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MANAGER'S MESSAGE
BY
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Greetings Neighborhood, Community & Business Leaders:

April has been a month of great renewal and springtime beginnings. From Earth Day to Arbor Day, April is a month where we reflect on our natural environment, the conditions of our City as a whole and our individual neighborhoods. The Spring season also kicks off a number of incredibly important planning activities to prepare for many of the City's upcoming summer youth programs, that provide tremendous investment and opportunity for our young people throughout Sacramento, to grow and thrive in their continued development.

This month's edition showcases three specific areas that the City of Sacramento is engaging communities in different ways:
- Highlighting the inspiring and dedicated work by Sacramento youth to prepare for the upcoming Summer @ City Hall youth internship program
- An exciting overview of the Planning Department's first series of community outreach meetings for their General Plan Update 2040 and
- A moving account from the Tree Foundation on their important collaborative work with the City to enhance neighborhoods and communities.

As we close out the month of April, we give thanks for our environment and all that the Spring season will give us in the coming months.
The next few publications will focus on all the exceptional community and youth programming, initiatives and efforts that the City and neighborhood leaders will embark on together, to improve and enhance our great Sacramento communities.

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Youth Spotlight: Summer @ City Hall's Returning Youth: The Avengers

What is your experience like as an Avenger?

Adaeze Okoro – My experience as an Avenger is great. The sessions/training have helped me develop my social and coordinating skills. I enjoy being a Returning Youth a lot!

Chidinma Aniche – It has been fun so far, getting to meet old friends and also learning new skills like facilitating and involving others in activities.

Adoreil Ayoubgoulan – My experience with being an avenger is good because I really like the program and the activities; and also the people are nice and caring. I have learned a lot of new things that I use at everyday life.

Aman Rahod – My experience as an Avenger is that I got to have an opportunity to be a link crew leader to students like me who need help in the Summer @ City Hall program.

Anthony Santiago-Moreno – It's a great experience, I have lots of fun and spend time with great people.

Chy Ly – The program is fun, I have fun and get to better myself. The program is helping me get to know people and soon help lead other students.

Simrat Kaur – My experience as an Avenger has been great so far, I have adapted new skills that I use in my everyday life.

Isiaiah Caesar – While under the name of Avenger, I feel the blood in my very body boil for excitement. However, under the Avenger ego people feel that I need to be a leader and overcome obstacles that others could not. Being an Avenger means coming back to uphold the history of S@CH. This is what "taking the road less traveled" means. So in all, being an Avenger has given me the opportunity to become James Brown because being an Avenger you can now feel good.

Tayybah Iqbal – My experience has been really great! I have been learning a lot about planning and working with a team and organizing events (S@CH Orientation). I also have been getting more experience on becoming a strong leader.

Irvin Wong – As an Avenger, I feel accepted in a fun and friendly environment.

Thai Thao – It is fun, and I enjoy interacting with my peers. I feel like someone of equal level with everyone.

Returning Youth: Youth Development Institute [YDI] Trainers

Ar Moua – My learning and communication skills increased.

What did you enjoy about the YDI training?

• "Leading the activities and the communication between the adults and youth there."

Luke Whetstone – So far it has been pretty fun; I have had fun working in groups. I like the creative freedom we have in organizing the S@CH Orientation.

What did you enjoy about the YDI training?

• "I enjoyed the emphasis on teaching the proper way to lead and be a part of an efficient group."

Naina Singh – Fun, challenging, hard work and exciting.

What did you enjoy about the YDI training?

• "Meeting new people, the food and the ice breakers."

Maria Aguirre – So far it has been fun and engaging. I like working on the S@CH orientation.

What did you enjoy about the YDI training?

• "I really liked meeting new people from different youth groups and learning about the different groups. I also liked learning about the Tribes Trail and Hart's Ladder."

Phenghoua Xiong – My experience has been slow on progress. I felt that we should've been going into issues and problems faster.

