

Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition

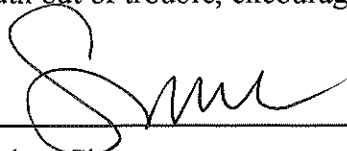
Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Long Beach for the purpose of proposing an initiative that would amend the Long Beach City Charter to increase funding for the children and youth of Long Beach by:

- Setting aside three percent (3.0%) of the City's actual unrestricted General Fund revenues for The Long Beach Fund for Children and Youth from Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2033-2034, with initial start-up funding of \$750,000, one percent (1.0%) of the City's actual unrestricted General Fund revenues in Fiscal Year 2021-22, and two percent (2.0%) of the City's actual unrestricted General Fund revenues in Fiscal Year 2022-2023;
- Dedicating funds to children between the ages of 0 and 12, youth between the ages of 13 and 17, and disconnected young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, who are most impacted by harm, inequity, and lack of access to support and services; and
- Establishing a Planning & Oversight Committee of young people and other experts to ensure accountability on behalf of the public and to make recommendations to the City Council about funding priorities that will enable Long Beach's children, youth, and young adults to thrive physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially.

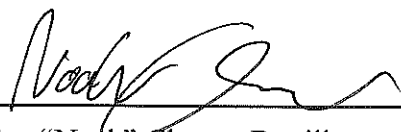
A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

- Long Beach's children, youth, and young adults are increasingly racially and ethnically diverse. Approximately 86% of the city's youth are people of color. Children, youth, and young adults comprise over a third of Long Beach's total population, and far too many are living in poverty.
- Early indicators of educational proficiency in reading and math show that Latinx and Black students are not adequately prepared, while other students, who historically have had access to higher quality schools, have higher-than-average proficiency rates.
- There are roughly 9,000 disconnected youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not in school or working. Latinx and Black students represent a disproportionate amount of those who are disconnected.
- Moreover, total youth arrests and citations have declined steeply in the last decade. Nonetheless, Long Beach still spends a disproportionate amount on arresting youth compared to developing youth through programs and services.

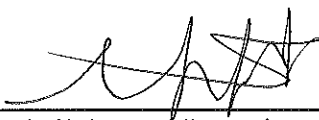
The Initiative will address these problems by dedicating three percent (3.0%) of the City's annual unrestricted General Fund revenues for support services for children and youth and their families, with services like after-school and community-based programs that keep children and youth out of trouble, encourage parent involvement and teach non-violent conflict resolution.



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