WELCOME TO TRAINING & ELECTIONS I

We would like to welcome you to the International Agricultural Center the temporary home of the Training & Elections I Conference. If there is anything we can do to make your experience better, please do not hesitate to ask. It is the desire of the Board of Directors and Staff to make this conference the best possible.

We are grateful for the opportunity to use the facilities at the Agricultural Center. Many people have donated monumental amounts of time to make this program possible. In order to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time, we ask that all participants follow the rules outlined below and in the code of conduct. Individuals or groups who threaten the credibility of the conference or who violate the rules will be subject to suspension from the conference and from the Model Legislature & Court. Your continued support is appreciated.

CONFERENCE RULES

- No drugs.
- No alcohol.
- No smoking or possession of tobacco products.
- No weapons of any kind.
- Do nothing that would endanger the health and welfare of others.
- No double standards these rules apply to delegates, advisors and staff.
- 7. No males allowed in female tents. No females allowed in male tents.
- No intimate sexual behavior.
- 9. Participants and staff must wear conference badges at all times.
- 10. No one is permitted to leave the conference location during the event.
- 11. All participants shall share in the clean up of all conference facilities.

INTENATIONAL AGRI-CENTER RULES

- Security requires that no one wanders beyond the immediate conference areas specified on our map.
- Please be respectful of all facilities.
- Do not stand on chairs or tables.
- 4. Do not leave valuables unattended.
- Drive on paved areas only. After loading or unloading, all vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas as specified on our map.
- EMERGENCIES - Contact the Deans or the ML/C Office

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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CODE OF CONDUCT

"The purpose of the California YMCA Model Legislature & Model Court is to develop within our youth a dedication to the values of democracy and an awareness of the need for their participation and leadership in the democratic process."

BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

Essential to California YMCA Youth & Government (Y&G) is the concern of each participant for the rights of every individual. Being responsible for one's own behavior at all times is a necessary part of self-government. It is critical that all delegates, advisors, and staff act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude is beneficial not only to themselves, but also to ensure the continuation of Y&G's programs.

The Code of Conduct shall be observed by both youth and adults. There will be no double standard. By choosing to participate in the programs of Y&G, each individual agrees that they have read, understand, and will follow the Code of Conduct while attending any part of the program.

Each participant is accountable for preserving the reputation and high standard of his/her YMCA delegation and Y&G. All participants share equally the responsibility for their actions when violations of the Code are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs shall, by their own choice, be considered a participant in the violation. In Y&G, there are no "innocent bystanders".

I. GENERAL RULES

Infractions of General Rules A-G shall result in expulsion from Y&G functions and conferences. In order to ensure the safety of all participants Y&G reserves the right to conduct searches of baggage, rooms and persons to include the use of breathalyzers in accordance with its policies. In addition, local law enforcement agencies may be contacted and the delegate/advisor/staff member turned over to them as appropriate:

- A. All public and private facilities placed at the disposal of Y&G to conduct its programs are to be given the greatest care and attention by everyone. It is a PRIVILEGE to use them; treat them with respect. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property, or misuse of a facility may be a crime and will be treated as such.
- B. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
- C. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.
- D. Violations of State or Federal law will be treated as such and the authorities may be notified.
- E. Activities which endanger the health and safety of the individual or others are prohibited.
- F. Inappropriate or uninvited physical contact between any Y&G participants, staff member, or guests is not allowed. Intimate sexual behavior is inappropriate and not allowed.
- G. Possession and/or the use of any tobacco products is not permitted.

Infractions of General Rules H-P may result in expulsion from Y&G functions and conferences:

- H. Laws of the state, county, and city governments are to be observed.
- I. Badges shall only be worn by the individual whose name is on that badge. BADGE SWITCHING OR SHARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Participants will wear their assigned badges at all times when not in their sleeping rooms, and badges are to be worn above the waist and must be visible. Badges are not to be defaced, decorated, or altered in any way. Only advisors may request replacement badges. There may be a charge for replacement badges.
- J. Specific rules as set by the individual facilities (i.e., YMCA, State Capitol, Hotels, California National Guard facilities, etc.) are to be observed.
- K. Participants must be present and punctual at all meetings where their involvement is required.

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- L. Participants shall observe all curfews and be in their assigned sleeping rooms at the established curfew times.
- M. No delegate shall be in the barrack of the opposite sex at the Training & Elections Conferences. In Sacramento, no delegate shall be present in the hotel room with a member of the opposite sex at any time, unless an advisor is present in the room, or there are five or more delegates present in the room, two of which are the same sex (3-2 rule).
- N. Y&G does not permit delegates to drive vehicles to or from any of its related conferences. Any delegation seeking an exception must clear it in advance with their local YMCA Executive Director or, in school based delegations, School Principal, and must provide proof in writing to Y&G prior to the event. DELEGATES MAY NOT DRIVE ANY VEHICLE WHILE AT A CONFERENCE. Advisors seeking to drive during a conference must obtain clearance from Y&G. IN ALL CASES, LIABILITY IS ASSUMED BY THE SPONSORING LOCAL YMCA OR SCHOOL.
- O. All electronic devices (except those used by Y&G staff) must be turned off during all sessions, meetings, and hearings in all program areas. Advisors/staff may leave devices on, but inaudible, for emergency contact reasons. They must leave the session/area in order to answer a call.
- P. Falsification of records threatens the integrity of the program and will be considered a serious breach of contract. The result will include a range of penalties up to dismissal from the program.

II. DRESS RULES FOR OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED SESSIONS

- A. Sacramento Model Legislature & Model Court All participants are to maintain a professional and business-like appearance by dressing in business and professional attire during the Model Legislature/Court business day (8 a.m. 10:00 p.m.) and other such hours as designated by the program schedule. The CEO and his/her designee has the authority to determine both the appropriateness of appearance and attire of participants.
- B. Other Conferences & Meetings Participants must wear clean, tidy school attire. No open toed shoes are allowed outside of an individual's own barrack at Camp Roberts.
- C. Refer to Dress Code Supplement for specific requirements for both the Model Legislature/Court and other conferences and meetings.

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- A. The Code of Conduct is binding on all delegates, advisors, and staff. Each participant will be accountable for his/her actions. In addition, each YMCA or school and its advisors shall be held accountable for the conduct of their delegation.
- B. THE CEO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ADMINISTER ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY.
- C. The CEO has the authority to delegate his/her disciplinary powers to any staff person deemed appropriate.
- D. ALL EXPENSES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL YMCA OR SCHOOL, THE DELEGATION, AND THE ADVISOR, WHO SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. YMCAS MUST BE PREPARED TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

IV. LOCAL YMCA RULES

A. Each local YMCA or school may outline more stringent rules of conduct in conformance with this Code of Conduct for its delegation. These additional rules and the Y&G Code of Conduct are binding. Violation of either could subject the offender to termination from the program. Delegation advisors shall be responsible for enforcing such additional rules of their local YMCA.

Amended May 2, 2009

ELECTIONS RULES

Program Area Secret Ballot Elections

- Every youth delegate is entitled to one vote for each office. Each delegate must be wearing an official nametag in order to vote.
- 2. All voting will be done on ballot cards provided at the announced polling place or meeting.
- 3. The election proceedings will be supervised by the Program Staff and/or already Elected/Appointed Leadership during the hours as posted in the program schedule.
- 4. At the close of the polls or election proceedings, Model Legislature/Court staff members and/or the designated Youth Officers shall compile the ballots for tabulation, and at the conclusion of the tabulation, shall declare the tally official.
- 5. The candidate for each office receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected to office.
- 6. The candidates elected to office shall be announced, at the beginning of the closing session.
- 7. The primary vote for the Secretary of State as well as the run-off voting for Lt. Governor and Speaker shall be by a ballot taken at a delegation caucus. The official ballot must be turned in to the Secretary of State at the ML/C office (5008) by 3:00 pm Sunday, January 16th. It is the responsibility of the lead advisor and or his/her designee to turn in ballot. The Secretary of State has the right to not accept ballots turned in after 3:00pm.
- 8. The primary vote for the Youth Governor shall be done in Political Party Conventions.
- In matters not covered by these rules, the Secretary of State's and/or the Election Chairperson's ruling shall prevail.

