

*“With Liberty &
Justice for All:
A Celebration of
Equity, Justice &
Character In
California”*

Commemorating the 50th
Anniversary of Brown v.
Board of Education

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Dear Business, Community, School Leaders, and Students:

On behalf of the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC), its Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, and our school and community partners, I'd like to welcome you to our commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. Together we celebrate our collective history, successes and future challenges.

Since its founding in 1984, CYC has sought to energize and prepare **all** of our youth for full and responsible participation in families, schools, businesses, and communities. We value school and community partnerships because the responsibility for teaching good citizenship falls to more than just educators.

The Center's approach teaches and reinforces the skills, knowledge, and behaviors needed by all effective citizens. Collectively, we all want our children to: (1) respect each other, our institutions, and our laws; (2) have a working understanding of our communities and take an active responsibility for it; (3) appreciate the foundation and privileges of our democracy; and (4) have the skills and character to be engaged and informed participants in everyday community matters.

The celebration of *Brown v. Board of Education* provides an excellent opportunity to connect the generations, younger and older, and to recommit to our collective pursuit of equity, justice, and character. Through our pledge of allegiance we commit to one nation *with liberty and justice for all*. Thank you for joining CYC in its program efforts and in closing the gap between our ideals and our everyday practice. The future is with our young citizens.

With appreciation,



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Preparing youth for today's world and tomorrow's responsibilities.

