**MEDIA ALERT**

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**May 2: San Diego Students to Unveil Youth Bill of Rights to Demand Freedoms**

* *Youth advocates to present 11 rights that should be guaranteed to every young person in San Diego*
* *Local nonprofits will call on local leaders to develop policies that prioritize young people*
* *Community leaders and youth to sign large-scale Bill of Rights scroll*

**WHAT**:

San Diego college students will stand in front of dozens of community members and leaders to present the region’s first Youth Bill of Rights. Written by local elementary, high school and college students, the document contains 11 demands for culturally responsive education, sustainable housing, holistic healthcare and other freedoms that help youth reach their full potential.

**WHY**:

Youth Will (formerly [San Diego Youth Development Office](http://sandiegoydo.org/)) and [San Diego Workforce Partnership](http://workforce.org/) are committed to making San Diego a world-class region where young people have everything they need to be happy, healthy and prepared to reach their potential. Starting in January, Youth Will engaged dozens of young people from across San Diego County to draft the Youth Bill of Rights, including university students, disconnected youth who are not working or in school, elementary students and young professionals. Simultaneously, San Diego Workforce Partnership has engaged local Opportunity Youth in the planning of this year's Opportunity Summit. The document serves as the foundation for a new movement led by these young leaders to improve youth development policies and systems in the public education system and local government.

**SPEAKERS:**

* Youth advocates
* Sean Elo, executive director of Youth Will
* Eric Morrison-Smith, partnerships and events specialist at San Diego Workforce Partnership

**VISUALS:**

* Youth holding and signing large-scale Bill of Rights display
* Youth advocates chanting
* Speakers demanding freedoms in front of crowd

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

* **Organizations**: Youth Will, San Diego Workforce Partnership
* **Date/time**: May 2, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
* **Location**: Town and Country San Diego (In front of fountain by hotel entrance) – 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108
* **For interviews**: Contact Shannon Sneade at Shannon@gomixte.com or call 702-540-8108
* **Links to use in your story**: [www.youthwill.org](http://www.youthwill.org/), [www.workforce.org](http://www.workforce.org)

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**About Youth Will**

Youth Will, formerly the San Diego Youth Development Office, is a leading expert on solutions to help youth reach their full potential. The nonprofit is fighting for a future where every young person has what they need to be happy, healthy, and prepared to reach their potential by building youth power, improving youth development, and demanding youth prioritization. For more information, visit youthwill.org.

**About the San Diego Workforce Partnership**

The Workforce Partnership is the leader for innovative workforce solutions in San Diego County. It funds and delivers job training programs that enable all job seekers to develop the skills and knowledge needed for in-demand careers. The Workforce Partnership also provides ongoing labor market research on the region’s workforce trends and key industries. Its vision is to ensure that every business in our region has access to a skilled workforce and every job seeker has access to meaningful employment. For more information, visit [workforce.org](http://www.workforce.org/).