss how participation in the SELA Youth Hub aligns with its goals of increasing youth engagement, expanding educational and career pathways, promoting leadership development, and enhancing opportunities for Maywood youth. Commissioners may also provide recommendations regarding future partnerships, youth programming priorities, and strategies for ensuring local youth are aware of and able to access SELA Youth Hub resources.

Following Youth Commission review and recommendation, staff will prepare a report and proposed resolution for City Council consideration in July 2026. The City Council will ultimately determine whether to formally recognize and participate in the SELA Youth Hub Network.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Resolution No. XXXX - SELA Youth Hub Network
2. SELA Youth Hub Presentation

**RESOLUTION NO. XXXX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAYWOOD RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES (SELA) YOUTH HUB AS A REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SELA YOUTH HUB NETWORK, AND APPOINTING A CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF MAYWOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Youth Hub is a regional collaborative initiative dedicated to advancing educational attainment, workforce readiness, leadership development, health and wellness, civic engagement, and supportive services for youth and young adults ages 0 through 24 throughout Southeast Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the SELA Youth Hub brings together local governments, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, workforce development agencies, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to coordinate resources and opportunities that support youth development and success; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the SELA Youth Hub Network does not create a financial obligation for the City and serves as a formal expression of support for collaboration and engagement in regional youth development initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the SELA Youth Hub Network may provide opportunities for information sharing, partnership development, grant funding, technical assistance, youth programming, and regional coordination efforts that benefit the residents of Maywood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to strengthen its commitment to youth development by participating in the SELA Youth Hub Network and designating a representative to serve as the City's liaison.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Maywood DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.**

The City Council hereby recognizes the Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Youth Hub as a regional youth development initiative dedicated to improving opportunities and outcomes for youth and young adults throughout Southeast Los Angeles.

**SECTION 3.**

The City Council give direction for the Community Services Department to designate a staff within the Department to serve as the City’s Official Liaison to the SELA Youth Hub meetings, regional discussions, and collaborative initiatives, and provide updates to the City Council.

**SECTION 4.**

The Community Services Supervisor, or designee, shall serve as staff support to the City Council liaison and coordinate participation in SELA Youth Hub activities, meetings, and partnership opportunities.

**SECTION 5.**

The City Council further supports the identification of opportunities for collaboration, resource sharing, youth programming, grant funding, educational initiatives, workforce development opportunities, leadership programs, and other efforts that benefit Maywood youth and families.

**SECTION 6.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.**

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Heber Marquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Miguel Leon, Deputy City Clerk

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Roxanne Diaz, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )  
CITY OF MAYWOOD )

I, Miguel Leon, Deputy City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Maywood, do hereby certify that foregoing Resolution No. XXXX was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Maywood, at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 24th day of June, 2026 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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Miguel Leon, Deputy City Clerk

# SELA YOUTH HUB

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



# INTRODUCTION | ALL THE SPEAKERS



**AMBER CURIEL**  
SELA YOUTH HUB ALLY  
CEO SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



**LESLIE NAVARRO**  
SELA YOUTH HUB ALLY  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
SPECIALIST IN SUBSTANCE USE  
PREVENTION



**ANA ORTEGA**  
SELA YOUTH HUB ALLY  
SELA YOUTH HUB COORDINATOR



# INTRODUCTION | ALL THE SPEAKERS



**BELINDA MURILLO**  
SELA YOUTH EXECUTIVE  
BOARD MEMBER



**GIO GOMEZ**  
SELA YOUTH EXECUTIVE  
BOARD MEMBER



**JESUS RODRIGUEZ**  
SELA YOUTH EXECUTIVE  
BOARD MEMBER

# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The SELA region has many organizations and resources that serve youth, but these services are often disconnected.

As a result of not having a youth hub:

- Youth fall through the cracks
- Referrals do not turn into real support
- Organizations work in silos despite shared goals
- Youth voices are rarely included in shaping solutions
- Youth in our community are not reaching their full potential

There is no formalized, youth-centered process that connects organizations, ensures follow-through, and builds lasting relationships with SELA youth.

