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YMCA Youth Tackle Local Issues

Chicago, IL (February 23, 2009) – On Feb. 19, the YMCA City Youth and Government recently held its annual mock city council session. The program gives youth the opportunity to discuss policy-based issues relevant to youth, the structure and function of Chicago city government and youth empowerment strategies. Program participants have the opportunity to introduce resolutions and ordinances and discuss the complex issues that face the city during its annual mock council session in chambers.

CYG Mock Council 046

Youth President Pro Tempore Tommie Robinson (left). Clockwise from the top right hand corner: Prechana Paine (Young Women's Leadership Charter School), Luis Ruiz (Little Village High School/Rauner Family YMCA), Isaly Mendina (Roberto Clemente Community Academy), Antonio Oliver (Clemente High School), Liliana Valdez (Benito Juarez Community Academy/Rauner Family YMCA), and Brittany Singleton (Young Women's Leadership Charter School).

About the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

Through its 65 locations and more than 100 extension sites, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago helps children learn and grow, teaches young people to lead, brings families closer, and encourages individual health and well-being. As one of the largest non-profit organizations in Chicago and one of the largest human services organizations in the nation, YMCA programs impact hundreds of thousands of lives annually, helping to strengthen neighborhoods and respond to community needs across Chicagoland. To learn more, visit www.ymcachgo.org.

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