What did you enjoy about the YDI training?

• I felt that YDI was a review of everything that I've already knew. YDI to me felt tiring due to me trying to stay up. Don't take this in a negative way. I say this because I think that there is room for improvement. I love what the program is aiming for and it is something that I would support. If I still have the chance, I would like to attend it again. For me, no program is perfect but as time goes by, improvements should be made

Sacramento City Growth Spotlight: General Plan 2040

Are you looking ahead to 2040? We are!

The City of Sacramento hosted three citywide workshops to kick-off Sacramento 2040, the General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan. The workshops were held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at Hagginwood Community Center, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center, and Monday, April 29, 2019 at the Oak Park Community Center. All three meetings were held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and in total, more than 500 community members attended.

Sacramento 2040 is the City's blueprint for how and where the City will grow over the next 20 years. It contains policies that guide everything from transportation, to the type of homes available, to jobs, entertainment, public safety and much more.

"Sacramento 2040 will help establish a shared vision for Sacramento's growth over the next 20 years. The City invited the community to weigh-in on guiding principles previously determined during the 2035 General Plan Update, as well as key topics including Environmental Justice, Climate Change, Mobility, and Livability," said Remi Mendoza, Senior Planner and Project Manager at the City of Sacramento Community Development Department.

At the Hagginwood Community Center workshop, community members were greeted with music from the Grant Union High School music department, welcomed by Mayor Steinberg and Councilmember Warren, listened to live poetry from the Sacramento Youth Poet Laureate, Khaya, and spoken word poet, Paul Willis, and listened to a brief presentation on the General Plan Update. Community members then broke out into an open house format, providing an opportunity to discuss the four main topics with project team members, one-on-one.

Subsequent meetings followed a similar format. At the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center workshop, community members were greeted by the Grant Union High School choir, and listened to poet and singer, Yelly. At the Oak Park Community Center workshop, Councilmember Schenirer welcomed attendees and introduced the poets for the night, Khaya and Paul Willis.

At all three meetings, a local artist helped develop a visual representation of the community's aspirational goals for environmental justice, climate change, mobility, and livability.

"It is our goal that we remain responsive to challenges in the coming years," said Remi Mendoza

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Citywide Visioning Workshop

Be a part of history and join us for the kick-off of the General Plan Update! Sacramento 2040 is the City's blueprint for how and where our City will grow over the next 20 years. At this family-friendly event, food will be provided. A brief presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m. An RSVP is requested, but not required.

www.sac2040gpu.org

Pick Your Night:

April 22 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Hagginwood Community Center, Auditorium

3273 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento 95815

RSVP: www.sac2040gpu1.eventbrite.com

April 25 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center, Conference Room

2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento 95832

RSVP: www.sac2040gpu2.eventbrite.com

April 29 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Oak Park Community Center, Room [illegible]

3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Sacramento 95[illegible]

RSVP: www.sac2040gpu3.eventbrite.com

Questions? Contact Ms. Sonia Gaillard at [illegible]

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Environment Spotlight: Sacramento Tree Foundation

Sacramento earned its name “City of Trees” thanks to the hard work of many people over the years, the tall elms and sycamores that shade Sacramento’s streets were planted to make our city more cool and healthier. That effort continues to this day, where many strive to plant and care for trees throughout our city. The city has a strong partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to makes sure that we have a City of Trees for future generations. The Tree Foundation works closely with the city’s Urban Forestry team, with Parks, and with the Department of Utilities team to plant trees, train volunteers and to hold workshops to improve our tree future. This partnership is especially focused on planting trees in neighborhoods that are “under-canopied,” or have less trees that other neighborhoods.

Do you like in a neighborhood that needs more trees in its parks, schools or on the streets? The Tree Foundation would like to work with you and is holding a neighborhood leadership summit on May 18th. Attendees will learn how to bring together their neighbors to create positive change. To learn more, check out bit.ly/GreenprintSummit