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County Announces Youth Leadership Academy
High School Juniors and Seniors Invited to Apply

The County is currently accepting applications for *Youth Leadership 2009-10*, a five-session program focused on leadership and local government designed specifically for County high school juniors and seniors.

This free award-winning County program will accept approximately 35 high school juniors and seniors representing various geographic areas in the County to come together on five Saturday mornings, over five months to hear presentations and discuss what it takes to be an active participant in local government as a resident, an employee, a community leader, and an elected official. **Applications are available from the County by calling (510) 272-6984 or using the County website www.acgov.org. Applications must be returned to the County by Wednesday, September 23, 2009.** Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis by geographic area.

“We are excited to begin the eighth Youth Leadership Academy,” says Board of Supervisors President Alice Lai-Bitker. “It’s an excellent way for high school students to learn about Alameda County government and to practice leadership skills while meeting students from all over the County.”

“We’re looking forward to sharing information with the students on a wide range of County programs as well as receiving some dynamic feedback from our participants on youth interests and concerns,” says County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi.

Session dates are October 3, November 14 and December 12, 2009 and January 9 and January 30, 2010. Sessions will also focus on the role of County government in delivering critically-needed services, such as public assistance, public protection and the wide variety of youth-focused programs offered by Alameda County. Participants will have an opportunity to visit various County facilities.

Youth Leadership 2009-10 is sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator’s Office.

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