7:30 am - 9:30 am CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN (Portable 2) 7:30 am - 9:00 am BREAKFAST (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. West) Cinnamon-Apple Oatmeal Granola, Yogurt, Scrambled Eggs, Bananas & Oranges, Cold Cereal, Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea. Sorry we are unable to accommodate vegans. Please clear your own dishes, clean and wipe tables, and leave dining area as quickly as possible to allow for everyone to be served. Food line will close at 8:45 am - You must be in line by that time! 8:00 am - 8:45 am STAFF BREAKFAST AT HOTEL 8:00 am - 9:00 am CHIEF JUSTICE CANDIDATE MEETING (Portable 3) -Mandatory for all Chief Justice candidates. Please eat breakfast before coming to this meeting. NIC PRESIDING COMMISSIONER MEETING (Structure 1) 8:30 am - 9:00 am -Mandatory for all NIC Presiding Commissioner candidates. Please eat breakfast before coming to this meeting. 9:00 am - 9:30 am ALL OFFICER CANDIDATES MEET WITH STAFF (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. Stage) Candidates not in attendance will be disqualified. Committee Chair applicants are exempted from this meeting. Financial disclosure forms are due at end of this meeting. OPENING JOINT SESSION (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East) -All Delegates & Advisors 9:30 pm - 10:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation - Jenna Galper, Chief of Staff Welcome - Hon, Spencer Perry, 65th Youth Governor Review of Conference Schedule - Morgan Bauer, Program Director Presentation of Candidates for Office 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE INTERVIEWS (Portable 1)** -Schedule posted outside Portable 1 PRESS CORPS INTERVIEWS (Portable 3) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm -As posted outside Portable 1 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR INTERVIEWS (Structure 1)** -Schedule posted outside Portable 1 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CHAPLAIN INTERVIEWS (Structure 2) Schedule posted outside Portable 1 10:00 am - 12:00 pm POLITICAL PARTY CHAIR INTERVIEWS (Structure 3) -Schedule posted outside Portable 1 T&E I COMMITTEE CHAIR APPLICANT/ADVISOR MEETING (Structure 4) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Mandatory for those applying as Committee Chairs and their Advisors. Applicants will be excused from training for a half-hour dinner break. STAFF INTERN TRAINING (Structure 5) -Mandatory for all Staff Interns 10:00 am - 12:00 pm MEET THE CANDIDATES SESSION (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm -All Delegates and Advisors 10:00-10:30 10:30-11:00 11:30-12:00 11:00-11:30 Chief Justice Speaker of the Lt Gov NIC PC Candidates Assembly Candidates Candidates Candidates

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm LUNCH (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. West) Beef Salami & Cheese Sandwiches, Egg Salad Sandwiches, Lettuce & Tomato, Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Apples, Cookies, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water, We are unable to accommodate vegans. Please refer to Meal Rotation Schedule on page 10. Please clear your own dishes, clean and wipe tables, and leave dining area as quickly as possible to allow for everyone to be served. Food line will close at 1:30 pm - You must be in line by that time! 1:45 pm CHAPLAIN SECOND-ROUND INTERVIEWS POSTED (Portable 1) 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm FORUM SESSION (Social Hall/Farm Show Office Bldg.) 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm SESSION I Groups 1-10 Seniors Only -Y&G TO GO (Tent 1) -"Meet the Governor" last 15 minutes Groups 1-10 Juniors Only - Leadership Skills (Tent 2) -"Meet the Governor" first 15 minutes Groups 1-10 Sophomores Only - Appreciating Differences (Structure 5) **Groups 11-20** COMMITTEE SESSIONS (Dairy Bldg. Ctr. East) Groups 21-30 COURT SESSION 101 -For delegates new to Model Legislature & Court or who have not previously attended Training & Elections I Trial 1 Groups 21-23 Structure 2 Trial 2 Groups 24-27 Structure 3 Trial 3 Groups 28-30 Structure 4 Groups 21-30 **COURT SESSION 201 (Hilvers Hall)** -For delegates who have previously attended T&E I **Groups 31-40** NIC SESSION (Heritage Complex) Groups 31-36 Banquet Hall (1st flr.) NIC 1 Groups 37-38 Theatre (1st flr.) NIC 2 Conference Rm. (2nd flr.) Groups 39-40 NIC 3 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm **NEW LEAD ADVISOR MEETING (Portable 3)** -Mandatory for all new lead advisors. 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm SESSION II **Groups 11-20** Seniors Only -Y&G TO GO (Tent 1) -"Meet the Governor" the last 15 minutes **Groups 11-20** Juniors Only - Leadership Skills (Tent 2) -"Meet the Governor" the first 15 minutes **Groups 11-20** Sophomores Only - Appreciating Differences (Structure 5) Groups 21-30 COMMITTEE SESSIONS (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East) **Groups 31-40** COURT SESSION 101 -For delegates new to Model Legislature & Court or who have not previously attended Training & Elections I Trial 1 Groups 31-33 Structure 2

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Groups 34-37

Groups 38-40

Structure 3

Structure 4

Trial 2

Trial 3

Groups 31-40 COURT SESSION 201 (Hilvers Hall)

-For delegates who have previously attended T&E I

Groups 1-10 NIC SESSION (Heritage Complex)

NIC 1 Groups 1-6 Banquet Hall (1st flr.)
NIC 2 Groups 7-8 Theatre (1st flr.)

NIC 3 Groups 9-10 Conference Rm. (2nd flr.)

4:30 pm -5:30 pm LEAD ADVISOR MEETING (Structure 1) -Mandatory for all Lead Advisors.

4:30 pm- 5:30 pm SESSION III

Groups 21-30 Seniors Only -Y&G TO GO (Tent 1)

-"Meet the Governor" the last 15 minutes

Groups 21-30 Juniors Only - Leadership Skills (Tent 2)

-"Meet the Governor" the first 15 minutes

Groups 21-30 Sophomores Only - Appreciating Differences (Structure 5)

Groups 31-40 COMMITTEE SESSIONS (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East)

Groups 1-10 COURT SESSION 101 -For delegates new to Model Legislature & Court

 $\it or$ who have not previously attended Training & Elections I

 Trial 1
 Groups 1-3
 Structure 2

 Trial 2
 Groups 4-7
 Structure 3

 Trial 3
 Groups 8-10
 Structure 4

Groups 1-10 COURT SESSION 201 (Hilvers Hall)

-For delegates who have previously attended T&E I

Groups 11-20 NIC SESSION (Heritage Complex)

NIC 1 Groups 11-16 Banquet Hall (1st flr.)
NIC 2 Groups 17-18 Theatre (1st flr.)

NIC 3 Groups 19-20 Conference Rm. (2nd flr.)

5:30 pm UNDERSECRETARY SELECTIONS POSTED (Portable 1)

5:30 pm BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRS POSTED (Portable 1)

5:30 pm POLITICAL PARTY CHAIRS POSTED (Portable 1)

5:30 - 7:00 pm SECOND-ROUND CHAPLAINS INTERVIEWS (Portable 3) For selected

Chaplain candidates. Interview schedule posted outside Portable 1.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm DINNER (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. West) Garden Salad w/choice of dressing,

Steamed Rice, Sweet Corn, Teriyaki Tofu (vegetarians), Teriyaki Chicken,

Peas & Carrots, Roll & Butter, Fortune Cookies, Milk (on request), Fudgesicles/Orange Dream Bars Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water. We are

unable to accommodate vegans.

Please refer to Meal Rotation Schedule on pg. 10. Please clear your own dishes, clean and wipe tables, and leave dining area as quickly as possible

to allow for everyone to be served.

