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Riverside Youth Court Spring Juror Training

Riverside, CA.— The Riverside Youth Court is accepting applications for its February 20, 2010 training session. The session runs from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and will be held at the Grove Community Church located at 19900 Community Drive, Riverside, CA.

The Riverside Youth Court is an innovative approach to juvenile justice and acts as an early intervention for first-time offenders of misdemeanor crimes. Actual cases are heard in a real courtroom with the volunteer youth serving as jurors and court clerks. An actual judge will preside, but the youth jury will determine the disposition. The Riverside Youth Court is also designed to educate youth about the juvenile justice system. Through direct participation, youth court addresses a respondent's responsibility for his/her behavior and holds the juvenile accountable to his/her community and peers. Involvement in youth court, either as a respondent or as a volunteer, increases the participant's respect for the judicial process. Community service hours are given for all training and jury sessions.

Youth enrolled in school between the ages of 12 – 17 and 18 year olds still in high school are eligible to participate as volunteer jurors.

The class size is limited to 100 people; seats will be given to the first candidates to complete their reservation online at www.rpdonline.org/YouthCourt

Reservations must be submitted by February 12, 2010.

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