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TEEN COURT COMMISSIONER PROGRAM

THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM

<u>Teen Court Commissioners</u> are local high school students who volunteer in the Teen Court program as an extracurricular activity and a form of community service.

These student volunteers receive training from local professionals who work in the justice system covering issues of confidentiality, juror responsibility & deliberation, and the roles & responsibilities of those serving in the justice system.

After students complete the initial training, they become <u>Teen Court</u> <u>Commissioners</u> who assume the roles of Attorney, Court Clerk, Bailiff, or Juror on <u>REAL JUVENILE CASES</u> referred to Teen Court.

The Teen Jury of peers hears the facts of the offense, the consequences of the act and the juvenile's testimony. After hearing both sides, the Teen Jury deliberates on an appropriate disposition.

Beyond the courtroom, <u>Teen Court</u> <u>Commissioners</u> develop public speaking and critical thinking skills which will benefit them throughout their academic and professional careers.

STUDENTS JOIN TEEN COURT TO

- (1) Stand out on COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- (2) Provide COMMUNITY SERVICE
- (3) Develop PUBLIC SPEAKING & CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- (4) Enjoy *COURT-FUNDED FIELD TRIPS* to places like:
 - San Francisco (Alcatraz, CA Supreme Court, SF City Hall, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, Fisherman's Wharf & Pier 39)
 - <u>Sacramento</u> (California Court of Appeals for the 3rd District, California State Capitol, Old Town Sacramento)
- <u>California Youth Court Conferences</u> (At Colleges/Universities throughout the State)

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING:

- (1) Complete and turn in the <u>Teen Court</u> <u>Commissioner Interest Form</u> on the right.
- (2) You will receive information in the mail regarding the FALL 2020 New Commissioner Training Night.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Maura Helsel at (530)249-0800 or Maura.helsel@lassencourt.ca.gov, or visit the Teen Court link of the Departments & Programs tab of the court's website. (www.lassencourt.ca.gov).

TEEN COURT COMMISSIONER INTEREST FORM

YES, I am interested in becoming a <u>Teen</u> <u>Court Commissioner</u>. Please send me an application and information regarding the FALL 2020 New Commissioner Training Night. My contact information is as follows:

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Cell Phone:	
Home Phone:	
Email:	