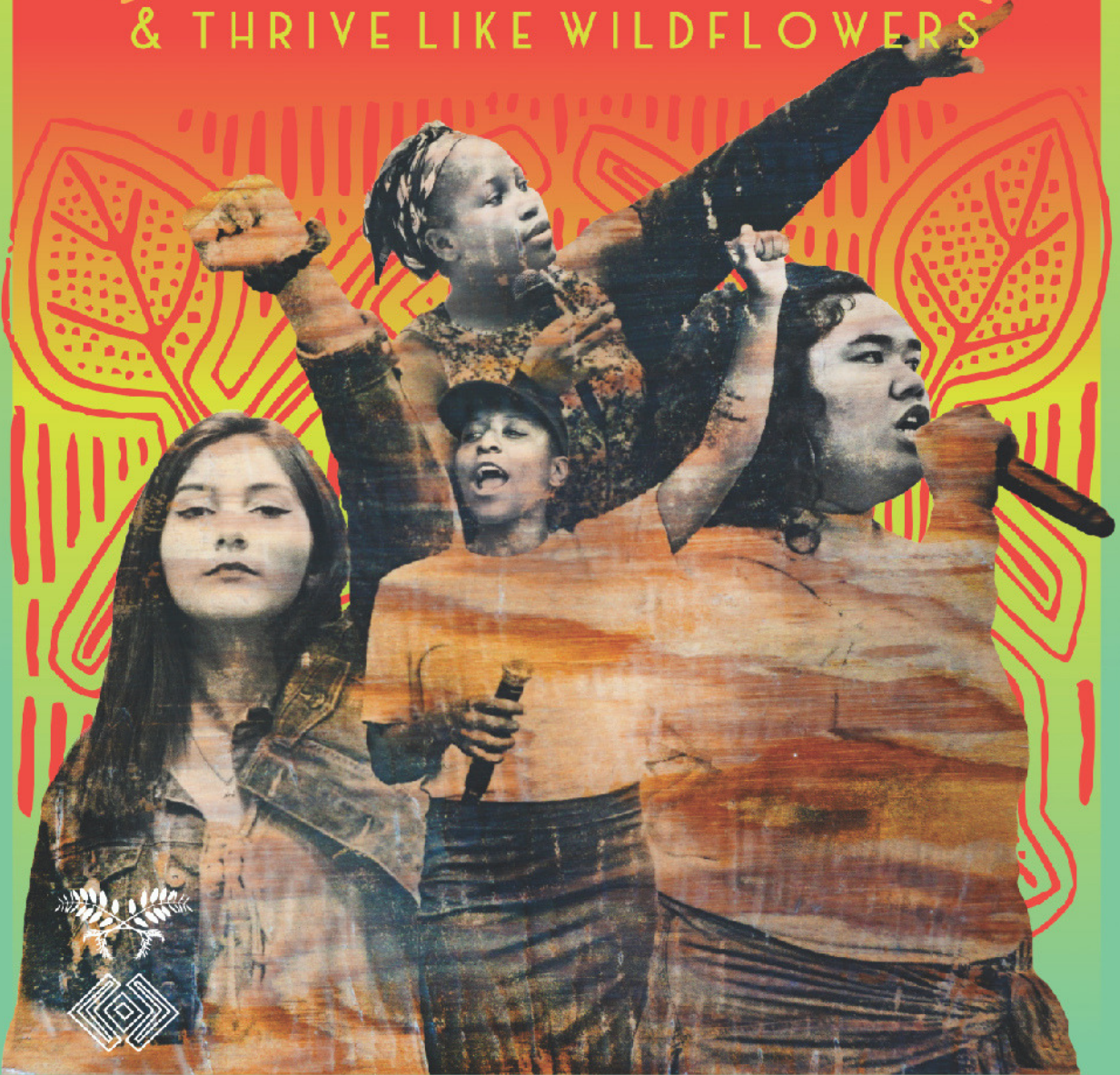


IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE YOUTH

RISE UP

& THRIVE LIKE WILDFLOWERS



YOUNG PEOPLE'S AGENDA

VISION & ISSUE FRAMEWORK

The Young People's Agenda is a starting point to spark radical alignment between young people of color, movement organizations, elected officials, and institutional leaders. The Agenda reflects young people's vision for a world rooted in equity, freedom, and racial justice. A world of wholeness. A world with safe and brave spaces. A world of adequate and abundant resources. A world built on mutual support, strength, leadership, and love. This is the future we are calling into existence. The future our communities demand and deserve.

The Young People's Agenda was jointly developed by Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, White, immigrant, refugee, queer, transgender, gender non-conforming, and low-income young people who are working in solidarity together as part of the Youth Organize! California and Power California networks.

The specific demands and proposals that we call for under each issue area are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they represent examples of key issue priorities and current organizing efforts.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH FULL INVESTMENT IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

Where we are no longer locked up, locked out, suspended and expelled, detained and deported, stereotyped and dismissed. Where our dreams are supported and uplifted, invited and encouraged, welcomed and desired, loved and accepted.

We call for:

- Investing local and state general funds in services and opportunities that uplift young people and divest from enforcement, punishment, and incarceration that dehumanize young people.
- Increasing corporate taxes to fund investments in free college for all, single-payer health care, and affordable child care for working families.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE JUSTICE

Where there are no borders, deportations, criminalized immigration experiences, or separation of families. Where different identities do not draw boundaries but bring us all closer.

