



## President's Youth Council (PYC) Frequently Asked Questions

**Who is the PYC?** The President's Youth Council is currently composed of 11 members, ages 15-25, who represent various communities throughout the state of California. Current members are youth leaders in their community and reflect the regional, racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual orientation diversity of the state. PYC Ambassadors are thought partners in redefining wellness for California's youth and providing youth perspective on expanding leadership roles for youth in advancing health equity and health justice campaigns. Check out our [website!](#)

**How many new PYC members will be selected?** We are looking to recruit up to 5 members.

**When will new PYC members start?** Applications for new members close July 31, 2021 at 11:59 pm. We will review applications and select finalists to interview. Final candidates will receive an official offer letter in October. New members should plan for orientation in December and will be fully integrated into the current PYC body by January 2022. New PYC members will serve a 3 year term ending in 2025.

**How often does the PYC meet?** The PYC has 4 quarterly, in-person weekend meetings with the President and CEO of The California Endowment. The PYC Quarterly Meetings are usually held on Fridays – Sundays in various locations (downtown LA, Oakland, etc.). Members also have bi-weekly 1-hour calls for check-ins and committee work. Members also attend additional meetings, retreats, and/or TCE-related community youth organizing events.

**What's the time commitment?** The President's Youth Council does require a *significant* time commitment. In a typical week, PYC members can expect to dedicate 1-2 hours of their time to committee work. We have monthly check-in calls, opportunities to attend workshops for professional development, and occasional opportunities to engage in TCE-sponsored regional, statewide, and national opportunities. Our in-person convenings, including our quarterly meetings, usually take place over the course of three days and often take place on the weekends (Friday-Sunday).

**What are some examples of things the PYC has worked on?**

- Created and shared a [Memorandum](#) of The PYC's Recommendations for TCE's Investment Beyond 2020 with Dr. Ross, President and CEO, and The California Endowment's Board of Directors.
- Served as an advisory body to the planning process of the inaugural [TCE Youth Awards](#)
- Attended the Imagine Justice and Schools Not Prisons events as ambassadors of TCE
- Attended and presented before TCE Strategic Learning and Implementation Committee.

**How will PYC members be chosen?** The application process is competitive. New PYC members will be chosen based on diversity (racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation), geographic location, age, leadership experience, involvement in their local work and/or other

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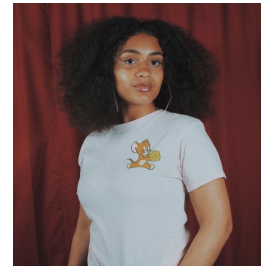
## Testimonials from Current President's Youth Council Members



*"Becoming a member of the PYC has been one of the most liberating experiences. Having the opportunity to connect and build with organizers, healers, activists, advocates, freedom fighters, youth and young adults across the state has continued to empower me to fight for communities like Stockton and the central valley. TCE and PYC have committed their values and mission to serving and uplifting youth voices with the support of our leader and CEO Dr. Ross and support of the amazing staff."*

**Jasmine Dellafosse (She/Her/Hers) Stockton**

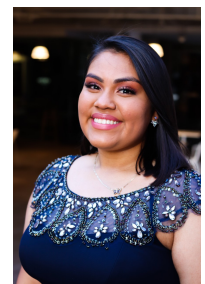
*"What's my favorite thing about the PYC? Definitely the people. Everyone is so humble, inspiring, & articulate- but the best thing about that is we're all youth. It assures me that I'm not the only one who cares about certain issues that are important to me."* **Natalie Martinez (She/Her/Hers) Garden Grove**



*"The PYC is an eye-opening experience as a young community leader. It has given me the opportunity to learn how a big foundation such as The California Endowment works. Understanding the philanthropy system is valuable knowledge that you can leverage when advocating for resources in your community. It also gives you an opportunity to speak your truth to power with TCE leaders to ensure that their strategies and campaigns reflect what is needed in vulnerable communities across California. As a PYC member, my favorite responsibility has been reimagining what public health looks*

*like with fellow PYC members and challenging Dr. Ross to help us make that imagination a reality. Knowledge, friendships, and a network of badass organizers is what I have got out of my time in the PYC."* **Efrain Botello Cisneros (He/Him/His) Fresno (alumnus, 2020)**

*"Becoming a PYC member has been a transformational experience. Over the years I have had the honor and privilege to connect with healers, activists, organizers across California who are fighting to create a community without violence. TCE and PYC have cultivated a space that has encouraged me to further my leadership skills and become a critical thinker."* **Karla Ortiz (She/Her/Hers) Boyle Heights**



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