



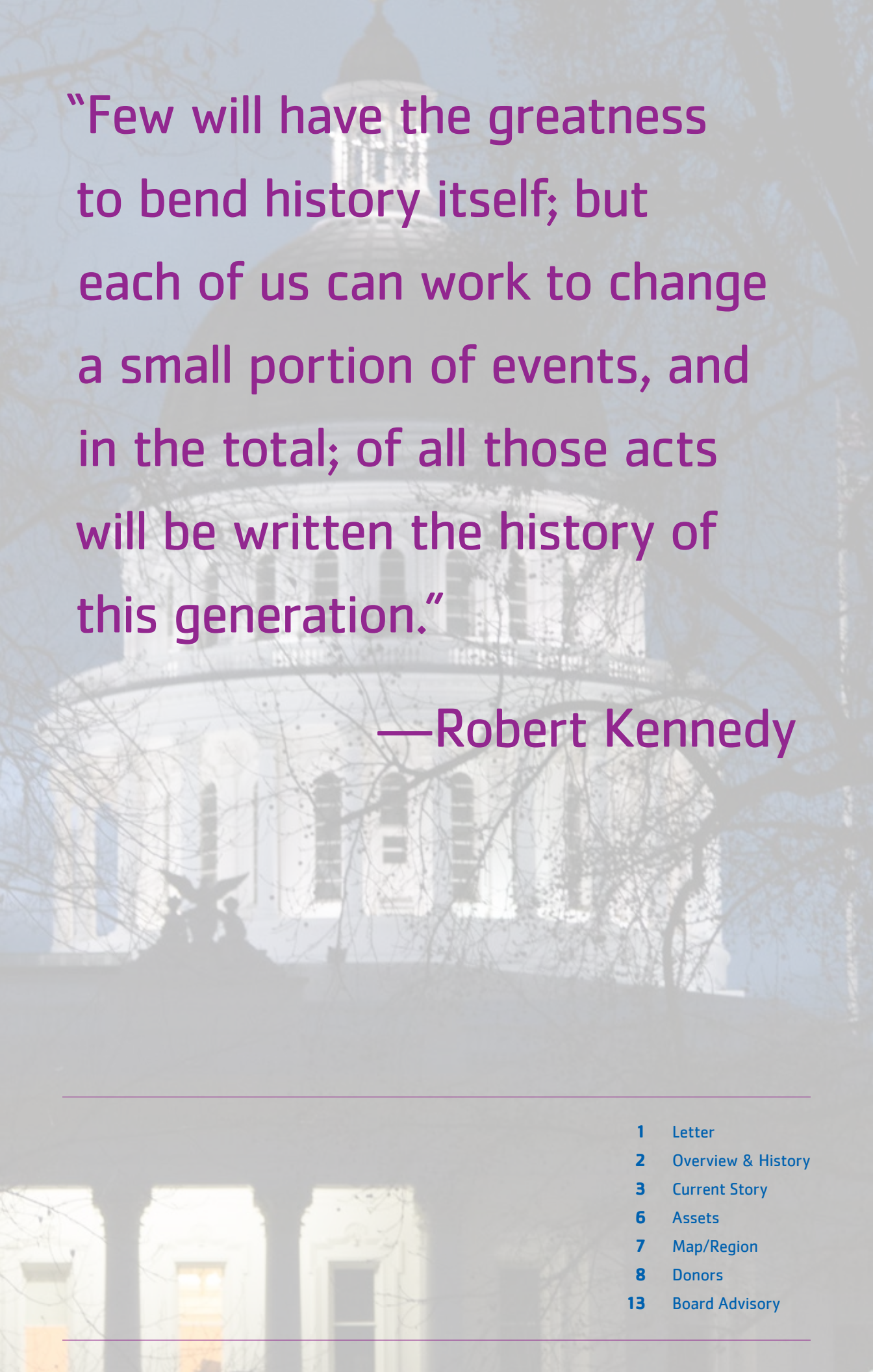
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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INSPIRING CHANGE

**Youth & Government
2013 Annual Report**





“Few will have the greatness
to bend history itself; but
each of us can work to change
a small portion of events, and
in the total; of all those acts
will be written the history of
this generation.”

—Robert Kennedy

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are proud of the accomplishments of California YMCA Youth & Government during the 2013–2014 fiscal year, under the leadership of Aaron Rios, our outgoing Board Chair. Along with Aaron’s assistance, there were a countless number of individuals who gave their time, talent and treasure to assist the organization in reaching its financial and programmatic goals.

