



TEENS FROM ACROSS THE STATE COME TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Over 3,500 high school students representing California YMCA Youth & Government and its impressive 92 delegations, will come together February 11th-15th to participate in the 68th Model Legislature & Court (MLC). Delegates from across the state will debate on the Senate and Assembly floors and preside over court cases in the Superior Court Chambers, while its 68th Youth Governor will oversee conference affairs from the Governor's Office inside the State Capitol.

Youth Senate and Assembly members will debate topics ranging from immigration reform to water rights issues. Many of the issues debated during the four-day, statewide conference mirror issues debated by California State Legislators. The long standing relationship with California's former Governors, as well as current Governor, Jerry Brown, and his administration, will afford delegates the opportunity to utilize public and private chambers, including Governor Brown's office, where 68th Youth Governor, Nicolas Gardner, will spend his time overseeing the creation of the program's State Constitution, signing student created legislation and approving a state budget created by participating delegates. The culmination of the conference will take place on Sunday night, when over 3,500 delegates will vote the 69th Governor of the MLC into office.

California YMCA Youth & Government's Model Legislature & Court program is a six-month program in which 9th-12th grade students statewide role-play various positions of the California State Legislature and State Court systems. By joining local YMCA delegations, participating students have the opportunity to write bills and prepare briefs about issues that most affect them. Delegates meet weekly as well as attending two statewide training conferences leading up to the February conference.

California YMCA Youth & Government's Model Legislature & Court has been the state's premier youth leadership and civic engagement program since 1948. The MLC is designed to teach youth the democratic process and how they can affect change, while building self-confidence, inspiring leadership, learning transferable skills and making new friends from across the state.



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Opening Joint Convention | CA SECRETARY OF STATE, ALEX PADILLA, CONFIRMED TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS** | Thursday, February 11th | 12:30PM | Sacramento Convention Center
- **Joint Convention & 69th Youth Governor Candidate Speeches | FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DARRELL STEINBERG CONFIRMED TO MAKE OPENING REMARKS** | Friday, February 12th | 8:00AM | Sacramento Convention Center
- **Closing Joint Convention & Election of 69th Youth Governor** – Sunday, February 14th | 5:30PM | Sacramento Convention Center

To learn more about this program and California YMCA Youth & Government please visit www.calymca.org.

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