Food line will close at 6:45 pm - You must be in line by that time!

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	POLLING BOOTHS OPEN (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. West)		
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	DELEGATION PRESIDENTS' MEETING (Structure 2) Go to front of the line. Eat early before going to meeting.		
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSTS MEETING (Structure 4) -Meeting for all State Legislative Analyst candidates in preparation for T&E II. Go to front of the line. Eat early before going to meeting.		
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MEETING (Structure 5) -Meeting for all State Superintendent candidates in preparation for T&E II. Go to front of the line. Eat early before going to meeting.		
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	SPEAKER/PRESIDENT PRO-TEM MEETING (Hilvers Hall) -Meeting for all Speaker/President Pro-tem candidates in preparation for T&E II. Go to front of the line. Eat early before going to meeting.		
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm	CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFIARS/NATIONAL JUDICIAL PROGRAM INFO SESSION (Structure 3)		
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING (Portable 3) -For all selected candidates.		
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	FORUM SESSION (Social Hall/Farm Show Office Bldg.)		
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	UNDERSECRETARY MEETING (Portable 1) -For selected candidates		
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	POLITICAL PARTY CHAIR TRAINING (Structure 1) -For selected Political Party Chairs. Please go to the front of the line (a Food Service Person will check you off a list) and eat early.		
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	SESSION IV		
Groups 31-40	Seniors Only - Y&G TO GO (Tent 1) - "Meet the Governor" the last 15 min.		
Groups 31-40	Juniors Only - Leadership Skills (Tent 2) -"Meet the Governor" the first 15 minutes		
Groups 31-40	Sophomores Only - Appreciating Differences (Structure 5)		
Groups 1-10	COMMITTEE SESSIONS (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East)		
Groups 11-20	COURT SESSION 101 -For delegates new to Model Legislature & Court <i>or</i> who have not previously attended Training & Elections I		
	Trial 2	Groups 11-15	Structure 3
	Trial 3	Groups 16-20	Structure 4
Groups 11-20	COURT SESSION 201 (Hilvers Hall) -For delegates who have previously attended T&E I		
Groups 21-30	NIC SESSION (Heritage Complex)		
	NIC 1 NIC 2 NIC 3	Groups 21-26 Groups 27-28 Groups 29-30	Banquet Hall (1st flr.) Theatre (1st flr.) Conference Rm. (2nd flr.)
8:00 pm	CHAPLAIN SELECTIONS POSTED (Portable 1)		
9:00 pm 40:00 x	· · ·		
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	CHAPLAIN MEETING (Portable 3) -For selected candidates		

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm ROLE EXPOSURE FAIR (Half-Hour Rotations) -Delegates will chose

which of the program areas they would like to learn more about. Rotations will take place every half hour. Delegates visit different program areas dur-

ing all four time slots.

8:00 pm Broadcast Media -Structure 1

Board of Education -Structure 3 Political Polling -Structure 4 Press Corps -Structure 5

Legislative Analyst/Department of Finance -Hilvers Hall

Constitutional Convention -Dairy Ctr. East

Lobbyist -Dairy Ctr. West

8:30 pm See above for meeting locations.

9:00 pm See above for meeting locations.

9:30 pm See above for meeting locations.

10:00 pm - 10:30pm CLOSING JOINT CONVENTION (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. East)

Chief Justice Candidates' Debate

Election of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Elected and Appointed Positions Announced

10:00 pm STAFF SOCIAL EVENT (La Quinta Inn) -For all program area staff.

10:30 pm ELECTED OFFICERS AND CHAPLAINS MEETING (Dairy Ctr. Stage)

10:30 pm STAFF INTERNS AND ASSIGNED DELEGATIONS

Meet behind Dairy Ctr. Bldg. to stack chairs

10:30 pm - 11:30 pm STUDY LOUNGE (Structure 2) - Optional study area for all delegates.

10:30 pm - 11:30 pm CLUB LARRY (Dairy Ctr. Bldg.) -Optional social event for all delegations.

10:30 pm - 11:00 pm EVENING SNACK (Dairy Ctr. Bldg. West) Water, Hot Chocolate, Cider,

Assorted Teas, Fresh Fruit, Trail Mix, Yogurt Coated Pretzels, Cookies.

12:00 am STAFF INTERNS & LOGISTICS STAFF (Meet at Dairy Ctr. Bldg. Stage)

12:00 am CONFERENCE ADJOURNS -PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

MEAL ROTATION SCHEDULE

Sunday Lunch 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM

12:15 PM Green Group

Conejo Valley Crenshaw Desert Family YMCA

El Camino Fremont/Newark Hilltop

Kings County Newport-Corona del Mar

San Joaquin County Santa Barbara SDSC/East County SDSC/La Jolla SFY/Embarcadero

South Pasadena San Marino

SFY/Marin

SPPY/Palos Verdes Stuart C. Gildred Tri-Valley

Urban Services Westchester

12:35 PM Red Group

Corona Norco DaVinci East Vallev Family YMCA

Estancia
Gardina-Carson
Greater Long Beach
Hollywood/Wilshire

Miller Newport Harbor

Northwest/SV Palo Alto Family YMCA

Santa Anita SDSC/Peninsula SDSC/Rancho Southeast/Riverside SPY/San Pedro SRV/Fuerza Unida SRV/Vista Diablo

Torrance - South Bay Verdugo Hills Weingart Urban West Contra Costa 12:55 PM Heliotrope Group

Albany Berkeley Camarillo Family Central/SV

Downey-South Gate El Dorado Glendale

Mid-Valley Mission Viejo Palisades-Malibu Pasadena

Salinas San Gabriel Valley

San Leandro SLO County YMCA Santa Ana

Santa Ana SDSC/Magdalena Ecke

SFY/Bayview SFY/Stonestown South Valley Southeast Rio Vista SRV/Valle Lobo

1:15 PM Blue Group

Burbank Community Crescenta-Cañada Culver-Palms Diablo Valley YMCA Downtown Oakland Ketchum-Downtown LA Montebello-Commerce North Valley

Pescadero Sacramento Central Santa Monica SDSC/Mission Valley SDSC/Palomar

SDSC/South Bay Family SFY/Buchanan

Triunfo Ventura Family

Weingart East Los Angeles

West Valley Westside Family

Sunday Dinner 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

5:30 PM Blue Group

Bute Group
Burbank Community
Crescenta-Cañada
Culver-Palms
Diablo Valley YMCA
Downtown Oakland
Ketchum-Downtown LA
Montebello-Commerce
North Valley
Pescadero
Sacramento Central

Santa Monica SDSC/Mission Valley SDSC/Palomar SDSC/South Bay Family SFY/Buchanan

Triunfo

Ventura Family Weingart East Los Angeles

West Valley Westside Family

5:50 PM Green Group

Conejo Valley Crenshaw Desert Family YMCA

El Camino

Fremont/Newark Hilltop

Kings County Newport-Corona del Mar San Joaquin County Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara SDSC/East County SDSC/La Jolla SFY/Embarcadero SFY/Marin

South Pasadena San Marino

SPPY/Palos Verdes Stuart C. Gildred Tri-Valley Urban Services Westchester

6:10 PM Red Group

Wilmington

Corona Norco DaVinci East Valley Family YMCA Estancia

Gardina-Carson Greater Long Beach Hollywood/Wilshire

Miller

Newport Harbor Northwest/SV Palo Alto Family YMCA Santa Anita

SDSC/Peninsula SDSC/Rancho Southeast/Riverside SPPY/San Pedro SRV/Fuerza Unida

SRV/Vista Diablo Torrance - South Bay Verdugo Hills

Weingart Urban West Contra Costa

6:30 PM

Heliotrope Group Albany

Berkeley Camarillo Family Central/SV

Downey-South Gate

Glendale Mid-Valley Mission Viejo Palisades-Malibu

Pasadena Salinas San Gabriel Valley San Leandro SLO County YMCA

Santa Ana SDSC/Magdalena Ecke SFY/Bayview

SFY/Bayview SFY/Stonestown South Valley Southeast Rio Vista SRV/Valle Lobo Wilmington

