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**WHY MYLC?**

**THE NETWORK**
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MYLC participants learn about current youth policy challenges, develop leadership skills in order to affect change in the city and use those new skills and knowledge to advise decision makers in the Mayor’s Office.

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Coro’s leadership training curriculum offers council members the tools to develop their leadership skills, personal development, group skills and policy understanding to help city officials address the most pressing issues affecting young people.

**WHO IS MYLC?**

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**ARE YOU READY?**

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