Youth-serving organizations want to help, yet many are limited to referring young people to other partners without a clear system for follow-up or accountability.

# MISSION

The Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC) anchors the SELA Youth Hub as a space for youth leadership, learning, and support in Southeast Los Angeles.

Through the Hub, SCDC not only continues to deliver direct programs in STEM, trades, digital literacy, and civic engagement, but also collaborates with a growing network of youth-serving organizations. With the SELA Youth Committee, the network collective connects youth with vital services beyond our own offerings.



**GIOVANNI GOMEZ**  
*SELA YOUTH HUB  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER*



# HOW IS SELA YOUTH HUB THE SOLUTION

Initial connection with the youth to understand holistic needs

Identify barriers, strengths, goals, opportunities and priority services

Confirm services were received, reassess, and adjust support

Direct connection to the appropriate partner organization — not just a handoff, but a warm referral

The goal is not a one-time referral — it's continuous, coordinated support.



# YOUTH HOLISTIC RESOURCES



## Food Insecurities



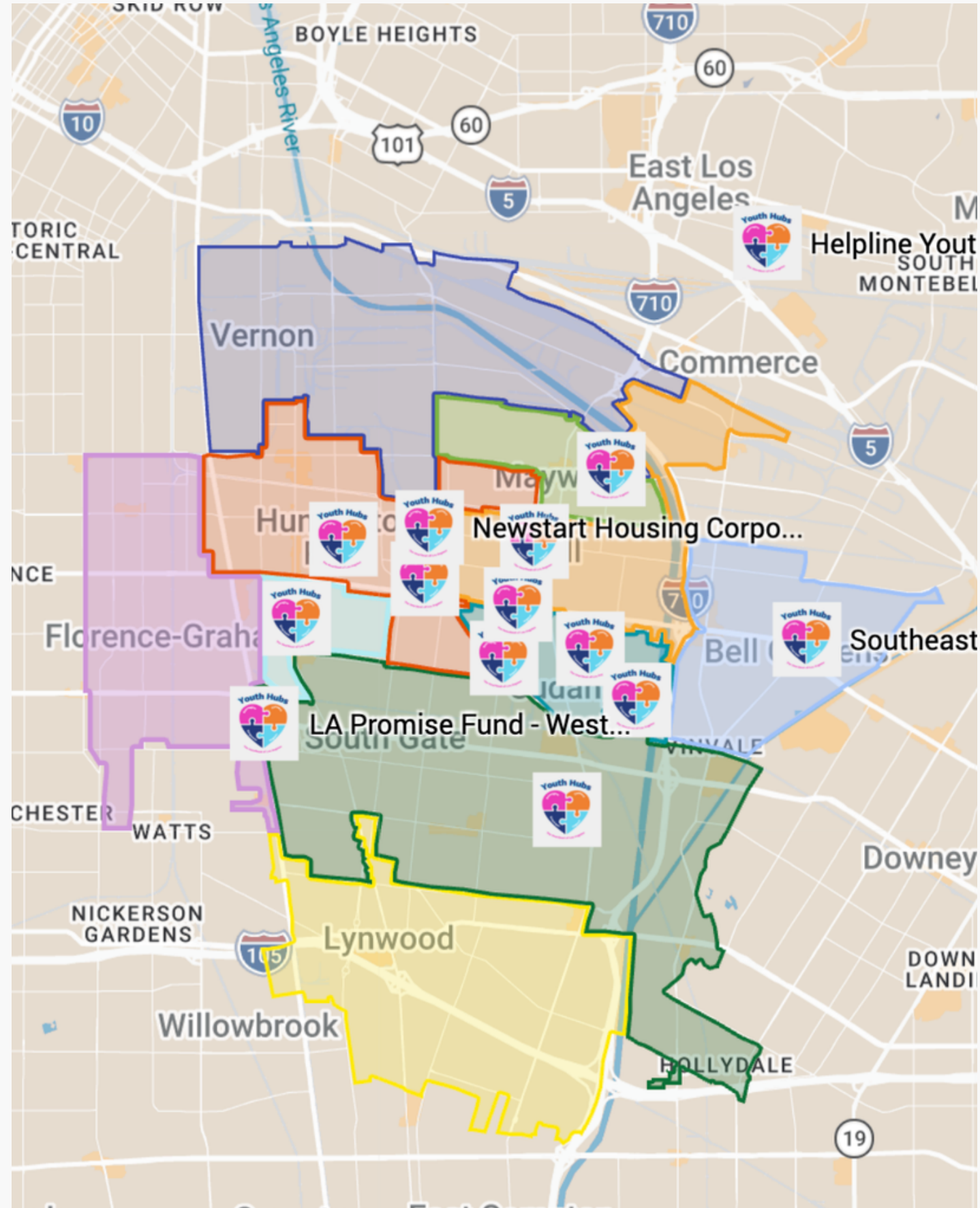
## Advocacy For Justice



## Education Local Schools



## Government Resources SELA Cities



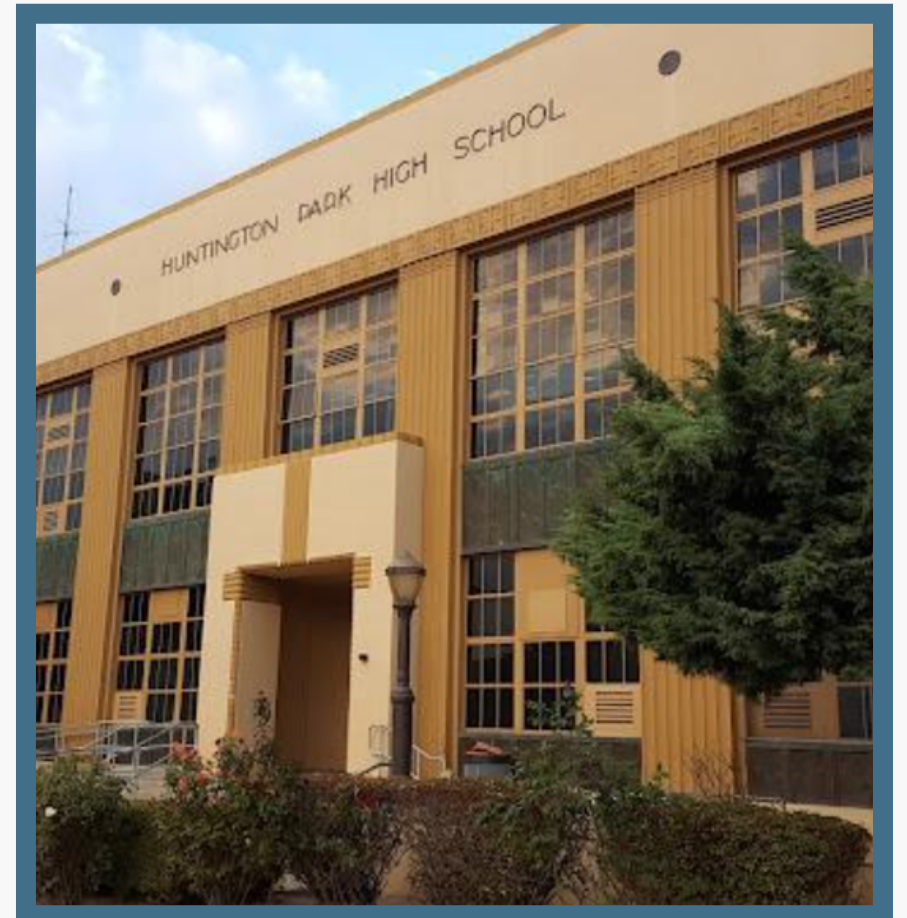
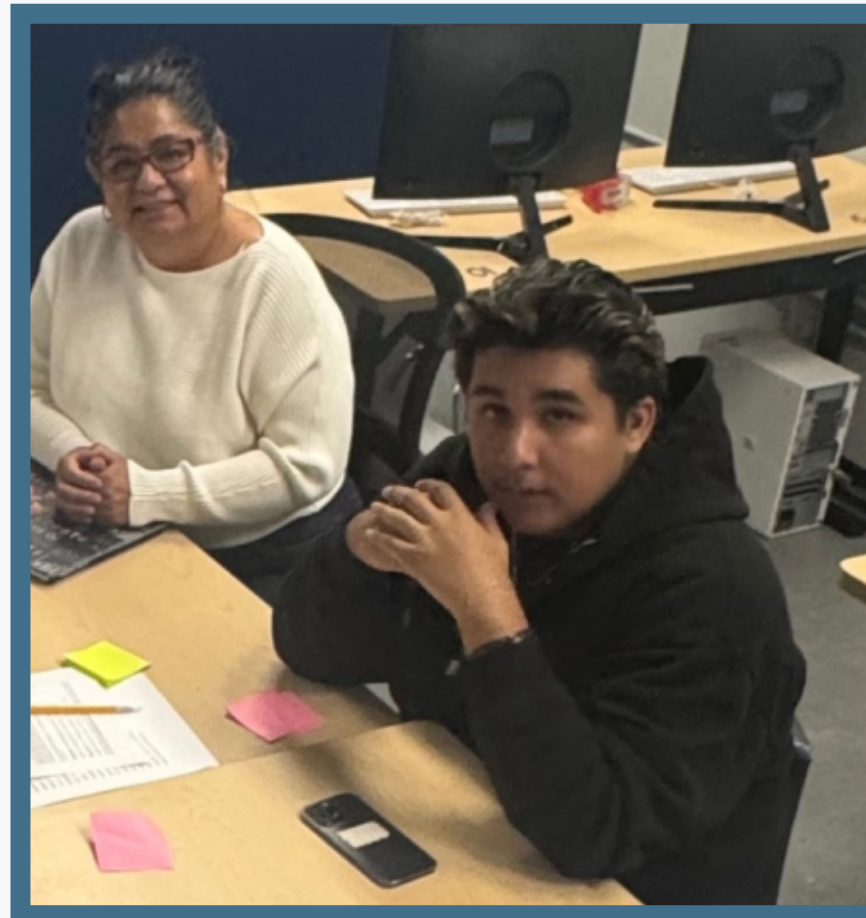
Not just one Youth Hub. A network of Youth Hubs across Southeast LA.



**JESUS RODRIGUEZ**

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*SELA YOUTH HUB  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER*