We call for:

- Full protection for all undocumented families, immigrants, and refugees in California including Indigenous, African, Caribbean, Afro-Latinx, Latinx, Middle Eastern, Arab, Muslim, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander communities.
- A pathway to legal residency and full citizenship for all undocumented youth and adult immigrants and refugees.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH TRANS, QUEER, AND GENDER JUSTICE

Where LGBTQIA+ communities, women, transgender, two-spirit, and gender non-conforming people can live without fear. Where there is an end to rape culture, sexual assault, violence, and harassment. Where we can express ourselves and not be judged and our worth is recognized and upheld.

We call for:

- Recognition and protection under the law for LGBTQIA+ communities, and people of all gender identities, expressions, and designations.
- Access to affordable health services addressing the specific health needs and concerns of women, trans, and gender non-conforming people.

**LGBTQIA+ is an acronym that is inclusive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Pansexual, Trans, Two-Spirit, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual identities.*

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH RACIAL JUSTICE

Where we dismantle anti-blackness in all forms that still persist throughout the political, social, cultural, and economic systems we engage in daily. Where sovereignty for Indigenous peoples in the United States, across the Western Hemisphere, and globally are central to the struggle for liberation. Where communities of color unapologetically create and thrive in intersectional spaces. Where we are free of colorism and the internalized hatred of Black and Brown skin that has stemmed from the legacy of colonization and white supremacy.

We call for:

- Inclusive and spacious movements that center the shared leadership and decision-making of youth, women, gender-nonconforming and trans people of color.
- Full and abundant funding for all public schools.
- The elimination of criminal justice and immigration systems that criminalize poverty.
- Community reinvestment regardless of neighborhood or zip code that allows youth of color everywhere to feel affirmed and thrive powerfully.
- A contagious commitment to healing ourselves and each other that inspires us to co-create a culture of feeling seen, heard, supported, interconnected, and deeply loved.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

Where there is no school-to-prison pipeline, school-to-poverty, or school-to-deportation pipeline. No erasure of our histories, and no factory-model of education bent on testing, punishment, and compliance. Instead, education affirms who we are, embraces our liveliness, and respects our identities.

We call for:

- Welcoming and safe schools that honor students of color, American Indian/Alaska Native students, LGBTQIA+ students, immigrant and refugee students, and other marginalized groups.
- Healing centered, culturally responsive curriculum and practices that address trauma, violence, and mental health.
- Abundant resources and services that create community and relationship-centered schools which center student experiences.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH TRANSFORMATIVE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Where there are no prisons, criminalization, deportation, mass incarceration, state-sanctioned violence, or racial profiling in communities of color. Instead, young people and community members are embraced by a true community of healing and transformation.

We call for:

- Creating restorative and transformative justice practices in communities, systems, and schools.
- Supporting re-entry of formerly incarcerated youth and community members with healing, services, housing, and employment.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH HOUSING AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Where we aren't in constant struggle to provide for ourselves, where we aren't pushed out of our homes by gentrification and corporate greed. Instead, we have equitable resources for all people of color, centering on the experiences of those farthest on the margins.

We call for:

- Stable, safe, quality, and affordable housing based on community income.
- Equal access to meaningful work and living wage jobs.
- Access to programs that support housing rights for LGBTQIA+ families and first-time buyers.
- Deeper investment in financial, employment, mental health programs for youth and individuals impacted by homelessness or housing displacement.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Where we are strong not because we've had to survive so much hardship but because we have so much support in our communities. Where young people are embraced with wellness, wholeness, healing, and transformation.

We call for:

- Single-payer healthcare with access and services for all people, including undocumented and trans community members.
- Access to free, high-quality health and reproductive care and services.
- Centering the needs of young parents by ensuring all people have access to the information, education, and resources needed to make real decisions about our own bodies and lives.
- Access to free trauma-informed, mental health, and wellness services in communities and schools.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Where we recognize and uphold treaties and Indigenous communities' rights to land, water, and ways of life. Where we put an end to global warming and environmental injustice in our communities, including toxic dumpsites, water pollution, unclean air, and pesticides. Instead, we heal and protect the world we live on.

We call for:

- Clean air, water, and land for all communities by protecting the sanctity of our natural resources.
- Freedom from reliance on fossil fuels and resource extraction.
- Transitioning to a society and an economy based on sustainable and renewable energies.
- Abundant recreational spaces, parks, gardens, and green spaces for all communities.
- Access to healthy, fresh, nutritious, culturally appropriate and affordable food.
- Access to free, quality public transit.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH GRASSROOTS GOVERNANCE

Where we are no longer excluded, silenced, or denied access to power. Where those in power are guided by mutual love and accountability to the communities they represent. Where we stand together, love each other and pass on leadership. Where we always have the power to change the world.

We call for:

- Expanding the vote in local and state elections to all Californians age 16 and older, including undocumented residents and formerly and currently incarcerated individuals.
- Building new school and community governance systems where young people and families of color have authentic voice, meaningful participation, and decision-making power.
- Youth-led decision-making power that keeps local elected officials accountable to community not corporations.

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH CULTURAL DIGNITY

Where we honor and respectfully recognize the tribal and ancestral homelands which we occupy. Where our organizing is proudly rooted in culture. Where art forms, such as Jazz, Folklorico, Danza, Hip Hop, and poetry, are seen as vessels for political storytelling. Where our communities are encouraged to sing, paint, dance, and reimagine their way towards collective freedom.

We call for:

- Honoring the cultural, ancestral, and intersectional wisdom that art and storytelling have brought our movements for generations.
- Building strength-based narratives and cultural work that uplifts our dreams, dignity, and political power.
- Cultivating healing and radical joy through collaborative art-making, experimentation, self-expression, and creative practices.

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