

***SAN JOSE CONSERVATION CORPS & CHARTER SCHOOL
Legislation Watch***

Federal Legislation:

Watching efforts to move YouthBuild from HUD to DOL.

Earlier this year the President released his budget request for Fiscal Year 2007 and included just \$50M for YouthBuild. This is a 20% cut from Fiscal Year 2005 and could result in the closing of even more YouthBuild programs.

You can help.

You can help increase YouthBuild funding by contacting your U.S. Senators and Representatives now and alerting them to the precarious situation in which YouthBuild finds itself this year and asking them to contact the Appropriators to protect the federal YouthBuild program,

We are all concerned and working hard to do everything we can to avoid a cut in federal YouthBuild funds.

But, we can not do it alone. We need your help.

What can you do to help?

1. Call and write both of your US Senators today and tell them what a 20% cut will do to your YouthBuild program and ask them to do everything in their power to ensure YouthBuild and low income youth are not inflicted with yet another cut. Ask your Senators to contact Chairman Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Ranking Member Tom Harkin (D-IA) of the Labor Appropriations Subcommittee to urge them to appropriate \$90M for the federal YouthBuild program. Please do this as soon as possible.
2. Contact your US Representative and ask him or her to do everything in his/her power to ensure that funding for the federal YouthBuild program is not cut.

State Legislation:

AB 3038 (Ruskin)

Clarifies language in the Public Resources Code pertaining to local conservation corps. This bill is supported by local conservation corps.

AB 3056 (Committee on Natural Resources)

Amends language pertaining to distribution of monies in the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act. Local conservation corps are closely watching this bill.

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