

## **Junior Statesmen Foundation Symposium on San Francisco Leadership and Government**

Goal: To give students an introduction to and understanding of the people, policies and processes which drive San Francisco City and County government.

150 – 200 students from high schools throughout the city of San Francisco will be invited to attend this day-long symposium (tentatively scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>) and delve into the inner-workings of local government.

Target schools: All San Francisco high schools but giving priority to high schools with 50%+ of population on free/reduced lunch

Location: California Public Utility Commission & SF City Hall

### **Outcomes:**

Students will understand the structure of city and county government especially the role of and relationships between the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Education, other key elected officials and key city departments.

Students will build civic courage through meeting and interacting with leaders throughout local government.

Understanding key local governance issues by using critical analysis to evaluate public policy.

Tools, skills and confidence to be able to become advocates for the issues that they care about

Experience the challenges of coalition building through group exercises/consensus building/colaboration

### **Themes or Issues to Explore:**

(Narrow list to 3 – 4)

- 1) Education
- 2) Transportation
- 3) Crime & Justice
- 4) Homelessness
- 5) Economic Development
- 6) Housing/Community Development/Livability

### **Format**

Opening Session – Welcome and Outline for the day

Topic Area 1 – Speakers/Panel & Student Activity  
Lunch

Topic Area 2 – Speakers/Panel & Student Activity

Topic Area 3 – Speakers/Panel & Student Activity

Closing Session – Evaluation and Summary

**How the San Francisco Youth Commission can help:**

- 1. Sponsor the event**
- 2. Assist in accessing space in City Hall for the event**
- 3. Participate in conducting a component of the symposium – i.e. case study/workshop of the process of enacting free MUNI for youth in San Francisco**
- 4. Reach out to respective Board Supervisor to participate in the symposium and share the event information through outlets**
- 5. Reach out to high school students to participate**