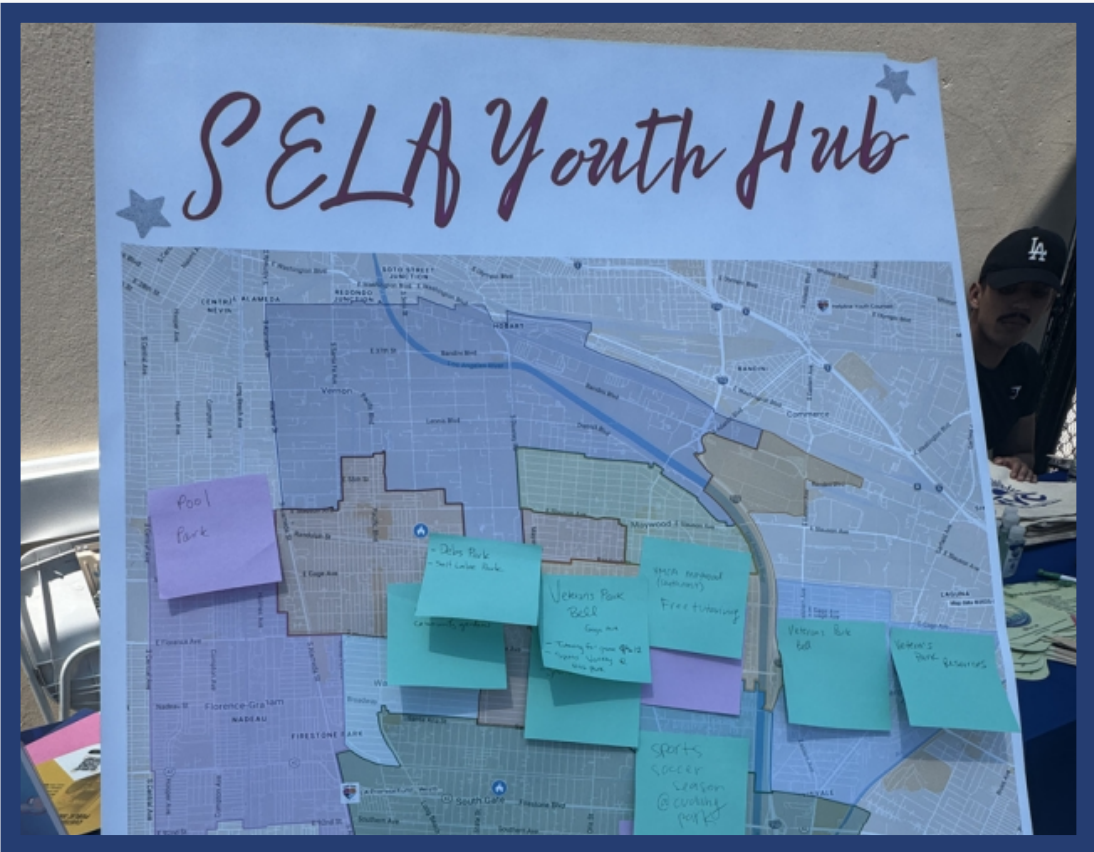


# SELA YOUTH EXECUTIVE BOARD



## YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- MEETING WITH SELA ELECTED OFFICIALS
- LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL PRESS CONFERENCE
- PUBLIC SPEAKING & CIVIC ADVOCACY



## ASSET MAPPING

- YOUTH-LED COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING FOR A DATA-INFORMED YOUTH HUB.



## COMMUNITY STORYTELLING & ENGAGEMENT

- YOUTH-LED SOCIAL MEDIA TO AMPLIFY THE SELA YOUTH HUB & PROGRAMS
- COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSIONS

# GIVE YOUTH STABLE GROUND



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**YOUTH HUB  
NETWORK**

GIVE YOUTH STABLE GROUND AND OUR SELA COMMUNITY WILL SOAR



# AND OUR SELA COMMUNITY WILL SOAR

# WHY CITY LEADERSHIP MATTERS

- A formal City resolution signals that youth well-being is a cross-sector priority.
- Cross-departmental collaboration can help align parks, libraries, workforce programs, public safety strategies, and community development efforts.
- Regional collaboration ensures Southeast L.A. is not left out of broader county and statewide youth initiatives.
- With rising needs and limited resources, coordination is no longer optional, it is essential.



## We respectfully ask the Council to adopt a resolution that:

- Formally recognizes the SELA Youth Hub as a regional youth development initiative that coordinates programs, services, and leadership opportunities for youth ages 0–24 across Southeast Los Angeles.
- Participates in the SELA Youth Hub Network by designating a City staff liaison to engage in collaborative planning, coordination, and information sharing with partner organizations.
- Supports the Youth Hub through collaboration and resources, including identifying opportunities to provide space for youth programs or events, helping connect local youth and families to Youth Hub opportunities, supporting joint grant and funding efforts, and collaborating with county and state youth development initiatives.



# QUESTIONS?