COMMITTEE BILL HEARING PROCEDURE

- Clerk reads enacting clause of Bill
- 2. Sponsor's speech (5 minutes) purpose and major provisions of Bill
- 3. Questions of intent and interpretation. NOT DEBATE (not through chair)
- 4. Legislative Analyst's Comments
- 5. Lobbyists speak for and against (3 minutes)
- 6. Committee members speak (roll call 2 minutes)
- 7. General discussion among Committee members (not through chair)
- 8. Chair calls for a motion on the Bill:

DO PASS

DO PASS AS AMENDED

POSTPONE INDEFINITELY (kill the bill)

TABLE THE BILL (sets the bill aside)

- 9. Lobbyists' summation speeches (2 minutes)
- 10. Sponsor's summation speech (3 minutes)
- 11. Clerk reads enacting clause
- 12. Roll call vote: AYE, NAY, or ABSTAIN Majority will prevail; abstentions are not counted in the majority.

If a motion is not carried, a new motion is called for (see #8) Committee may not go on to another Bill until one of these motions passes.

Amendments may be made any time following #1 and before #8.

A speaker's time may not be extended.

NIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) PROCEDURE

- 4 minute opening speech
 - (1 rap given to indicate 1 minute is left, 2 raps will be given to indicate 30 seconds are left)
- 3 minutes of guestions run by the NIC Presiding Commissioner
- 3. 2 minute con speech from the NIC District Adversary
- 4. 6 minutes of pro/con speeches (3 speakers, 2 minutes each)
- 5. 2 minute closing speech
- Vote

During the author/sponsor speech: You may yield your time at any point. After 2 minutes, you may yield to your summation speech or to another speaker.

During pro/con debate: You may yield to questions at anytime. You may yield to the author's summation speech or another person only after one minute.

In order to yield your time to another speaker, you must tell the Presiding Commissioner that you will be yielding time -- and designate the specific commissioner you wish to yield to -- before you begin speaking.

NIC PRACTICE PROPOSALS

Sample Proposal No. 201

Topic of Concern: Noise pollution in U.S. National Parks

Justification: Noise pollution in US National Parks not only poses a threat to the natural environment, but also reduces the enjoyment of that environment by millions of park visitors each year. In A growing number of studies indicate that a noisy environment stresses both wildlife and humans. Many bird species cannot change their calling habitats to overcome the din from the roads, potentially compromising their ability to attract a mate and reproduce. Noise pollution can also impact the ability of many animals such as owls and bats to find and hunt their prey.

A majority of Americans say one of the most important reasons for preserving national parks is to provide opportunities to experience natural peace and the sounds of nature. With dramatic increases in traffic, digital gadgets, and sheer numbers of visitors in once-remote areas, our national parks are under increasing noise pressure.

Careful consideration of the impacts of human-generated noise on wildlife is a critical component of management for healthy ecosystems in our parks. States across the US as well as the European Union are placing decibel limits on new cars and motorcycles in an effort to decrease noise pollution. Federal Regulations already prohibit the use of watercraft exceeding 75 decibels of noise. Given the sensitive nature and national importance of the lands within our national parks system, controlling the damaging effects from passenger vehicle noise pollution vital.

Action to be taken: In order to reduce damaging noise pollution in US National Parks, d United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service shall: 1) ban all passenger vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles) that produce more than 85 decibels; and, 2) authorize US National Parks Rangers to issue fines/tickets for vehicles exceeding the decibel limit, passenger vehicle alarms, excessive vehicle idling, and engine revving.

NIC PRACTICE PROPOSALS cont.

Sample Proposal No. 202

Topic of Concern: The United States has an inadequate national identification system that leaves significant sectors of the population without the ability to official identify themselves and access government services that creates an unnecessary vulnerability to crime and terrorism throughout the country.

Justification: In the United States there are three forms of official identification available to citizens and legal residents. 1) Social Security numbers which are universal but also subject to rampant fraud, theft and tampering. Additionally, the ability to use a SS card as a form of identification is limited. 2) State-issued drivers licenses and ID cards which are reliable and widely accepted forms of identification but not universal, leaving certain segments of the population (non-drivers, minors, etc.) without adequate ID. Further, state licenses can vary substantially leaving some more open to fraud and forgery than others. 3) Passports, which are highly reliable and widely accepted but not widely utilized.

ID cards are vital to many day-to-day tasks such as opening bank accounts, using credit cards, purchasing alcohol, enrolling in college, applying for jobs, the list goes on and on. The creation of a secure National Identity Program would eliminate some of the gaps in the county's current ID system and provide all citizens with effective forms of identification regardless of age, driving status, economic status, and other arbitrary factors. Such a system would not only provide citizens with the convenience of having an ID card recognized throughout the country and the world, but will also help in the fights against crime and terrorism by giving local, state and national law enforcement additional tools. Additionally, a national ID card would help combat discriminatory state voter ID laws by providing everyone with access to reliable identification.

Action to be Taken: Congress should pass a law directing the Departments of State and Justice to create and implement a compulsory National Identity Program, including issuance of national ID cards, for all United States Citizens and permanent residents.

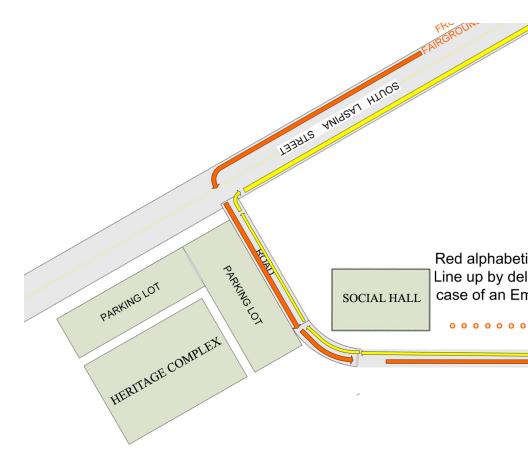
Sample Proposal No. 203

Topic of Concern: Chronically low voter turnout for elections in the United States

Justification: Voter apathy is a rapidly growing problem in the United Sates. In the 2008 Presidential Election, voter turnout was only 56.8% percent, which was the highest for a general election since 1968. In elections where there is no presidential race, turnout hasn't risen above 40% since 1970. Citizens of the Unites States have forgotten what the colonists fought for almost 250 years ago. The right and privilege to vote, is not enjoyed by all citizens of the world. Yet, about half of the voting age population of the U.S. chooses not to participate in forming the government that makes decisions that affect their lives.

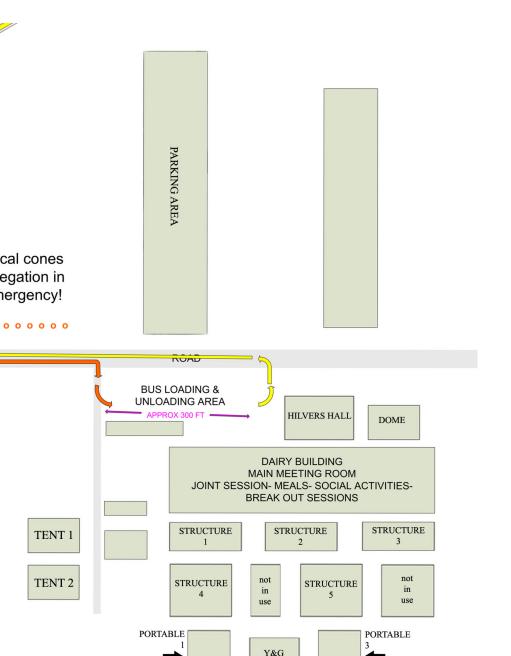
Unfortunately, it has come to a point where incentivizing voting is necessary. Therefore Congress shall pass a law, directing states to incentivize voting.

