



# City of Livermore Youth in Government Framework

Focusing on youth who live, work, and attend school in Livermore – coordinating efforts to help youth develop into future community leaders.

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### Guiding Strategies

- i. Identify and facilitate formal programs and opportunities for youth job shadowing, participation, and contributions to intergovernmental business.
- ii. Support a youth-led Advisory Commission that engages young people in civic and community issues.
- iii. Provide support for projects, especially those led by youth, that promote youth participation in government and community events.

### Existing Opportunities

- i. Livermore Youth Council
- ii. Livermore Teen Academy
- iii. Police Department Youth Academy
- iv. Youth in Government Day

### New Opportunities

- i. Job Shadowing
- ii. Mentorship Programs
- iii. Internship / PT work opportunities starting at age 14





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- i. Share information with youth to help shape their understanding of how local government functions, serves them, and encourages their participation.
- ii. Commit to communicating with young people in a way that is accessible and engaging to them and also beneficial to the City.
- iii. Ensure ample safety nets and social networking opportunities exist for Livermore youth and dedicate resources towards their promotion to improve awareness.

### Existing Opportunities

- i. City Department informational videos (Government 101)

### New Opportunities

- i. Classroom Visits
- ii. Social Media Campaigns

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- i. Create formal and informal opportunities for Livermore youth to provide feedback on issues affecting the community at large.
- ii. Investigate issues impacting young people and invite youth to participate in policy and advocacy work relevant to them.
- iii. Encourage youth activism discussions in the community.

### Existing Opportunities

- i. Livermore Youth Council
- ii. Community Service Day

### New Opportunities

- i. Attending City Council Meetings to provide public comment
- ii. Physical spaces for youth engagement

