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Student Directors' Report – October 8, 2014 Carmen Jimenez and Katebah Al-Olef, Student Directors'

Good Evening Students, Community, and Board,

We, as All City Council, have engaged in various events these past weeks targeted to uplift student voice in decision-making spaces. The following is a list of some of the events that we have done:

- On September 23rd, All City Council attended the first Superintendent Youth Forum. It was held at McClymonds High School. During this forum students from McClymonds were able to meet and talk with Superintendent Wilson. The students were able to express their concerns and opinions around their school and education. Mac students brought a lot of insight into what needs to be changed at schools in West Oakland, and particularly at McClymonds.
- 2. On September 30th, All City Council was also able to attend the second student forum with our Superintendent. It was held at Oakland Technical High School. Students from Oakland Tech, MetWest, Sojourner Truth and Coliseum College Preparatory Academy were able to attend and also express their views and opinions. We heard a lot about the Superintendent's intentions and vision. Students had a platform to ask questions and present their vision for change. It is critical that we continue building with the Superintendent, the Board, and staff. The Youth Forums is a great model to continue this level of work.
- 3. On September 28th, the All City Council Governing Board met to discuss our written by-laws. After careful examination and communication we decided to adjust and renew our by-laws. We are in the process of altering and adjusting these by-laws. As in our constitution, All City Council Delegates will meet to discuss the by-laws and vote on revisions to the constitution. We will keep the Board updated on the process.

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4. On October 2nd, Student Director Carmen Jimenez was able to attend the Student Board Member Symposium facilitated by CASC, California Association of Student Councils, in Sacramento, CA. The symposium helped us learn more around the role of Student Board Members. Besides learning more about our role, Student Board Members also connected with other Board Members from Fairfield and Vacaville. We also received a Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which highlights the rights student have under the California Education Code. We will be distributing this information to youth and ACC delegates. Overall it was a great experience and we appreciate the Board for allowing this learning opportunity to happen.

The prior events are only the beginning of exciting things coming up this month. We would like to invite our peers to the next All City Council High School Meeting, Oct. 16th at Fremont High School. We will be doing skill building, revising and voting on the constitution, and doing elections for both ACC GB and LCAP Student Directors. We are also having our next All City Council Middle School Meeting Oct. 21st at Westlake Middle School. We would also like to invite our peers to the next Youth Forum on October 7th at EBAYC 5:30-7pm and October 20th from 5:30-7pm at YU. There is very limited space so students must RSVP. If you care about making change in your schools come to one of these events. It is important that we exercise our voice as students. Thank you.