Action to be Taken: Congress shall direct each State's Secretary of State to hold in reserve 5% of all state lottery sales to be put into a Voter Participation Reward Fund. After each statewide primary or general election, each Secretary of State shall divide the reserved funds into \$100,000 increments and randomly select, from voters who cast ballots, a number of winners until the entirety of the 5% of reserved funds is distributed. For those states without a lottery, five winners shall be picked from each state and given their winnings from the Mega Millions Lottery revenues.



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CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

Alexandra Goodison

I believe we all have the right to fairness and equality in justice. Participating in the Trial Court program and winning the Top Advocate award last year, I further established my love and passion for law and the judiciary branch of our government. As Chief Justice I will abide by the rules of the California Justice system and I will work hard to ensure that the Y&G court program will maintain civility and order. I promise to be impartial and objective while fulfilling my duties, and most importantly, I will guarantee that justice will be upheld within our wonderful Youth and Government program.

Previous Experience: National Honors Society member (2 years), Interact Club member (community service club), International Club Member, Varsity Swimming and Water polo for San Luis Obispo High School, Volunteer at San Luis Obispo County Library, Volunteer at Woods Huma

Alfred Hwang

Last year, after my first two years in MLC were spent in the legislature as an officer, I decided to go back to my judicial beginnings. My two years as an MUN ambassador in the International Court of Justice, one as an agent and the other as the President of the ICJ, were very influential in helping me make my decision to continue on with Y&G. I spent last year in Jury Trial, where I had an amazing experience no longer working in the Capitol, but instead inside the Sacramento Superior Court buildings. I'd love to spend my last year in Y&G inside the court of law as well. I know that my years of experience with law, whether it be in Mock Trial or in Y&G, coupled with my years as an officer in Y&G, will benefit me greatly in the office of Chief Justice. I promise that I will put 100% of my effort into this office like I have for the offices I have held in the past, trying my hardest to push people out of their comfort zones and lead. I will not let you down.-

Previous Experience: Intern for Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA32), Two years Varsity Football, One year JV Football Captain, Two years Varsity Badminton Captain/Co-Founder/Coach, Pre-Trial Attorney, Mock Trial, Congressional Debate Captain, Speech and Debate, Referee.

Lena Kettering

I don't feel like my qualifications should be the major reason why I (or anyone for that matter) should be elected. I want to be elected because I absolutely love Youth and Government and I want to see the Court program flourish within it. You will never meet anyone more dedicated to the Court program and everything it stands for than myself, and I am willing to prove that to each and every person in Y&G. As Chief Justice I promise to really help every delegate within the Court program really have a voice, and I will ensure that they all have the equal opportunity to be involved. I understand the role of the Chief Justice and I am willing to meet every single requirement, including the requirement of the Chief Justice to serve as the leader for the second annual NJP Competition. Seeing as I have already attended the conference I have so many ideas on how to ensure that each California delegate achieves success, and I promise that I will do everything in my power to help every delegate who gets selected to attend.

Previous Experience: Outside of Y&G I am extremely involved on campus. Last year I served as Fundraising Coordinator and this year I have the privilege of serving as Vice President of my School's ASB Student Council. As Vice President I am in charge of the House of Representatives, all school elections, and I sit as the student representative on my school district's school board. Furthermore, I am co-president of a club called "Bible Talk", a club with the main purpose of discussing and understanding the bible. Outside of school I am an active member of my church serving as a student leader, a A/V Tech person, and even as a summer intern. I also have served many hours for the poor, whether it be tutoring abused elementary students, or traveling to Honduras and helping treat the medical and educational needs of the impoverished. I have also served many hours at the YMCA, helping to put on a Halloween Carnival for the Y kids in my local community.

CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

Isabella Ayala

I joined the program as a sophomore and was originally terrified of public speaking- a sensation that worsened with my embarassing attempt to run for a position of leadership within my delegation, where I infamously stood at the podium and stuttered a quick "Nevermind, I yield my time to the chair." Throughout my experience in Y&G, I have grown comfortable with public speaking, and wouldn't feel right leaving this program without taking advantage of all the amazing opportunities it has to offer. I have always worked extremely hard in my rigorous classes and after school job, and am willing to dedicate the same effort to Y&G. Win or lose, I think this experience would benefit me in so many ways, and I'm so excited for this opportunity!

Madeleine Gathman

My platform is chiefly one in favor of no abstentions. Our program should be one which fosters the participation of ALL its delegates and provides the utmost information and vast opportunity so that all may make intelligent, articulate, and strong statements based on their honest opinions. I believe I have the prior leadership experience and the passion for Y&G that it takes to lead the Assembly. As a former Assemblywoman, I know the intricate workings of the system and I have full confidence in my ability to do justice to the office of Speaker.

Devin Martin

I think I should be elected as Speaker of the Assembly because I would do my best to represent the Westchester delegation. I am a hard worker, and a quick learner. I have good ideas, am a strong leader, but also work well with others. I enjoy public speaking and am always looking for new challenges and ways to improve myself. I would be honored to have the opportunity to represent the Westchester YMCA. -Involved in leadership council at Dana Middle School

Cesar Olvera

Hello, my name is Cesar Olvera and I am running to be your next Speaker of the Assembly. I will dedicate this year especially to all the newcomers and seniors within this wonderful program. I have been blessed with the opportunity to participate in Youth and Government for two years and run for a position in my third and final year. I feel that this program has given me so much and asked for so little. Within my final year I run under the premise of contributing to the mediation of our political ambitions. If elected, I will insure that all legislation is treated equally and with the utmost respect. Through my election you will secure a productive, responsible and exciting year in the Assembly Chambers. I want to foster an encouraging environment in which motivation is reciprocated among delegates to step up to the plate (podium). Empower this campaign as the political embodiment of which serves in your best interests. Thank you for giving me this blessed opportunity to demonstrate my esteem in our Model Legislator, and I look forward meeting you.

Daryl Lin

When i was a younger, i've thought i was decent at whatever i put my mind too. Decent mind you, not the "Naturally born superstar talented at everything."

Due to my Asiatic home culture, and my white socialization, I thought i was the product of two very diverse and separate worlds. I saw how different and yet terrifyingly similar I was with my peers within my pre-dominatly white/mexican neighborhood. I was incredibly lacking in my studies, had the athletic/social ability of a wet towel, immensely/obsessively enjoyed Star Wars Sci-Fi novels (17 years old and still do), and played video games longer then I slept. However far from thinking I was the "Best of Both Worlds" I doomed myself to be the worst of both worlds, or so i had thought. However, as I grew older and entered the calamity of freshmen year, I realized something essential. I was the fundamental product of myself. I realized that belief wasn't simply a noun, it is a prophetic glance into ones future decisions and actions. I almost couldn't believe just by simply believing I was the "Best" instead of the "Worst" I could separate myself from the ideological stereotype I had surrounded myself in. I took a leap of faith and believed.

3 years later, I am bewildered to find myself on the Varsity Swim Team, having an incredible passion for public speaking, asking the most beautiful girl to homecoming, being elected as a 2012 Homecoming Court Prince, taking several Ap classes as well as playing the cello with the Claremont Youth Symphony Orchestra.

CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY cont.

Kayla Hunnewell

I have been in the Assembly every year that I have been in Youth and Government and every year, I have had the opportunity to voice my opinions and listen to the opinions of others. I have watched bills being pushed through committees and passionately debated in the Assembly chambers. Now I want to be able to give other delegates the same opportunities I have had. Being able to speak up as well as listen to your peers is a value not often acknowledged. The rush that comes after getting up to speak on a bill, the elation from a bill you sponsored being passed, and the sense of community and solidarity that is present in every session are all feelings that we deserve. I believe that every delegate deserves the opportunity to speak, be listened to, and inspire their peers. Every person's opinion matters. We matter. Simply by being in Youth and Government, we are disproving those who call our generation lazy and apathetic. So often in our lives as teenagers, adults and authority figures are telling us what to think and how to act, but at Youth and Government we are given the opportunity to think and act for ourselves. We are able to focus our opinions and figure out how we really feel about the issues that affect us and our state. We are capable of making real change when we take our criticisms of the laws we live by and put them into bills. I am not going to make any empty promises and claim to be the one Speaker of the Assembly who will finally get every bill through session, but I promise to try. Every person and every bill is important and vital to the spirit of Youth and Government, and I will make sure every person feels that way.