- Record high attendance in our MLC program, totaling more than 2,850 high school students.
- Our middle school program MUN saw a 20 percent increase in attendance, reaching numbers of more than 700 students.
- Our Annual Campaign once again reached its goal of \$337,000 through the efforts of our dedicated volunteer campaign committee.
- Core staff, without the executive oversight, was able to maintain the fiscal and programmatic integrity of the organization.

Through the hard work of those volunteers and the and program staff, as well as the generosity of our donors, California YMCA Y&G remains the premier provider of civic engagement and leadership development for youth throughout our state. Our programs embody the YMCA’s cause-driven focus of youth development and social responsibility.

As we closed the program year on the 66th Model Court and Legislature and the 13th Model United Nations, we assessed the needs of the organization for the coming year. The following includes just a few of the changes that have already taken place and will continue to be a focus throughout the year:

- A new President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization was selected and a new Board Chair began a three-year term. In our roles as President/CEO and Chairman of the Board, we take the responsibility for ensuring that Y&G has a sustainable future.
- We are focused on creating an organization that is as effective as it is efficient. Topics such as board development, staff realignment and enhanced brand awareness are taking shape.
- Increasing our fundraising capacity, including expanding our corporate partnership program is a top priority. We seek to add additional corporate support to our current list of distinguished supporters: Belkin, Walmart, Keenan & Associates, Alverez-Glasman & Colvin and Gibson and Dunn & Crutcher. This increased support will enable us to offer our programs to teens in disadvantaged communities without the concern of cost.

We look forward to helping shape what lies ahead for California YMCA Youth & Government and those we serve. Thank you for your commitment to our mission.



Brian Saenger
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Debbie Gabelich
President/CEO

OVERVIEW

Since 1948, California YMCA Youth & Government has provided outstanding statewide educational and social experiences for more than 70,000 middle and high school youth. The mission of California YMCA Youth & Government is to build values-based leadership and civic engagement in California’s youth to strengthen our democratic processes.

HISTORY

In the mid 1930’s, Clement “Pete” Duran, a YMCA Director from Albany New York, sought to create a meaningful experience for young people that might inspire them to become concerned citizens and active participants in government. He struck upon the idea of a “model” legislature that would provide “hands-on” learning. With encouragement from the National YMCA, the program spread rapidly to nearby states.

The California YMCA Y&G received immediate encouragement from then-Governor, Earl Warren. From that point forward, California YMCA Y&G has received the full support of every California Governor.

In 2001, California YMCA Y&G was chartered as an independent YMCA organization responsible for statewide education and civic engagement programs for middle and high school students. Y&G programming continues to provide outstanding experiences through specialized youth programs with YMCAs and various schools throughout California.



BECCA LAMB

Pro-Tem 2012, Youth Board Member 2012-2013, CONA Attendee

YMCA Youth & Government has impacted my life in three main ways: 1) Introducing me to global issues that matter, 2) Empowering me to raise my voice and think critically, and 3) Encouraging me to fight for issues of justice and gender equality. The increased global awareness I gained in MUN (Model United Nations) has been extremely meaningful in my life.

Since that year in the program, I have been an active advocate against human trafficking and even traveled to Southeast Asia in 2011 to learn about the widespread issue and what different NGOs are doing to help. After I graduate from college, I plan to move there to work with organizations dedicated to rescuing girls from modern slavery.

YMCA Youth & Government helped me find my voice. Seven years ago, I had no idea what I wanted to do or who I wanted to be, I just knew I cared a great deal about a few political issues. Since joining Youth & Government, I have attended political issues conferences, held rallies for causes I care about, and advocated for positive legislative change. I never thought I'd be writing legislation to solve issues or speaking before a crowd of three thousand, but Youth & Government afforded me those opportunities. Whether my future career will be in government or not, I know that for the rest of my life, I will be actively engaged in the political process and I will never stop raising my voice to share my passion with the world.



FINANCIAL REPORT

California YMCA Youth & Government carries out its mission with a variety of resources: Contributions, Grants, Endowment Fund Earnings and Program Fees. It is our practice to use contributed support to help keep all program fees as low as possible, and to provide specific financial assistance to delegations with additional needs. We conduct our programs with an exemplary number of volunteers in order to keep salary expenses low. We work to keep Administrative and Fundraising expenses low as well, continuing the philosophy of directing fees and contributions to program services.

