

Work2future Board - public comment

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COMMENT 2, RE: IV. C "AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VI OF WORK2FUTURE'S BYLAWS"

While I am pleased to see the board moving toward operationalizing a youth committee, I am frustrated to find the Board only now considering the rather straightforward changes to bylaws at this meeting, three months after the recommendations were adopted by the board. Many young leaders and dozens of community members spent more than a year working together to make those recommendations. The executive committee accepted and moved to the board in May. Further, this board has had no committee dedicated to overseeing youth policy and strategy for approximately seven years. The board and staff should honor the work of community members and recognize the imperative to bring more voices and expertise to the table, and should therefore expedite the effort. This kind of slow walking is profoundly frustrating to those of us who volunteered scores of hours for the Youth Forum and who have advocated on behalf of young people to this board for years. I encourage this board to set a goal for the Youth Committee to be operationalized and hold a first meeting before the end of the year.