Richard Palacios

I believe that I should be elected to this position because I am a perfect candidate for Speaker of The Assembly. I am a very strong powerful leader and can complete a task when given. Not only this, but the experience would be great to not only me, but to my new delegation. I would be pioneering for my fellow delegates and inspiring others to try to achieve this goal.

CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Cullen Conboy

I have a lot of presiding experience through my participation in Y&G. I was a committee chair last year and this year lead Berkeley Delegation meetings as President. Last summer I was honored to be selected to attend the Conference on National Affairs as a California representative. There, as well as over my two prior years as a member of the legislature, I gained a deep love for Y&G. If elected I will work to ensure that every delegate in the Senate has an equal chance to get all they can from the program.

Daniel Galeana

There are many reasons why I would like to run for this position. As a freshman, I felt out of place because I was surrounded by people who knew what they were talking about, and I didn't. So I stayed quiet. As a sophomore, the lobbyist program enabled me to speak a bit more and guided me towards knowing how to do the right research. I felt happy with what I had accomplished at the time, but I wasn't satisfied. Eventually, that feeling of satisfaction came when I joined the Senate. As I saw last year's Lt. Governor doing the job so eloquently I knew what I wanted to the that following year. I saw that with the patience displayed and confidence that was radiated, just like her, I knew I could help people find their voice. At one time, I also needed the push that was given to find mine. In the Senate, I stood up, asked questions and debated bills. I owe a lot of it to that person on the podium. Now, I want to be that guy. I want to help people find their voice. I want to see people whose knees typically quiver and shake at the thought of standing up and giving their opinion - stand up straight, stand firm and speak with confidence. Not only do I want to see that, but I believe I could be a part of that. Just like the past Lt. Governors have done with so many delegates including me before, I want to guide people to their voice.

CANDIDATES FOR LT. GOVERNOR cont.

Daniel Sill

With extensive experience in the legislative branch, I am fully prepared to take on the role of Lieutenant Governor. I have found my passion in the legislature and cannot think of a more exciting opportunity to share my enthusiasm. Having greatly built my public speaking and leadership skills in my three years in Y&G, I am confident that I will preside efficiently and effectively. While I believe that applications and speeches are important in judging a candidate's character, I think that speaking in person is the greatest way to get to know someone. And so I encourage you lovely delegates to talk with me during the campaigning and elections. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you! Thank you.

Marissa Maas

I have grown as a person and a debater in the Senate Program. I have learned confidence in my speaking abilities and am motivated to keep up with current events domestically and internationally. I have learned to think of arguments quickly and eloquently, and have grown to appreciate contrasting viewpoints. During my time in the program, I have blossomed under the mentorship of inspiring lieutenant governors and learned the characteristics I appreciate most in a lieutenant governor. As a senior, I am ready to give back to my Youth and Government family and help lead a new generation of senators.

Sierra Simon

Joining Youth and Government has changed me in so many ways, and all for the better! As a senior in my third year of Youth and Government, I am motivated to give my all. Running for a statewide position had been on my mind since my first BOB conference. Having run last year for Speaker of the Assembly (and not making it as far as I had hoped) has given me extra motivation for this year. I also have served as a Senator for the past two years. I am completely dedicated to this program, which makes me want to be a part of it as much as I possibly can. As Lieutenant Governor, I want to inspire every Senator to share their ideas and speak on the bills. I know that our voices can make a difference and together we will be heard; this program is so amazing and I want to be a bigger part of it to show the youth of America how fun it can be. I am confident that my love and experience for the Senate will make me incomparable and that I will do an amazing job as your next Lieutenant Governor.

Sohum Patel

Y&G has completely changed me. Yeah, I know everyone says that, but I legitimately went from falling ill after speaking in front of 30 people in middle school to giving a semi-impromptu speech in front of 2000 people last year. I owe everything to the program, and now it's time for me to give back to the program that has so obviously shaped me. I love cracking bad jokes, and I love meeting new people over SPASM quesadillas. As a presiding officer, I promise to be fun and lively, and make sure Senate gets rid of that reputation of utter dryness and boredom. (We might even break out into a dance party in the middle, but shhh, it's supposed be a secret) As Lieutenant Governor, I plan on fulfilling that role of servant to the program, helping shape it just like it did to me. Y&G is a program that has convinced me that democracy is only possible when all voices are heard. So, I'll make sure to get everyone in the chambers to speak, no matter if they're sitting under my nose or in the far corners. I'm running for Lt. Governor so that I can become a leader in the program similar to the ones that inspired me.

Will Gibson

Change. Change is the necessary process enacting progress. Progress is the advancement of some aspect of our society forward. I am equipped with the tools and experience necessary to implement the change you desire to occur within our program and within our state. A vote for me is a vote for change. A vote forward. A vote for progress. After all, progress is my middle name...Leadership

CANDIDATES FOR NIC PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

Alec Allee-Munoz

Welcome home! I am just as excited as you are to be back to Camp Roberts, and a warm welcome to all the new delegates! With the presidential election last Wednesday, I am sure you are all in hype; however, this still does not change the state of our nation. Simply put, our country is in a state of distress: Congress remains in deadlock, and our global prestige is tarnished. If elected, I promise to challenge the NIC to present relevant yet creative solutions to even our country's most dire problems, all while lending a voice to everybody. Perhaps my most memorable moment in the capital last year was speaking in front of the General Assembly, a privilege I think should be granted to all those in the NIC. I sincerely want everybody to succeed, and hope to maintain the level of acceptance, understanding, and support I found last year in Youth and Government. I can think of few programs where everybody wants everybody else to succeed, and I think this is this program's biggest accomplishment. I look forward to getting to know everybody I possibly can, and give special thanks to my delegation, family, and everybody else who has made this possible.

Casey Moore

As an officer of the 2011-2012 National Issues Commission, I am strongly aware of the duties and responsibilities of a National Issues Commission Presiding Commissioner. In addition to this knowledge, I also have a very strong devotion to and love of the program area. I also have quite a bit of experience in presiding over meetings like those run by a Presiding Commissioner. I have presided over Bill Nights in the Burbank City Hall Chambers in addition to other debates that we have run within the Burbank Delegation. These experiences have equipped me with exemplary knowledge on Parliamentary Procedure as well as a passion for presiding. I am currently the secretary of a Youth Advisory Board to the 43rd Assembly District and the 25th Senate District. On it, we discuss and present resolutions regarding educational reform to our district senator and assemblyman.

Courtney Brown

From the moment I stepped into the NIC tent at BOB I, I knew this was where I was supposed to be- and I've been madly in love ever since. Youth & Government has pretty much been my life for the past 4 years. I have put my heart and soul into this program since day one and intend on finishing the way I started. I also feel like the path that I've taken throughout my Y&G career has lead me directly to the position of NIC PC. With the knowledge and experience I've gained through the legislative committee chair program and NIC, as well as serving on the board in my own delegation for the past 2 years, I know that I not only have what it takes, but can contribute more to this role in such a way that would ensure an epic year in NIC.

