CITYWIDE VISION AND VALUES

for Positive Youth Development

VISION

This vision acts as the guiding principle ("north star") for all youth development efforts in Los Angeles, aiming to ensure all youth have the support and opportunities they need to thrive:

"Los Angeles youth are informed and engaged decision-makers who have equitable opportunities to pursue their ambitions without restraint and successfully transition into adulthood."

VALUES

The plan outlines seven core values to guide the design and delivery of youth programs. These values serve as the ethical and strategic foundation for youth programming and decision-making in L.A.

- **Equitable** – Challenge systems of inequality and injustice affecting youth.
- **Youth-Centered** – Enable youth and families to actively participate in shaping the policies and programs that affect them.
- **Responsive** – Adapt to the diverse and evolving needs of youth with culturally informed services.
- **Innovative** – Encourage new ideas, take informed risks, and seek continuous improvement.
- **Evidence-Based & Results-Oriented** – Use data and research to design, evaluate, and refine programs and ensure accountability.
- **Collaborative** – Foster strong partnerships among city departments, community organizations, and other stakeholders for collective impact.
- **Joyful** – Promote fun, passion, and vibrancy in all youth development activities and spaces.