A few financial highlights are:

- Administrative and Fundraising expenses combined are only 18% of the overall expenses.
- Awarded over \$115,000 in Direct Financial Assistance to delegations.
- Added over \$204,000 to total net assets in the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Year ended June 30, 2014)

Revenues, Gains and other Support	Unrestricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$ 347,600.51	—	\$ 347,600.51
Corporate Contributions	5185.77	—	5,185.77
In-kind Services	105,000.00	—	105,000.00
Program Revenue	2,037,478.35	—	2,037,478.35
Special Events (Net)	0.00	—	0.00
Investment Return	455.37	—	455.37
Misc. Revenue	289.00	—	289.00
Net assets released from endowment	85,000.00	\$ -85,000.00	0.00
NSF Fee Income	0.00	84.00	84.00
Endowment Earnings	0.00	46,412.47	46,412.47
Endowment unrealized gain/loss	0.00	272,755.12	272,755.12
Total Revenues, Gains and other Support	\$2,470,833.23	\$ 234,251.59	\$2,705,084.82
Expenses			
Educational Programs	\$ 1,813,677.59	—	—
Administrative and General	280,831.70	—	—
Fundraising	112,549.00	—	—
Total Expenses	\$2,207,058.29	\$ 0.00	\$2,207,058.29
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ 204,726.00	\$ 331,706.00	\$ 536,432.00
Net Assets at the beginning of the year	\$ 32,197.00	\$1,643,288.00	\$ 1,675,485.00
Net Assets at the end of the year	\$ 236,924.00	\$1,974,994.00	\$ 2,211,918.00

LUCERO CHAVEZ

Jury Trial Program 2002, District Attorney 2003, Advisor, Volunteer



I was sixteen years old when I started Youth & Government and unaware of the profound impact it would have on my life. I grew up in a working class community and did not have very many professional role models, but after two years in Youth and Government I had two lifelong mentors.

As a young woman from an immigrant family I had plenty of experiences that could inform better public policy, but no one had ever asked me what I thought. Youth & Government changed that. At my very first delegation meeting Trayvond Jacobs, former youth Governor and someone I feel

embodies the values of the YMCA, asked me what I thought about the DREAM Act, a piece of legislation meant to provide equal educational opportunities to certain youth in the United States. From that moment, I was hooked. I went from being a quiet teenager who was content in the shadows of her delegation to running for statewide office my second year in the program.

The second Youth & Government mentor that truly impacted my life was Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, an amazing public speaker that not only was a successful attorney, but a long time supporter of Y&G and someone I could relate to. Not long after I heard him speak on the Jury Trial program I decided I to run for Youth District Attorney, won and was transformed. I had grown to love public speaking. Years later, after attending UCLA for my undergraduate studies, serving as an advisor and then working with the Albany YMCA and Court program while I attended the UC Berkeley School of Law, I never imagined that Jury Trial would soon become a more permanent part of my life. Today, as a civil rights attorney, there's plenty to keep me busy, however, every year I continue to stay involved by running the Trial Court Program for Youth & Government.



STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS

Delegate, Assembly Member, Y&G Alumni

I vividly remember the three years I participated in Youth & Government in the 1970s. I made lifelong friends and learned first-hand the strength of working together to solve our common problems and move forward to meet the opportunities and future we would share.

