

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta
January 20 – 24, 2017**

Topic: Request for Board Action: Los Angeles County Area IG

Background: YALSA Member Jane Gov has submitted a petition to form a Los Angeles County Area Interest Group. Per Article X in the YALSA Bylaws, members may form Interest Groups on topics unrelated to standing committees via a petition containing 15 or more signatures of members who wish to participate in the group. Letitia Smith has confirmed that each of the individuals on the petition are current members of YALSA. Jane Gov presented a proposal for the board’s consideration via virtual discussion in August 2016. In order to be entered into the official record of the organization, this document is presented as a consent item for the Board’s 2017 Midwinter Meeting. (please note that the petition below has been amended to remove certain personal information to protect members’ privacy)

Action Required: Consent

YALSA Interest Group Formation Petition

Proposed Name of Group: Los Angeles County Area Interest Group

Proposed group mission:

The Los Angeles County Area Interest Group provides opportunities for YALSA members from the greater Los Angeles County area to contribute to the mission of YALSA by:

- (1) Connecting and networking with local Teen Services librarians, library staff, and advocates
- (2) Sharing and evaluating local resources for teens and young adults
- (3) Collaborating on projects and/or programs
- (4) Providing and share learning and training opportunities
- (5) Representing YALSA at library related symposiums, institutes, and conferences, and vice versa
- (6) Connecting YALSA with relevant state and local associations and organizations

Proposed Convener’s Name: Jane Gov

Institution: Pasadena Public Library

Member Signatures: Signatures may be collected virtually and must be from current YALSA members who agree to participate in the group, if it is established. 15 signatures are required.

1.
Name: Sarah Mae Harper
Institution: County of Los Angeles Public Library

2.
Name: Dena Gould
Institution: Los Angeles Public Library

3.
Name: Marcia Melkonian
Pacoima Branch, Los Angeles Public Library

4.
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Name Lesley Farmer
Institution Cal State University Long Beach

7.
Name: Deborah Takahashi
Institution : Pasadena Public Library

8.
Name: Candice Mack
Institution: Los Angeles Public Library

9.
Name: Annette Goldsmith
Institutions: University of Washington Information School (Seattle); Sephardic Temple
Tifereth Israel (Los Angeles)

10.
Name: Lynda Salem-Poling
Institution: Long Beach Public Library

11.
Name – Elizabeth Schneider
Institution – Monrovia Public Library

12.
Name: Erik Jackiw
Institution: City of Commerce Public Library

13.
Name: Alana LaBeaf
Institution: Long Beach Public Library

14.
Name- Madeline Bryant
Institution- Los Angeles Public Library

15.
Name: Ivy Weston
Institution: Santa Monica Public Library

I have read the responsibilities of a Convener and agree to uphold them if this group is established. I am submitting this petition YALSA's Board of Directors. (A list of responsibilities can be found at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm)

Submitted by: Jane Gov Date: 7/18/2016

Signature Jane Gov