

Youth Committee - Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention
CA Campaign to Counter Childhood Adversity (4CA)
Policymaker Education Day
Sacramento, CA
July 11, 2017





Statewide representation of over 100 individuals representing cities and counties.



Leaving San Diego airport at 6:45 am en route to Sacramento.



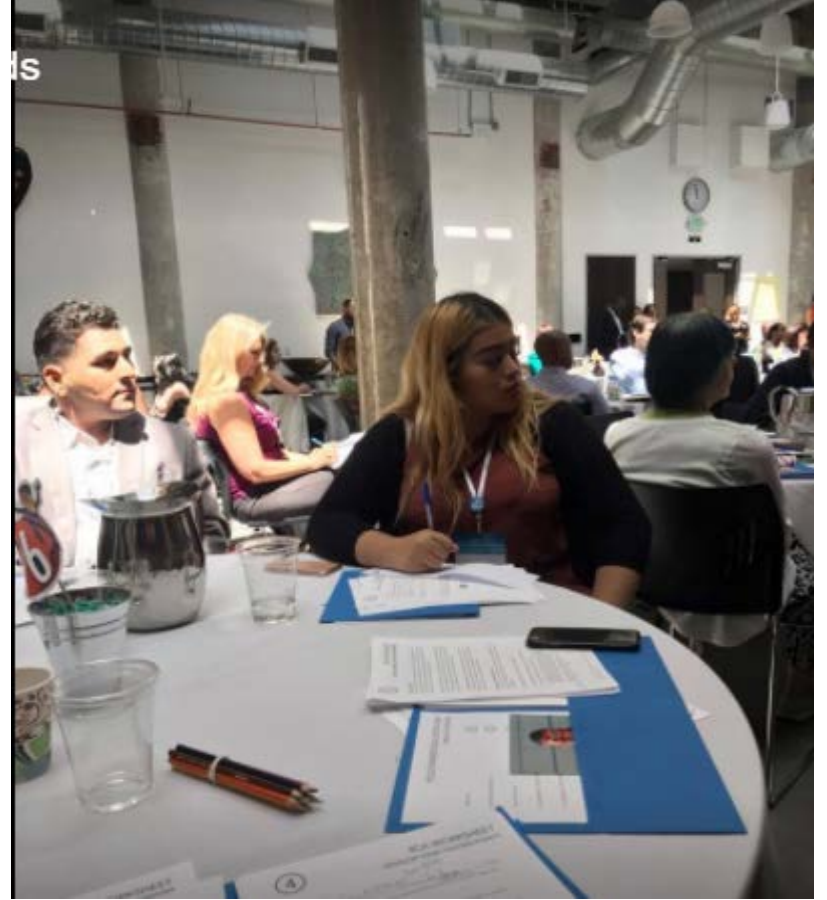
Whole group photo of the morning's learning on the difference between education and lobbying in preparation for meetings with legislative staff all afternoon.



(l to r) Robert Ontiveros, National Conflict Resolution Center - Dana Brown, Executive Director Youth Voice - Louis Vargas, mentor - Talitha Thompson, co-facilitator - Salvador Robles, youth leader - Lizette Diego, youth leader.



Guest speaker Senator Holly J. Mitchell received a standing ovation before and after her rousing, inspirational speech.



Youth Committee leader, Lizette Diego, reflected *“From being the voice of my community to being the voice of my Capitol!”* Youth Voice leader Salvador Robles shared, *“When I went to Sacramento, it was great! I was nervous but didn’t show it and the plane ride was awesome. I really had a blast!”*



(l to r) Youth Voice Executive Director, Dana Brown - Louis Vargas, mentor - Salvador Robles, youth leader - Nicole McGrath, **Assemblymember Randy Voepel** - Lizette Diego, youth leader - Robert Ontiveros, mentor - Talitha Thompson, co-facilitator



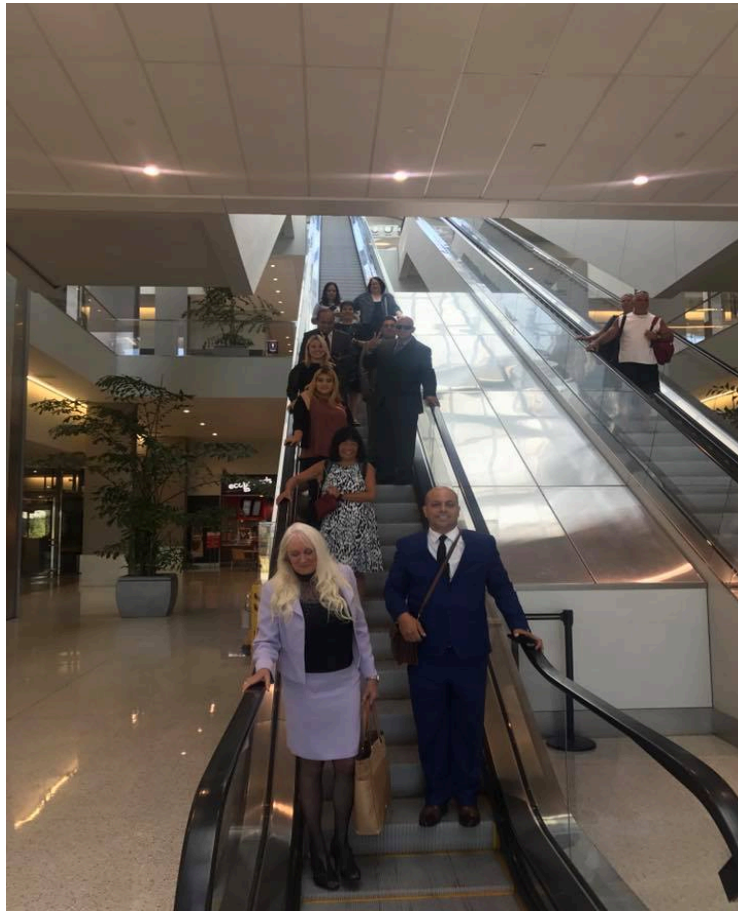
(l to r) Youth Voice mentor, Louis Vargas - Executive Director, Dana Brown - Youth leader, Salvador Robles, **Senator Joel Anderson's** Legislative Director, Craig Wilson - Youth leader, Lizette Diego - Mentor, Robert Ontiveros - Co-Facilitator, Talitha Thompson



(l to r) Youth Voice Executive Director, Dana Brown - Youth Empowerment, Executive Director, Arturo Soriano - Youth Voice co-facilitator, Talitha Thompson - Youth leader, Salvador Robles, **Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula's** Chief of Staff, Hans Hemann - Youth Voice leader, Lizette Diego - Mentor, Robert Ontiveros - Mentor, Louis Vargas

Reflected Louis Vargas, *"From the State Penn to the State Capitol. Erasing darkness and embracing light."*

Co-facilitator Talitha Thompson reflected, *“Watching and supporting our youth as they bravely and confidently spoke before state policymakers was beyond moving, beyond inspiring and such a proud moment as a mentor. I have NO doubt that their voices were heard and exciting things are to come!”*



Mentor Robert Ontiveros stated, *“It was an amazing experience to have the youths’ hard work and dedication acknowledged by individuals with the ability to influence real change.”*