

January 13, 2012

TO: YLF Class of 2012
FROM: Susie Abbott
RE: Government Day Agenda

Enclosed is the agenda for Government Day, scheduled for **Friday, January 20**. Please read it carefully and note the drop-off and pick up information. **YOU SHOULD BE “DRESSED FOR SUCCESS” – THAT MEANS TIES FOR THE MEN; SKIRT OR NICE SLACKS FOR THE WOMEN. DO NOT WEAR JEANS. LADIES – PLEASE WEAR SHOES THAT YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WALKING AND STANDING IN!** Please insert the attached agenda into your notebook and **bring your notebook with you on January 20**.

Merika Coleman and Paul DeMarco have planned an outstanding day for you. We begin the day at 7:30 at Jefferson County Family Court, 120 2nd Court North. Please **note that Family Court is NOT in downtown Birmingham**. Please follow directions on enclosed map. Pick up at the end of the day is at The Birmingham News located at 2200 4th Avenue North.

Please let me know if you are planning to drive. As always, if you need to reach me, my work number is 252-6559 or my cell is 914-0132. If you have any problems on Friday morning, please call my cell number. See you January 20th!

**YLF Government Day
Friday, January 20, 2012**

Drop off at 7:30 - Jefferson County Family Court, 120 2nd Court North. Please note that **Family Court is NOT in downtown Birmingham**. If you are coming from downtown, head west on 2nd Avenue North. The cross-street numbers should be decreasing. After you pass through the intersection at Second Street, you will pass a gray building on your right. Family

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Friday, January 20, 2012
Agenda**

Co-Chairs: Merika Coleman, Alabama State Representative
Paul DeMarco, Alabama State Representative

Goals: To provide the opportunity for participants to meet and learn from local and state leaders in government and criminal justice.

Directions: Jefferson County Family Court, 120 2nd Court North. After passing through the metal detector, go upstairs, walk to the rear of the building and turn left. Courtroom #210 is the last courtroom on the right.

We will end the day at The Birmingham News. **PLEASE REFER TO MAP FOR DIRECTIONS.** Questions – Susie Abbott’s cell phone number is 914-0132

Parking: Parking is available in Family Court’s lot in front of the building. We will return those who parked cars at Family Court to their cars at the end of the day. As always, if you will be driving, please let Susie Abbott know in advance.

Dress: Since we will be in the downtown government and business district, it will be appropriate for you to wear “business/nice” attire. For men, coat and tie, for women, a skirt or nice pants would be appropriate.

7:30-7:45 <u>Court</u> Court, North Courtroom	<u>Light Breakfast and Overview of the Day</u> Merika Coleman and Paul DeMarco	<u>JeffCo Family</u> 120 2 nd Judge Brian Huff’s
7:45-8:15	<u>A Look at Birmingham’s Current Political Landscape</u> Guin Robinson, Director of Institutional Development Jefferson State Community College	Room #210
8:15-9:00	<u>Juvenile Crime & the Justice System</u> Judge Brian Huff	
9:00-9:30	<u>Tour of the Juvenile Detention Center</u> Mr. Damian Hillary, Probation Officer and YLF Alum	<u>Juvenile Detention</u> 120 2 nd Court North
9:30-9:50	<u>Travel to Birmingham City Hall</u> <u>Hall</u>	<u>Birmingham City</u> 710 North 20 th Street

9:50-10:50	<u>Tour of Jefferson County EMA</u>	
10:50-11:00	<u>Travel to Alagasco Center for Energy Technology</u>	<u>Alagasco Center for Energy Technology</u> 2 20 th Street South
11:00-11:55	<u>You Can't Always Get What You Want....</u> Resource Allocation Exercise facilitated by Rep. Merika Coleman and Rep. Paul DeMarco	<u>Alagasco Center for Energy Technology</u>
12:00-1:15	<u>Lunch With Your Elected Officials</u>	-
1:15-1:30	<u>Travel to Birmingham News</u>	<u>Birmingham News</u> 2200 4 th Avenue Rhodes Room
1:30-2:15	<u>Media Matters</u> Discussion of the role of the media in influencing public policy. Panel of Birmingham News reporters	
2:15-3:00	<u>A Constituion – Why Do We Need One of Those?</u>	
3:00-3:15	<u>Break</u>	
3:15-4:00	<u>Youth Leadership in Government and the Community</u> Walt Maddox, Mayor of Tuscaloosa	
4:00-4:45	<u>Caucus/Evaluation</u> Rachel Estes, Caucus Leader	
4:45	<u>Adjourn</u>	<u>Birmingham News</u> 2200 4 th Avenue
	North	

Cars should line up to pick up students in the alley behind the Birmingham News. If you are travelling South on 22nd Street, go thru the light at 4th Ave. North. The Birmingham News building is on your left. Turn left into the alley behind the building. (See attached map for detailed directions).

Susie Abbott's cell phone is 914-0132.