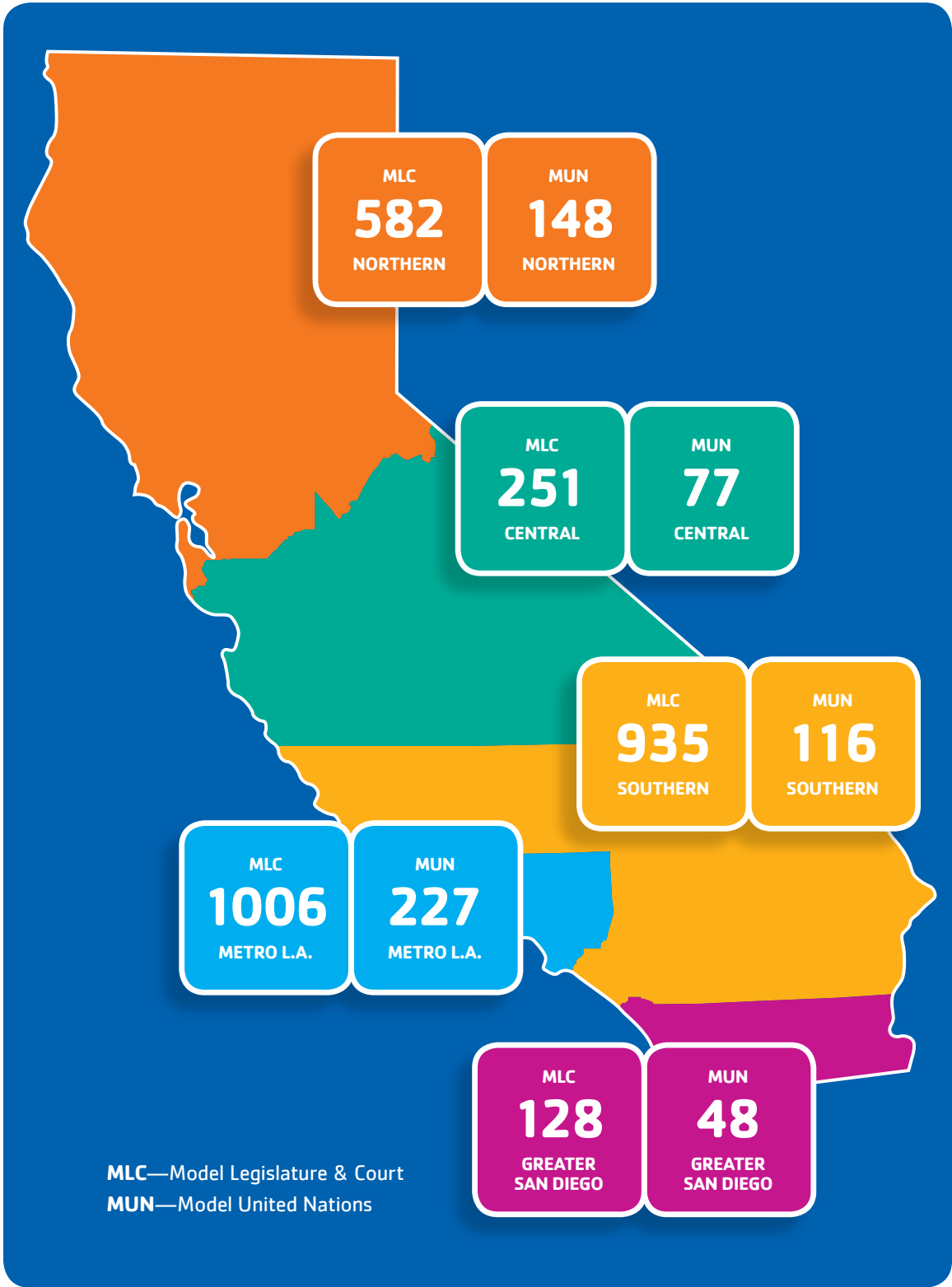
At the 1974 Youth & Government conference, while serving as Wilshire’s Assembly member, I introduced the “Bottle Bill”, the container deposit system that reimburses shoppers for returning empty aluminum cans and glass bottles. Reflecting the growing environmental consciousness that had given birth to the first Earth Day in 1970, the bill promoted recycling and litter reduction. Our “Bottle Bill” bill passed both Houses and was signed by our “Governor”. The real California Bottle Bill was passed in 1986 and implemented in 1987 – well over ten years later!

My Youth & Government experience, fueled by my passions for environmental protection and community service, propelled me into environmental studies, a career in public service, and eventually into public office. I am now serving as Mayor of the City of Mill Valley, in Marin County. My community is actively engaged in local issues and has a strong commitment to the environment.

Youth & Government was a catalyst for my interests in public service and public policy for the environment. Whenever I am at the Capitol in Sacramento, I always take a moment to reflect on California YMCA Youth & Government. I am proud and grateful to have been a part of a YMCA experience that teaches so much!



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Chet Pipkin is extremely involved with nonprofit and educational organizations. His involvement with California YMCA Youth & Government includes,

a youth advisor, volunteer staff member, and Board Member, including a stint as Chairman of the Board.

Among the extensive list of nonprofits in the Greater Los Angeles, Chet has been and continues to be a true advocate and donor to the Y Family. Not only within the Los Angeles YMCA but Youth and Government as well. As the Founder and leader of the Belkin Corporation, Chet leads the charge of corporate social responsibility for his employees. His generosity has ensured many worthwhile Youth & Government Programs have been funded as well as support underserved youth throughout the state in their desire to participate in Y&G's civic engagement and leadership programs.

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Alan Hostrup became a “Y Kid” when he was seven years old as a participant in the YMCA Indian Guide Program. He became a delegate in the Youth & Government program nine years later when he was a sophomore in high school and hasn’t missed a year since. After spending three years in the program as a youth, Alan left with a desire to make a difference in the world around him. He knew that his involvement with the YMCA would allow him to be an agent of change in his community, his state and across the country.



As Alan’s time continued with Youth & Government he became an advisor, a donor, a fundraiser, a member of the board including a term as the Chairman. Alan has been actively involved with Youth & Government for over forty-three years. He currently sits on the Board of Directors, and two and a half years ago he became the CEO & President of the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles where his leadership has ensured 1,300 student Delegates participate in California YMCA Youth & Government programs annually. Alan’s continual desire to be a champion of positive change for the youth of California is exemplary.

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