



2024-2025 Annual Report

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OUTREACH PLAN

Promote Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) events, connect with communitybased organizations, and develop partnerships to support the Youth Commission work plan.









Objectives

Increase the number of youths who know about the Youth Commission and participate in YACs.

Strategies

Promote via social media, develop flyers, and share information with schools and youth organizations.

Channels

Youth Commission social media, school distribution lists, local libraries, community centers, Councilmember newsletters, attending community events, and hosting town halls and summits.

Metrics for Success

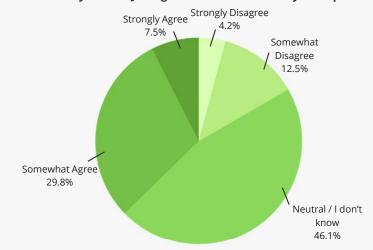
Engagement across social media, youth participation in District YACs and Youth Commission events, District YAC and Youth Commission applications, and YAC Participation Survey.

YOUTH PRIORITIES SURVEY

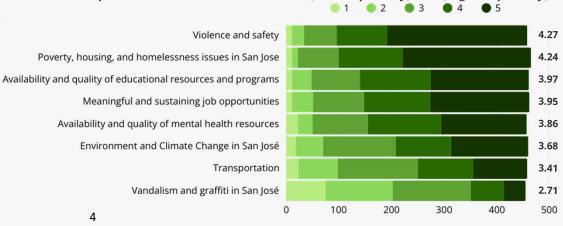
The Youth Commission creates and distributes an annual survey to youth throughout San José. The survey serves as a tool for gauging youth priorities and sentiments toward various issues and Commission activities. This year, the survey collected **463** responses.

These responses illustrate opportunities for outreach around program and resource awareness. The Youth Commission's work plan supports increasing youth engagement in the design and implementation of community programs and overall participation in local government.

Do you agree with the following statement: The local City of San José government reflects youth priorities.



Importance of Issues on a scale of 1 (lowest priority) to 5 (highest priority)



EXPLORE AND UNDERSTAND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESOURCES & SERVICES

- Collaborate with local organizations and city departments to conduct research and support a youth-led awareness campaign addressing sexual harassment, assault/domestic violence, and healthy relationships.
- Host and event featuring community partners and organizations that provide support services and resources for mental health, safety, and drug awareness education.



FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AND YOUTH STEWARDSHIP TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE SAN JOSÉ

- Collaborate with local organizations and city departments to launch a youth-led awareness campaign demonstrating the impact of environmental issues like invasive plant species, microplastics, and recycling and composting practices.
- Collaborate with BeautifySJ and Youth Empowerment Alliance to participate in litter pick-ups, dumpster days, etc.







EVALUATE AND STUDY COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS AND LITERACY OPPORTUNITIES IN SAN JOSÉ

- Receive reports on College and Career Pathways programs and initiatives, including the Resilience Corps Learning Pathway, San José Works Youth Jobs Initiative, and teen programs.
- Conduct a Youth Budget Priority Session and citywide youth survey to gather insight and input from youth on budget priorities.









ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT THE SAN JOSÉ YOUTH COMMISSION INNOVATION COMMITTEE

- Establish a committee structure, develop a comprehensive engagement strategy, and provide regular Youth Commission updates.
- Encourage innovative approaches to identify community issues relating to homelessness, creek clean-up, and pedestrian safety.



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS (YAC)

These councils provide valuable input and insights on policies and programs directly impacting young people.

From June 2024 to April 2025, Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council members volunteered a combined **1,085** service hours in dedication to Youth Commission activities and events.

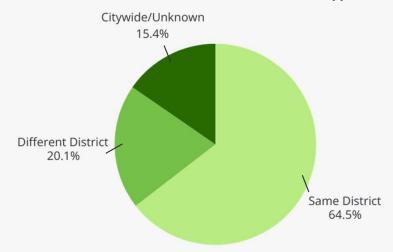


YAC PARTICIPATION

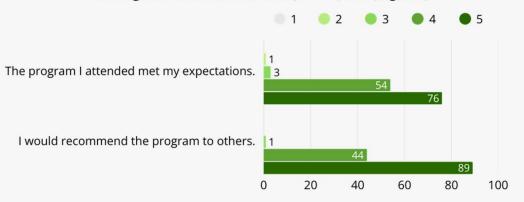
This year, the Youth Commission established an online application to encourage participation and boost YAC recruitment efforts citywide. This digital approach has helped streamline the YAC recruitment process and increase accessibility for interested youth, receiving over 235 applications since August 2024.

Additionally, the Youth Commission established a participation survey for youth volunteers who participated in individual District YAC meetings or Youth Commission events to better understand who is participating and gather program feedback.

Is District YAC Preference Different from the District the Applicant Resides



YAC Program Satisfaction from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)



YOUTH IN ACTION

In addition to the work plan, the Youth Commission has:

- Participated in a joint special meeting with the Library and Education Commission, receiving an update on the Children and Youth Services Master Plan,
- And hosted multiple youthfocused community events, including the Creative Futures Fair.









Joint Commission Meeting

Joined the Library and Education Commission for a Joint Special Meeting on March 19, 2024, to review and discuss the Children and Youth Services Master Plan update.

Creative Futures Fair

The Creative Futures Fair brought together 34 youth-led businesses, 30 student musicians, and 60 high school volunteers to create a powerful platform for young entrepreneurs that attracted nearly 300 community members and featured inspiring speeches from Councilmembers Doan and Campos. This event is in it's second year.

Community Events

Organized diverse community events including the Youth Budget Summit, park cleanups, an Eco-Swap, a Gender-Based Violence awareness event, the A.I.M. career conference, tree planting initiatives, clothing and food drives, a Youth Voter Summit, and various cultural celebrations and educational workshops.

