

CITY OF PASADENA

Commissioner Biographical Form - VOLUNTARY

This biographical form will be filed in the Office of the Mayor & City Council; if you are appointed to a commission, it will assist City Hall in responding to questions regarding your background as a commissioner if requested by the news media or interested citizens. This Biographical Form should be submitted along with your commission application.

If you choose to complete the form, please be sure that the information provided is factual. It will be the basis for information provided over the telephone and at the public counter. The form may be duplicated and given to the news media and it may also be posted on the City's website.

NAME: Brandon Samar DISTRICT: 5th YEARS AS PASADENA RESIDENT: 24 yr

OCCUPATION: Regional Manager KYPD inc.

EDUCATION & TRAINING:
Opportunities for learning charter High
Azusa Pacific university

SERVICE RECORD:

MEMBERSHIP & OFFICES HELD IN CIVIC, RELIGIOUS, FRATERNAL OR TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Pasadena NAACP-3rd vice President
Refuge Christian Center - minister
Childrens Defense Fund - Youth Advocate
Pasadena - Altadena vision 20/20

HOBBIES:

Traveling Public speaking
Mentoring open mics
Basketball

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 8-23-16

I hereby certify that the following information is correct to the best of my knowledge.



When complete, mail original application and voluntary biographical form (if completed) to:

*Jana Stewart
Office of the Mayor & City Council
100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228
Pasadena, CA 91101*

Brandon D. Lamar

Radical, Compassionate, Innovative, and Transparent are some of the words often used to describe Brandon D. Lamar. Brandon Lamar is a Young innovator with an expertise at the intersection of youth engagement, youth and crime, mentoring, and motivational speaking. Since his teen years, Brandon has dedicated his time and energy working to ensure young people have a seat at the table. Being a part of community programs such as Pasadena Youth Ambassadors, Pasadena Youth Council, Vision 20/20, Neighborhood Outreach Workers, and more has kept him busy. At the age of 23, Brandon is the Third Vice President of the Pasadena NAACP Branch, A committee member of the Vision 20/20 Initiative, A soon to be Author of two books, And a motivational speaker.

Brandon has developed strategies and advises brands and community youth groups on innovative ways to educate, engage and activate youth to solve social issues. Children's Defense Fund, Tavis Smiley Foundation, Red Cross, U.S Department of Labor, Nike, Power 106, Los Angeles Sparks, And California Homeless count are some of the brands he has partnered with over the years. Whether it's developing curriculum to teach how to engage youth, creating a mentoring program such as (Young Gents) for teen boys and working with Youth Groups around the Country to engage youth, Brandon has done it.

Tavis Smiley has named him one of America's top 100 young leaders. Brandon has been featured as an expert in LA Times, ABC, NBC, FOX, Pasadena NOW, Pasadena Star News and more. From opening events for Maya Angelou to teaching pre-teens, teen, and young adults across 15 States, Brandon's journey to spark change among millennials around the world is only beginning. When you hear his testimony you will know that God has always had his hand on Brandon's life. He admits that he made some mistakes: "Every person God ever called is flawed, and so many times we try to hide our issues." This grounded understanding of where he has come from gives Brandon an unusually sensitive empathy, love, and passionate desire to empower people to achieve their highest potential. This is what allows him to connect with people of all ages and from all walks of life.