

Want a 4-or-40 Presentation?

To request a presentation please e-mail YABsandiego@sdcca.org with the following information:

- Your name
- Your school or organization
- Your contact information
- The address of your school or organization
- The number of students in your class or members in your organization
- Three dates and times (in order of preference) for the visit



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Visit www.choose4or40.com to watch the 4-or-40 film and get information on valuable youth resources such as:

Crisis hotlines

Mentoring programs

Family counseling

Education programs

Info on bullying and cyber-bullying

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**Bonnie M. Dumanis
District Attorney**

A Message from your District Attorney:

High school can be a difficult time for many students. With new surroundings, the pressure of school work, and the desire to fit in, students make important decisions that shape their futures.

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a partnership between the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and local high school students. The group's goal is to educate young people about making positive choices during a crucial time in their lives. The Board has been taking their message, "4 or 40: The Choice is Yours," to schools and youth groups in the community.

The members of the Board work with the DA's Office to empower young people, show them that they can make their own choices, and raise awareness of the true impact those choices have on the rest of their lives.

Children are our future and we cannot fail them. The key to their success lies in the support they get from families and the community. I'm proud of the work being done by the Youth Advisory Board to boost that support.

Janie M. Hermanis



"4 or 40: The Choice is Yours"

The choices you make during your 4 years in high school will impact the next 40 years of your life. It is not about crime or violence; it's about choices. The focus is on positive decisions and possibilities.

The YAB came up with the idea of "4 or 40" and was inspired to make a short film. The Board worked with a local studio to produce the film, using the characters and story the board created. The YAB had editorial control and was involved throughout the production process. The film was honored with a National Association of Counties Achievement Award and a regional Emmy Award.

What is the DA's Youth Advisory Board (YAB)?

- Composed of Morse and Lincoln High Schools students, with other schools to be added in the near future
- Has been active since 2008
- Learns about the criminal justice system from the San Diego District Attorney's Office
- Advises the San Diego District Attorney's Office on youth needs and issues, including gang violence
- Educates young people on the power of making good choices
- Conducts presentations for high schools and youth organizations
- Works to reach younger students through visits to middle schools

