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YOUTH TO ADVISE LOCAL AND STATE LEADERS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Local youth gathering to present to City Council Members, CA Labor Commissioner, Cal/OSHA chief

On April 28th from 12-4:30 pm, Bay Area youth will summit at the Greenlining Institute at 360 14th Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland to discuss the problems they see around them, talk about solutions, and at 3:30 pm, present their ideas to a panel of community leaders.

Joining us to listen to youth recommendations is Oakland Council President, Nikki Fortunato Bas, who has been instrumental in partnering with youth and education advocates to reauthorize the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, and is a long-standing advocate and organizer for workers rights, health, and safety. Her efforts have resulted in the investment of millions in youth and families each year.

"The youth of Oakland and the Bay Area have a legacy of championing not only our city's, but our nation's civil rights movement and social justice work. I cut my teeth as an organizer and coalition builder with sweatshop workers, and it is my honor to meet with youth to share and learn from their experiences and wisdom," says Council President Bas.

A part of Worksafe's Black Worker Initiative, the Summit is being organized in honor of Workers Memorial Day. The Summit will highlight youth workers. Youth Listening Summit seeks to recognize and tap into the insight, resourcefulness, and unique perspectives of local youth, as well as to help them build a sense of their connectedness to and power within their communities.

"Our youth are our future. So many youth are doing amazing work in the Bay Area around critical topics. This is an amazing opportunity for them to come together, meet one another, compare notes, be inspiring and be inspired," says Najorae Trang-Kwina, the Youth Coordinator for the Summit.

Bay Area youth ages 11-20 can register for free through the [Youth Listening Summit website](#) or contact youth leader Najorae Trang-Kwina for more details. YLS is still seeking more youth to attend and sponsorships and donations for the youth attendees from local businesses. Please contact our coordinators with any questions.

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