



## Youth Leadership Academy Recruitment for Seventh Cohort

Information

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**Attachments:** Yes

**Referring Committee:** Not Applicable

**Issue:**

The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is recruiting for the seventh cohort and staff is requesting the board's support with outreach.

**Request:**

Review & Discuss

**Recommendation for Board:**

None, this is for information only.

**Recommendation for Committee:**

None, this is for information only.

**Background:**

SACOG staff has been facilitating the Youth Leadership Academy to help foster a new generation of civically involved leaders in the six-county region. In the past six years, we have brought together over 200 students from across the Sacramento region to learn about local and regional government and civic issues and processes, heard from numerous elected officials, local leaders and community advocates on wide-ranging topics, and shared ways students can bring change to their community. The Youth Leadership Academy has now successfully completed six years of the program. We thank our original partners, Pro Youth and Families, for helping us stand this program up and setting us up for success as we brought this program inhouse in 2022.

**Discussion/Analysis:**

This seventh year of YLA will have 40 available spots for students across the region. The past years have proven that now more than ever, our young leaders in the region are eager and ready to learn and we are gearing up for another year of growth and leadership development. The application period for the program open on January 6, and will close on March 7. SACOG will target Title I schools across the region to ensure that we make YLA as accessible and as impactful as possible, as well as outreach to community-based organizations. The program will keep the same general topics and curriculum, which include learning about the role of SACOG in the region, land use and transportation planning, local government processes, local

advocacy, personal leadership development, environmental justice and more. The program will continue to find ways to incorporate more of SACOG's upcoming efforts. The program will be designed as a hybrid program with five (5) online virtual sessions, four (4) field trips, and one (1) in-person graduation/mini-conference at the end of the program. We will continue to invite local elected officials and other leadership from across the region to supplement our workshops. The board will be provided with a digital toolkit to use for recruitment. YLA has continuously been supported by a number of sponsors, with the most recent being SMUD.

**Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:**

Included in the Overall Work Program/Budget and Discretionary Grant Funded

**List of Attachments:**

1. YLA Flyer
2. Outreach Toolkit