



EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CIVIC OPPORTUNITY

COMMISSIONER, YOUTH COMMISSION

This recruitment is active and will remain open until the needs of the commission are met.
Applicants are encouraged to apply by June 4, 2021, for consideration.



THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The County of Los Angeles has a demographically and geographically diverse population of more than 10 million residents. The County's 36 departments provide vital and wide-ranging services to youth, who make up almost one third of LA County residents.

THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Founded in 2020, the Youth Commission was established to assist the Board of Supervisors in leading transformative change in LA County's youth facing departments, programs, and policies. The Commission will be composed of 15 members. The positions are reserved for people who have experience in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. They will work closely with the Youth Commission Executive Director to form policy priorities and initiatives for the Commission. Our vision is that all youth-serving systems in Los Angeles County will be informed by and co-designed with the voices of young people with lived experience.

The Youth Commission seeks to help child welfare and juvenile justice systems center youth voice in their efforts to co-design and improve policies, programs, and services. Commissioners are appointed for a two-year term and may serve for two consecutive (back-to-back) terms for a total of four years. Each Commissioner will be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The positions are reserved for young people over the age of 18 who meet the following criteria: lived experience in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice system and representing the diverse socioeconomic backgrounds of people who experience the system. The Commission will also act as an advisory body to youth and family-serving County departments.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Commissioner, is to work together with the other members of the Commission to:

- Analyze and provide feedback on LA County policies, programs, and systems that impact youth.
- Provide recommendations based on findings, and their own experience navigating systems.
- Propose improvements to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems to the Board and relevant departments.
- Collaborate with community based organizations and leaders to identify new approaches to serving youth.
- Receive training and development from Youth Commission partners on wide ranging topics.
- Assist in the creation of reports and formal recommendations to the Board.



THINGS TO KNOW

- You can be on the Youth Commission even if you have a criminal history . As a commission seeking individuals with juvenile justice experience, we understand that some applicants may have a conviction history.¹ A conviction history does not necessarily disqualify an applicant from consideration and each applicant's background will receive an individualized assessment.
- Each Commissioner will receive a payment of \$150 for each meeting or other business engagements. Additional opportunities include attending trainings, conferences, committee meetings, and representing the Commission at events in an official capacity. The maximum compensation a Commissioner may receive per year is \$5,000.
- This is a leadership development position with opportunities for professional coaching, training and mentorship available to Commissioners.
- Being a Commissioner will require a significant personal commitment in terms of time and energy. Commissioners must be able to attend at a minimum monthly Commission Meetings, required trainings, and other Commission activities approximately 5-10 hours a month. When completing your application please include your availability.
- To be considered for the role, you must complete an application and interview.

¹Juvenile case information arising out of dependency or delinquency proceedings is made confidential by Welfare and Institutions Code §827. Therefore, you are not required to disclose any such information.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Be between the ages of 18-26.
- Courage to speak truth to power and to stand up for what is right.
- Working knowledge of community issues and how they impact youth.
- Demonstrated understanding and insights surrounding LA County's public child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- Commitment to justice, equity, and fairness.
- Awareness of cultural differences.





MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Experience in youth facing systems including but not limited to: child welfare, juvenile justice, probation, kinship care, and adoption.
- Applicants must be 18 and over.
- Reflect the diverse socioeconomic backgrounds of persons involved with those systems.
- Able and willing to participate in regular Youth Commission meetings and other activities as needed.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply two ways! Either online or by printing it and mailing it. Please find those details below.

Apply Online

Complete the online application (Link TBD) and send any additional documents to YouthCommission@BOS.LACounty.gov.

County Libraries offer [free printing services](#) as well as [laptop and internet hotspot loans](#) should you need them to complete the application! You can find a list of LA County Libraries currently open here: <https://lacountylibrary.org/reopening/>

Apply by Mail

Please print, fill out and mail your application to:
LA County Youth Commission
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For your application to be reviewed, it must be postmarked by **Friday, June 4, 2021.

If you have any questions please email YouthCommission@BOS.LACounty.gov or call 213-300-4430.

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