# City of Vallejo Youth Coordinator Presentation

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## Strategy #1: Increase capacity for coordination between the City of Vallejo and the community by identifying and building relationships with key youth stakeholders



- Research on existing service, programs, resources
- Outreach to new and existing stakeholders
- Meetings/ Presentations
- School visits
- Supporting Community Events/ attending engagement opportunities
- City-Wide Youth Need Assessment
- Ongoing staff reports at the City of Vallejo/VCUSD 2x2 Committee









## Strategy #2: Increase awareness of youth services, resources, programs, and activities in Vallejo



- City of Vallejo Family Resource Guides
- Vallejo Weekly/Social media
- Community outreach/ Engagement opportunities/ resource tabling
- Providing connections within the community
- Email messages blasts



### GVRD HOLIDAY EVENTS!

Looking for something for youth to do to celebrate the season? The Greater Vallejo Recreation District is hosting a variety of funfilled events for the whole family throughout the month of December. To pre-register, see the schedule of programs and events, or for more information, please visit their website at www.GWBD.

### EVERY FRIDAY-SUNDAY IN DECEMBER (CLOSED DEC 24TH/25TH)

Festivat of Lights! Children's Wonderland Park -360 Glenn Street, Vallejo

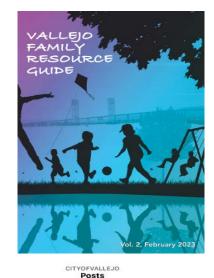
FREE Event! Fun for the entire family! Crafts.
Holiday Lights. Concessions.

### RIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Children's Wonderland Park- 360 Glenn Street, Vallejo

4:00pm-8:00pm Pre-registration required! To learn more and register, click here.

QUESTIONS? Please contact (707) 648-4600











# Strategy #3: Increase equitable youth voice, youth engagement and youth opportunities within the City of Vallejo for all youth age 0-25



- City of Vallejo Youth Strategic Plan
- City of Vallejo Youth Delegation
- General Plan Updates Input
- Youth representation on panels
- National League of Cities-Youth Excel
- Internship Opportunities
- Participatory Budgeting
- College and Career Days
- City Council Meetings
- City of Vallejo youth events
- Community events









### Strategy #4: Increase funding opportunities for youth programs, resources and activities



- Utilizing City of Vallejo funding for youth opportunities
- Applying for and helping manage youth grants
- Collaborating/ partnering on grants
- Referring grants to community partners
- Providing letters of support for grants









### Youth Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan

- To support the Vallejo City Council multi-year goal of Youth Development
- 12-month project to engage the community and gather data to support decision making and funding
- The process will:

data

- Center youth voicesInclude all districtsUse a variety of methods to gather
- ☐ Respect diversity of our community

- Be available in multiple languages
- ☐ Oversight from the Youth Coordinator and a Strategic Plan Working Group

## City-Wide Youth Needs Assessment



- Gather input related to youth needs, current offerings, barriers, gaps in services, and community priorities
- Gather data and feedback using:
  - ☐ Key Stakeholder Interviews
  - ☐ Focus Groups
  - ☐ Interactive Geo-based Survey
  - ☐ Research on demographic/population trends
  - ☐ Townhalls in each district (6)
  - ☐ Feedback from Youth Coordinator and The Youth Strategic Plan Working Group
- Draft and Final document to be completed within the first
   6 months of contract

### Youth Strategic Plan



- The Strategic Planning process will gather feedback and input via: ☐ Youth Needs Assessment ☐ Youth Strategic Plan Working Group ☐ Townhalls in each district(6) ☐ Youth Charette to ensure youth voices The Strategic Plan document will include: ☐ Executive summary of youth needs assessment data, core values, emerging themes, and recommendations ☐ Background information on the need for the plan and role of the Youth Strategic Plan Working Group ☐ Methodology for engagement ☐ Main goals within each emerging theme, and accompanying specific objectives
- Draft to be completed and presented within 9 months of contract and Final to be completed and presented within 12 months

## Youth Strategic Plan Working Group



- 8-12 members (at least 25% youth) made up of key youth serving members of organizations and the community
- Help develop and agree upon:
  - ☐A community engagement plan
  - ☐ An understanding of community resources and community capacity to work towards goals
  - ☐ The strategic plan framework—core values, emerging themes, strategic priorities, and short-term/long-term objectives
  - ☐ Indicators of success tied directly to the objectives
  - ☐ A plan for measuring, continuous monitoring and improvement, and reporting on progress.
- Meet bi-monthly over the course of the project