

Save Our Stockton

A Youth Movement for Change

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Save Our Stockton - A Youth Movement For Change(SOS) is a youth-led and youth driven organization committed to providing a voice for the youth of Stockton, translate that voice into action for youth in the city and empower youth to make positive change in their city.

VISION STATEMENT:

Save Our Stockton - A Youth Movement For Change(SOS) three primary objectives/priorities to acheive our mission are to:

- 1) Work with the City Of Stockton and the Boys and Girls Club of Stockton in enacting Teen Center Reform to provide a homebase or "ground zero" for change throughout the city of Stockton
- 2) Develop a web-space for youth to provide a centralized clearing house for youth resources, support and opportunities as well as connecting youth throughout Stockton as a means to promote understanding, respect and education in this city's diversity.
- 3) Work with the Mayor of Stockton and city council members to develop and serve on a committee of stakeholders for youth issues to ensure that the voice, actions and empowerment of Stockton's youth have the support, consent and endorsement of the city & county government, public, private, business, non-profit, faith-based, supportive education and youth organization power brokers.

ACTION PLAN:

Teen Center Reform by SOS working with the City of Stockton and the Boys & Girls Club to effectively updating and improving the contract in areas of marketing, publicity, distinguishing of responsibilities by asking that SOS be "at the negotiating table" during any and all Teen Center discussions with

the City and the Boys & Girls Club, whether separately or together then pull together resources to help the Teen Center operate at its full potential after the negotiations by requesting that Y.A.C. join SOS "at the table" and report directly to the City Council and the Mayor on Teen Center operations in regards to the fulfillment of the agreement between the City and the Boys & Girls Club.

A teen web space for Stockton's youth by SOS working with the City Of Stockton to link youth to resources(events calendar, scholarships, job fairs, art exhibits, forums, conferences, workshops, etc.) online by either using the City's website or designing a stand-alone site linked to the City's website while also linking social networking sites, Channel 97 and other youth-related agencies and services. The city will also be able to share volunteer opportunities directly to Stockton's youth, utilizing their talents and resources in web design, graphic design, broadcasting and journalism in exchange for school credits, resume experience and other possible incentives.

SOS is soliciting Stockton's Mayor to commission a stakeholders think tank committee representing Stockton's city, county government, public, private, business, non-profit, faith-based, supportive education, longtime residents, historians, youth and youth advocate organization communities with a focus on strategies on how to research, identify, prioritize, address, translate issues pertaining to youth in the City Of Stockton while partnering in plans to produce enduring, long-lasting change for Stockton's youth and their families.