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2018 FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY

Countless studies have shown that youth in foster care face more barriers and challenges that hinder their ability to reach educational goals, secure successful employment and achieve their true potential. In response, the Board of Supervisors has long identified the development of career opportunities for transition-age youth exiting the County foster care system as a critical issue. This Board has supported efforts to provide youth with opportunities to find meaningful employment that will undoubtedly translate to greater success in the future.

Some of these initiatives include a countywide Career Development Internship program within each County department; training and outreach for cities, school districts, and other municipal agencies to create individualized foster youth internship programs; foster youth job opportunities through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act; and subsidized employment.

To further address the needs of foster youth, the County of Los Angeles will sponsor a “Foster Youth Shadow Day” on July 9, 2018, for foster youth to shadow County Board Members, Department Heads, Department Deputy Directors, and other senior County staff.

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This job shadowing experience will help expose youth to County governance and exemplify our mission to enrich the lives of its residents, especially those most vulnerable, through effective and caring service.

It will also provide an opportunity for youth to be a part of the day-to-day work activities of County officials and shape interest in potential future career aspirations.

Selected foster youth from each supervisorial district will be paired with a Board Member representative or Department Manager based on the employment and career interests of the foster youth. In preparation for this unique experience, the youth will participate in a training module provided by the Department of Children and Family Services' Youth Development Services Division.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Declare July 9, 2018 Foster Youth Shadow Day.
2. Encourage relevant Department Heads to designate a Foster Youth Shadow Day Coordinator and request that they oversee the matching of youth with appropriate department managers and senior staff.
3. Waive parking fees in the estimated amount of \$500 (excluding the cost of liability insurance) for 25 cars at the Music Center on July 9, 2018 for staff transporting youth.

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