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Black Youth Leadership Project

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### Black Youth Leadership Project Hosts its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Open House

*Civic Education Program Will Make 120 High School Students Legislators for One Day*

(Sacramento, CA) – Black Youth Leadership Project (BYLP), a nonprofit, non-partisan civic educational organization, will host its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Open House on Friday, March 2, 2012. This day-long program allows high school students to hold mock legislative hearings and debate issues pertinent to youth on the floors of the State Assembly and the State Senate.

This year, for the first time in BYLP's history, a representative from Fisk University will be on hand to provide on-site admissions to the program's participants. BYLP's student legislators will also learn about the importance of civic engagement from several special guests, including, Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Assemblymember Roger Dickinson. In addition, local television show **Good Day Sacramento will provide live coverage of the event and talk with students as they prepare for their day with the Legislature.** "BYLP's Legislative Open House gives students the opportunity to experience state government first-hand," explained Lorreen Pryor, president of BYLP. "Each year, BYLP strives to engage young students from throughout the state in the legislative process and give them a foundational knowledge of **what it means to become** the next leaders of our great state, **she added.**"

**What:** Black Youth Leadership Project's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Open House – A daylong mock legislature program for high school students.

**When:** Friday, March 2, 2012 – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Where:** Secretary of State Building and the State Capitol

**Who:** **Black Youth Leadership Project, Elected Officials:** Secretary of State Debra Bowen, and Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

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