

Seeding Youth Opportunity



YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Use Your Voice

Youth Leadership Institute

Young people – particularly youth of color and their allies – are deeply motivated to address inequities in their communities.

At Youth Leadership Institute, young people realize their power by learning to use their voices to create meaningful change.

Learn more at yli.org.



Our Mission

Youth Leadership Institute builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive community change that promotes social justice and racial equity.





Our Values

INCLUSION

Young people are profoundly impacted by policies affecting their communities. yli brings youth to the table and works to institutionalize youth voice in the decision-making process.

INNOVATION

A wellspring of fresh perspectives and ideas, youth can often see a way forward where adults cannot. yli's youth development strategy encourages youth to identify and implement their own solutions to the issues their communities face.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Throughout history, young people have ignited and led social justice movements to create a better world for everyone. yli helps them to focus their attention on the root causes of injustice, and sharpen the skills they need to tackle them.

COMMUNITY

Nobody can do it alone! Through relationship and coalition-building, yli feeds the connective tissue within our communities to power our movements with the brilliance, resourcefulness, and wisdom of our partners.

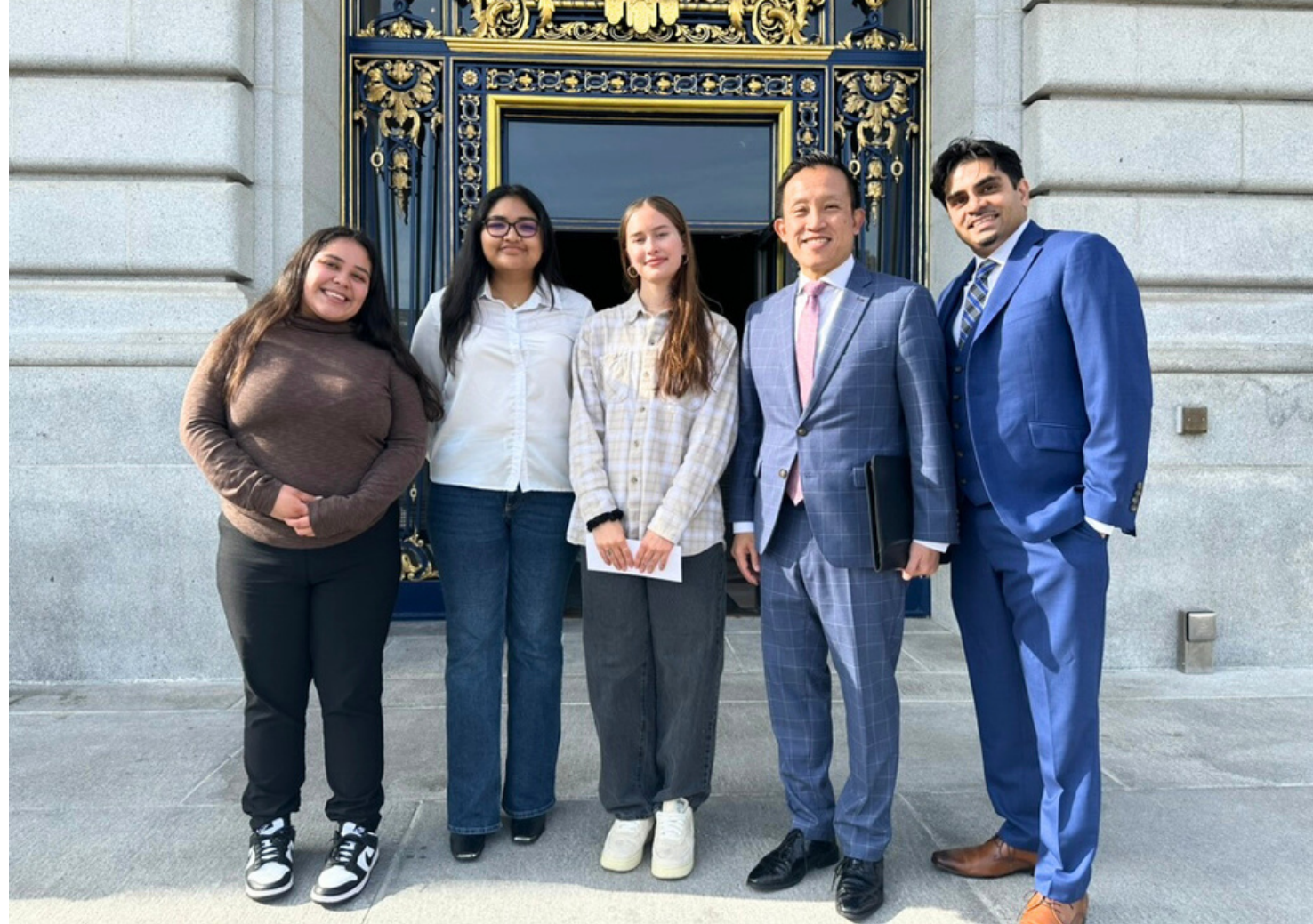




Leadership

Youth build deep relationships with peers and adult allies, helping them to uncover their gifts, build confidence in their ideas, and hone the skills they need to make positive community change, like public speaking, community organizing, and campaign strategy.





Research

yli trains young people to conduct research to improve their lives, their communities, and the institutions intended to serve them. In the process, youth gain skills in critical thinking, research techniques, and data analysis.



Storytelling

Through yli's youth-led media and storytelling campaigns, young people learn to share their stories and activate their communities through social media content, podcasts, OpEds and reported articles, billboards, video and animation, 'zines and other formats.





Campaigns

Working alongside elected officials, community leaders, local partners and coalitions, yli youth exercise their organizing, public speaking, budget- and policy-making skills. Over the past 30 years, yli young people and partners have successfully advocated for over 135 policy wins across California.

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