Josh Bock

Hello all! My name is Josh Bock, and I'm running to be your 65th NIC PC. I feel that I am a highly qualified candidate for this position for a couple of reasons. Firstly, I love YNG, and it is because of this love that I promise, if elected I will put my heart and soul into my job; making sure that everyone is heard and that all opinions are valued. Secondly, I have experience, last year I had the amazing privilege of being an NIC Commission chair, which is were I fell in love with the NIC. I was also awarded the NIC Commission Chair of the Year award, so needless to say, I know what I'm doing. Thirdly, and possibly the most important of them all, is that I know you, ok maybe not personally, but I know how you feel. Sitting in your chair with this amazing idea cooking in your brain, just waiting for someone to call on you and say, hey, what do you think about this issue. This is the most important because it will effect how I preside, by making sure that all have the chance to speak once before one speaks twice. Thank you, and don't forget, If you wanna rock, vote for Bock!

Zach Montes

For the past two years I have had the good fortune to be able to participate in the phenomenon known as California YMCA Youth and Government ML/C. During that time, I have written and argued two proposals in the National Issues Commission. I have also come to love the NIC. Therefore, I have made it my goal to make this year the best organized NIC yet! I have been able to watch and learn from two groups of NIC Presiding Commissioners, and I know I can follow in their footsteps and continue the tradition of our beloved Commission as the most coveted project area of Y&G! I'm hardworking, determined, innovative, and excited to start working this year!

CANDIDATES FOR NIC PRESIDING COMMISSIONER cont.

Mark Kilaghbian

Every November, January, and February of the last 3(soon to be 4) years of my life have been centered around Youth and Government. Out of all of my Youth and Government experiences NIC has stood out as the most significant. The ideas presented in this program can change the entire country. Within the small committees and the grandeur sessions, we must truly present our beliefs and our visions for the future of our country. The reason I want to be the NIC Presiding Commissioner is because I want to help everyone in the program achieve as much as they possibly can. NIC is not a program area for the faint of heart, which makes the delegates unique and often passionate. I want every first time NIC member to feel comfortable and inspired from the moment they walk in the room. I understand that in such a melting pot of ideas and values some will clash, and that is what makes this program area so interesting. Regardless of what you believe, I will stand by you as long as you are willing to argue fervently on its behalf.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM LT. GOVERNOR

Allison Zhang

I feel very qualified for this position because I am a very responsible and organized person. I have taken up many leadership roles in the past and have a lot of Y&G experience. I am fun to work with and is an amazing team player. I will keep everyone's ideas in check. I believe that it is very important to hear and respect all ideas. Because of the qualities and experiences I possess, I am the best candidate for Forum Lieutenant Governor.

Sophia Holbrook

With the world changing at such a fast pace and the leaders we have elected facing unimaginable issues, it is up to the young generations to be informed, learn, and make an impact on the world that we'll soon find ourselves a huge part of. Youth and Government, a home to so many California students, is a program that does just that. Although the youngest and newest to the program, as freshmen, we will prove ourselves to be mighty and aware of the issues that face our state and nation. Now is our time to start a movement. Now is our time to make change. Now is the time for the freshmen group to rise up. Like an ocean wave, we'll rumble and crash down on the shores of Model Legislature and Court. Check Holbrook on your ballot to start the wave.

Maxwell Teaford

Issues are never simple. One thing I'm proud of is that very rarely will you hear me simplify the issues. I feel like for me, leadership is a calling, and that I have been a leader of people all of my life. I see in myself the ability to boil complex problems down to an essential truth, and then see the clear way toward a solution so precisely and so quickly that I move forward toward that solution without even thinking about the process. Lastly, I have a good sense of humor and enjoy the entire process immensely.

Riley Owen

I have always possessed a desire to help and serve other people. I decided this at a young age and started running for office and holding positions of leadership in various groups. Through this I have gained the experience and an understanding of what it means to be a leader. You are serving them and putting their well-being ahead of yours. I feel that i have embodied that as a leader and want to continue to help and serve people in this year of MLC.

Nicolas Gardner

I am running for Forum Lt.Gov in the spirit of compromise, cooperation and perseverance. I have the skills, knowledge and experience to execute properly on the responsibilities of the Forum Lt. Gov. Thank you and I hope to earn your vote.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM LT. GOVERNOR cont.

Steven Farmer

I have the requirements, and experience to be eligible to run for Forum LT. Governor. As a former delegate for CAL YMCA Model United Nations, I know how it takes to lead and help bring the voices of the people to Sacramento. Also, I'm interested in promoting the importance of community service/ contribution to the Freshmens of Model Legislature and Court. I have realized that there is more to the world that I have not discovered before joining Youth an Government, and I want to help make sure that "Democracy is learned by each generation." The youths are the future of this country and it is important for us to share our views and oppinions to eachother, and I am more than happy to help.

Susana Kalish

I am Susana Kalish and I am running for Forum Lt. Governor! As a ninth grader, it is my first year participating in ML/C, and I'm looking forward to every minute of it! I participated in Youth and Government's Model United Nations for two years and had an amazing experience! I hope that I can make our first year in ML/C even better! I am running for Forum Lt. Governor to ensure that every freshman is included, informed, involved, and feels comfortable enough to participate and create unforgettable memories during Youth and Government. Don't forget to please vote for Susana Kalish for Forum Lt. Governor!

Aukiel Taylor

I would like to be elected for this position because I'm a dedicated and hard worker. I always like to try new things. I'm a very fun and energetic person. I have similar experience because I used to go to my sisters Y&G meetings when I was in elementary school. I always like meeting new people and connecting wit them.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM SECRETARY/CHIEF CLERK

Claire Alexander

I love this program. It has changed my life in so many ways I cannot even count them all. By being elected, I can prove my love for this program and I can show that teens, especially freshmen, can be fantastic leaders. I have the qualifications and the drive to be elected, and I want to prove to my delegation that electing me as the first freshman from Conejo Valley to run for an office was a good decision. I am a good speaker and a great leader, and I listen to other people's inputs and ideas. I want to show people that anyone can do anything if they put their heart and soul into it.

Emily Marostica

I believe I should be elected for this position because I enjoy public speaking. I keep everything very organized, and my goal is to make sure that everything runs smoothly, and that everything is on task. To sum everything up I am a very hard worker, and will no doubt do the same if elected for this position

Jeanette Wong

I believe that I have the qualities to be forum secretary. I would like the opportunity to help out my community and this position will give me the platform to do that. I will be dedicated and responsible if I end up being elected.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM SGT. AT ARMS

Andrew DeCarolis

In the MUN program, my eyes were opened to the realisation that all programs most be run with a set of rules and that you need an effective person to carry out these rules so that the program is run effectivly. And when I realized this, I knew that I would be a great asset to the youth and government program as a sergant-at-arms. I feel like my skills as a natural born leader and communicator would be greatly used so that everybody in Y&G can have a fantastic expierence that they will be able to look back on, with fond memories. As seargant at Arms I will make sure to keep order but also make sure everybody is having a great time. Whether I win or lose, I know this will be an amazing expiernce and I am happy I will be able to share it with the people of forum.

Chris Taverrite

I believe that I can bring a wide range of views into the Forum and inspire changes that need to be made. I will help maintain decorum and do all I can to be the best at my job while helping others to be the best at theirs. I promise to do my absolute best and will strive to help you do the same.

Mason Gilmour

I will make sure that everyone has fun but is in order. I will also make sure everybody's voice is heard.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

Anisa Ricci

I believe that I am the perfect candidate to elect for Forum Speaker of the Assembly because I am hard-working, determined, and will put forth my best effort in fulfilling all the duties of this position. As a highly responsible and dutiful individual, I will lead Forum sessions in a dilligent and effective manner. I am very excited to be a part of Youth and Government and want to be as involved as I possibly can. Running for this position gives me the opportunity to meet and work with new people, and learn about this wonderful program. I believe that we can have awesome time in Forum, while getting work done

Arthur Pescan

Youth and Government, in my opinion, is a great program that allows students to learn about government and ethics, and prepares them to be the leaders of tomorrow. I am running for Forum Speaker of the Assembly to be able to both make the most out of the four years I have in the program and to be able to give back to Youth and Government. My chief goal this year if elected Forum Speaker of the Assembly would be to help empower all delegates so that their voice is heard, and to be able to be a leader that delegates can trust.

