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Youth Jobs Corps

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Assembly Speaker Rendon, Senator Gonzalez Join California Volunteers to Launch Statewide Recruitment

for Youth Jobs Corps Program

The #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps gives an additional \$35M to cities and counties to provide paid service opportunities for underserved youth

South Gate, CA – Today, California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday, California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, California State Senator Lena Gonzalez, Special Advisor to Governor Newsom Michael Tubbs, local mayors, and others announced statewide recruitment efforts for cities and counties awarded \$35 million to launch #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps.

“Building community has been a key goal throughout my time as an Assemblymember” said **Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon**. “Sometimes that means building up community engagement or developing leadership, both among youth and among our civic officials. This Youth Job Corps investment is another way the state will be helping everyone in Maywood, South Gate and our surrounding communities. The young people who sign on will develop skills for success and apply themselves to community

issues. They are getting help and helping out at the same time. That's a winning combination."

The #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps is an innovative partnership between the State of California and local government to help underserved youth find employment. Through the program, young people in cities across California will gain critical job skills while making a positive, lasting impact in their communities.

"California is investing in our youth by bringing people together in service," said **Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday**. "As communities across the state invest in COVID-19 recovery and fighting climate change, this program will allow underserved youth to find employment, gain valuable job skills, and give back to their communities to build an ethic of public service."

Included in the California 2021-2022 budget, the #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps provides \$150 million for youth workforce development in the [13 largest cities](#) in California, which was announced in January 2022, and \$35 million for the counties, smaller cities, and municipal organizations listed below.

- City of Big Bear Lake: \$1.2 million
- Contra Costa County: \$2.4 million
- City of La Puente: \$3.6 million
- Marin County Fire Foundry: \$2.7 million
- City of Maywood: \$296,000
- Merced County: \$3.8 million
- Monterey County: \$2.8 million
- Nevada County: \$1.7 million
- City of Richmond: \$2.9 million
- City of San Bernadino: \$4.1 million
- City of Santa Monica: \$289,000
- Zero Waste Sonoma: \$2.5 million
- City of South Gate: \$750,000
- Stanislaus County: \$4.9 million

"It is with great pleasure that we bring this historic investment to our Southeast LA youth, who will be able to benefit from essential tools and resources they need to achieve their dream careers and financial success," said **Senator Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach)**. "Our youth are ready to help us tackle the most pressing challenges in our community including climate change, food insecurity, and our post-pandemic recovery, and I am thankful to all my colleagues in the Legislature, and the Governor's

administration for believing in our youth and creating new opportunities that will ensure a more prosperous and thriving future for all.”

The program helps build opportunities for California's young people between the ages of 16 and 30, with an emphasis on those who are low-income, unemployed, out of school, justice-involved, in or transitioning from foster care, or engaged with mental health or substance abuse systems.

“#CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps is creating intentional employment opportunities for low-income, former foster, justice-involved, and unemployed youth who traditionally may not have access to these jobs,” said **Michael Tubbs, Special Advisor to the Governor for Economic Mobility and Opportunity**. “I’m thrilled to see this program I envisioned come to fruition because our underserved youth deserve to have the same career resources as everyone else.”

Youth will tackle local community priorities, with a focus on climate change, food insecurity, and COVID-19 recovery. All participants will receive at least \$15 per hour and many will have access to wrap-around services like case management, resume preparation, job training, and other benefits.

Learn more and [apply](#) at [CAYouthJobscorps.com](https://www.cayouthjobscorps.com).

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LIVESTREAM RECORDINGS:

California Volunteers Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1JXqgHXB3>

Assembly Democrats YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66tVPt5OV4s>

Speaker Rendon's Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/570939541297233/>

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

Al Rios, Mayor of South Gate

“This funding and programs will provide opportunities for the youth of our community to get work experience and income that will help them now and in the future. We are extremely proud to be part of this program lifting up the youth of our community.”

Heber Marquez, Mayor of Maywood

“In communities like Maywood, opportunities in career paths, civic engagement, higher education, paid internships, and leadership development are almost non-existent. I am excited for the vast opportunities our youth will have access to that will tap into the

diverse needs, interests, and pathway choices of Maywood youth. Maywood is wholeheartedly grateful for the support and advocacy of Speaker Anthony Rendon and Senator Lena Gonzalez, the opportunities California Volunteers are bringing to our youth in Maywood, and Hub Cities for the hands-on work they'll be providing for the success of our youth and community."

Jose Martinez, Executive Director, Hub Cities Consortium

"For over 35 years, Hub Cities Consortium has assisted thousands of youth participants discover their career path. By taking part in our programs, they have acquired new skills, been exposed to unique opportunities, and gained the knowledge necessary to make better choices for their future. We are proud to witness many past participants give back to the Southeast community by securing positions allowing them to ensure that future generations can access similar or better opportunities which they benefited from."

Dan Knapp, Executive Director/CEO, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

"Serving the Gateway Cities region, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) is excited and honored to continue our relationship with the City of South Gate. With support from California Volunteers, and in partnership with the South Gate Parks and Recreation Department, CCLB will be able to serve and train local young people to further the greening and stewardship in South Gate and along the Lower Los Angeles River. We couldn't be prouder of our Corps members and they are excited and eager to get started. With continued support from California leaders like Governor Newsom, Assembly Speaker Rendon and Senator Gonzalez, we look forward to serving more youth and continuing the development of resilient and safe communities."

Eivye Ruvalcaba, Corps Member, Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Richard Figueroa (backup), Corps Member with Conservation Corps of Long Beach

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Led by California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday, [California Volunteers, Office of the Governor](#) empowers Californians to take action to improve their communities. #CaliforniansForAll is a California Volunteers service initiative launched in response to COVID-19 to establish a volunteer corps to support the state's response to emergencies and disasters.