

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

**FROM:** MICHAEL WALD, CHAIR

**SUBJECT:** ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

**DATE:** 6/4/2010

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### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Chair requests that the Youth Council approves the formation of three working groups designed to move the work of the Youth Council and the City's youth workforce funding departments forward, focusing on Publications, Quality Standards Alignment and Employer Engagement.

### **BACKGROUND**

In its first year, the Youth Council has made significant accomplishments, including the re-alignment of youth workforce dollars to support educational attainment for young people, the creation and adoption of quality standards for workforce programs and alignment of strategies of the City's largest youth workforce funders – the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families and the Office of Economic & Workforce Development.

To support the work of the City departments, their partners and service providers, the following Working Groups are proposed for the upcoming year:

#### **Publications**

Purpose: To create an integrated series of publications that showcases the work of the Youth Council, OEWD and DCYF and put forth a cohesive framework for youth workforce funding.

#### **Outcomes**

- Development of Year One Report
- Development of Quality Work-Based Learning Report



## **Quality Standards & Education Alignment**

Purpose: To ensure the successful implementation of quality standards into youth workforce programs and build agency capacity to achieve these.

### Outcomes

- Development and implementation of monitoring and capacity building strategies related to quality standards
- Research and craft recommendations regarding models that integrate education into workforce programming

## ***Employer Engagement***

Purpose: To create a range of strategies to engage employers into the City's youth workforce programs.

### Outcomes

- Development of a menu of strategies to engage employers in work-based learning opportunities in partnership with school and City-funded programs