Carmen Finley

I feel like I should be elected because like many other people, I am responsible and know the rules pretty well. I grew up (and still am) with strict rules and parents, and I find myself setting a good example 24/7, even if not on purpose. People look up to me and when I speak, even if it isn't an important thing to say, people stop and listen. I understand and acknowledge people's rights, feelings, and challenges altogether.

Chloe Arnold

I believe that I should be elected for the position of speaker of assembly because I am a good public speaker, and I am very serious and dedicated to the program of MLC. I am also very organized and I think I would be a very good leader for the forum assembly. I participated in Model United Nations last year in General assembly. I co-wrote a resolution that got passed on General Assembly reforms and I was vice president of my delegation. Vote for me for Forum Speaker of Assembly.

CANDIDATES FOR FORUM SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY cont.

Ethan Kudler

My name is Ethan Kudler and I should be elected to the position of Forum Speaker of the Assembly because I know that this is the first year in Youth and Government for everyone in Forum. I know that I can lead the Forum Assembly so that everyone will be involved and have an opinion in what happens. Being in Y&G just for this short time, I have already learned so much and I am ready to keep learning as much as I can to lead this Forum to the best of my abilities. I have never had any problems with talking in front of people, especially since I have been doing it ever since elementary school. I have had experience leading and teaching people of all ages. Everybody in the Forum should feel comfortable with their leaders and I hope that everyone will come talk to me with any questions, concerns, or just suggestions on how to improve our Forum. My goal as Forum Speaker of the Assembly is to make everyone's first experience in Youth and Government as fun and memorable as possible, and to just make everybody feel included in the decisions being made.

Garrett Ashby

The position of Forum Speaker of the Assembly is a great fit for me because I am unbiased and nonpartisan. Also, I love to be able to speak in front of my peers and I feel that this would be a good opportunity to express myself. Another reason that this is a good position for me is that I get to represent my delegation and I feel that I am very good at that. I love to speak and witness debate, and being a moderator is a very big part of that. Youth and Government has really helped me with my speaking ability and I love participation in it.

Jake Levy

I should be elected into this position for many reasons. I have the personality traits of a leader, which I can apply to almost any situation. I will strive to do my best. I will represent not only my branch, but Y&G as whole. South Pasadena and San Marino selected me for a reason. I'm sure if you talked to any one of my friends or acquaintances from the program, they would tell you that I am more than qualified.

Samuelle Saliba

I am very passionate about leadership and the power of a group of motivated people to agree on something and make a difference. I am excited to get started in Model Legislature and Court and especially to participate in the leadership part of this program.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AT T&E II

Due to time constraints of Training & Elections I the following positions will be elected within their program areas at Training & Elections II. We would like to ackowledge all the candidates who applied and wish them luck in their campaigns.

Please make sure to check the current schedule for follow-up meetings with Program Area Staff.

Candidates for Speaker Pro-Tem

Adam Yankelevits Arany Uthayakumar Carson Lester

Daniel Mellor

Dylan Bechtle

Emily Castellanos

Jiagi Duan

Ranian Bhadra

Sophia Minaya Sophie Bridges

Tudor Ceara

Candidates for President Pro-Tem

Eric Yang

Gray Baker

Jack Stone

Joseph Rice Nicholas Spera

Rudy Garcia

Turner Stanton

Tyler Oepkes

Wills Weimer

Candidates for State Superintendent for Public Instruction

Gordon Sodetani

Margot Rinaldo Rinaldo

Cheyenne Tucker

Kaja Sondergaard

State Legislative Analyst

Christian Oregel

Nathan Canadas

Neil Wang

Roald Marinov

Roy Gonzalez

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Delegates, advisors & staff may be notified by general announcement (such as at a joint session), traveling staff announcements (deans and other staff moving through camp areas), or by on base notification system. Immediately upon hearing the announcement delegates, advisors and staff must move to the evacuation indicated below.

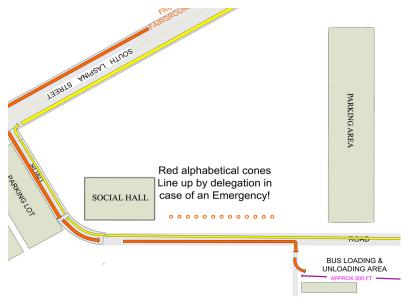
MAJOR CATISTROPHIC EMERGENCY

In case of a major catastrophic emergency (earthquake, fire, etc.) all participants will report immediately to the RED ALPHABETICAL CONES next to the Y&G designated parking lot. There will be no exceptions to this order unless a personal injury has occurred.

Every delegate and advisor will line up by the cone with the corresponding letter that matches the first letter of their YMCA or School.

Lead advisors will be responsible for ensuring that all delegates and advisors are accounted for, report same when requested by a Designated Staff Member

NO ONE MAY LEAVE THE AREA UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY YOUTH & GOVERNMENT CORE STAFF MEMBER!!!



EVACUATION TRANSPORTATION

If evacuation from the facility is necessary, YMCAs will be notified at the evacuation area. YMCAs with transportation on site should identify a person(s) to get their vehicle(s). This person(s) should know where the vehicle(s) is located in the parking areas on base and have access to the keys for the vehicle(s) at all times. Vehicles should be driven to the evacuation area slowly and safely, being mindful of the number of persons in the area. Vehicles should be loaded using rosters and when full should move off base to a safe location. YMCAs with no transportation on site will be 1) Provided with phone access to make arrangements for transportation, or 2) In the case of imminent emergency evacuation, transportation will be

ITEMS NEEDED BY ALL ADVISORS:

provided.

- 1. Medical Release Forms and Health History Forms for all participants and advisors.
- Accident Report Forms for your YMCA. The Y&G Office has Y&G Forms that may be used if your Y does not use these.
- 3. A simple first aid kit for use with small cuts, etc.

MEDIC: STEVE DRENGSON (323) 767-4548

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

FIRE:

In the event of a fire in a building at International Agri-Center:

- 1. Immediately and safely exit the building. Alert others to exit immediately. Move away from the building to a safe distance.
- 2. Notify the Fire Department by calling 911 from your cell phone. Be sure to describe the location of the fire, either by building number or location. Notify a Youth & Government staff member or the Youth & Government office (Portable 2) by radio or in person.
- 3. Follow the directions of the fire department personnel, Youth & Government staff or other Agri-Center personnel.

PERSONAL INJURY:

In the event of injury to a delegate, advisor or staff member:

- 1. Administer as much first aid as you are trained to administer.
- 2: Stay with the injured person and send someone else to:

Notify the Youth & Government office or the nearest Staff Dean if the injury is not severe or life threatening. Make sure the person stays still until staff or paramedics arrive. If the injury is severe or life threatening, or if you are not sure if it is severe or life threatening, notify the Fire Department by calling 911.

Make sure you can identify the building where the injured person is and the nature of the injury (are they bleeding, breathing, etc.) After notifying the Fire Department, notify the Youth & Government office building (portable 3), by radio or in person.

If possible, if the person is a delegate, send someone to find their advisor.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

To reach any Youth & Govennement Core Staff Member Dial:

(916) 756-0230

then enter the appropriate extension for:

Scott Causley, Program Administration: ext. 101
Rolf Davidson, Associate Executive Director: ext. 102
Morgan Bauer, Program Director: ext. 104
Troy Nichols, Program Director: ext. 103
Steve Willmont, President & CEO: ext. 108

Fire Department/Emergeny Personnel: 911

CLOSEST HOSPITAL:

Tulare Regional Medical Center,
869 North Cherry Street, Tulare, CA 93274 (559) 688-0821
*Located approximately 10 minutes north of the Agri-Center
off of Highway 99 exit Hillman St toward Prosperity Ave