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CITY OF SAN JOSE

2023-2024 Annual Report

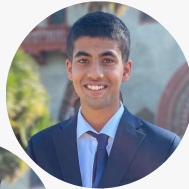
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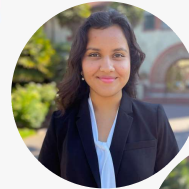
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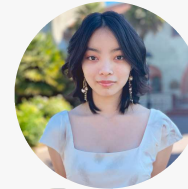
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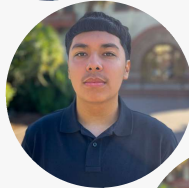
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**"Not about us
without us."**



ENHANCING THE YOUTH COMMISSION AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY

On September 12, 2023, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance strengthening the Youth Commission's functions, powers, and duties.



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YOUTH LIBERATION MOVEMENT

Every young person must get what they need when they need it, no matter their actual or perceived race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, mental or physical ability, nationality, immigration status, criminal history, first language, skin color, education status, or wealth. We value the diversity of our children and young adults in Santa Clara County and believe we must treat each of them with respect and dignity.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

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

From July 2023 to April 2024, Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council members volunteered a combined **2,282** service hours in dedication to Youth Commission activities and events.



128

The average number of hours spent by the 11 Youth Commissioners on activities such as attending general meetings, coordinating YAC meetings, conducting community outreach, and crafting policy recommendations.

16

The average number of hours spent by 55 Youth Advisory Council members in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 10 on activities such as attending YAC meetings, supporting district events, and doing policy research.



OUTREACH PLAN

Promote Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) events, connect with community-based 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

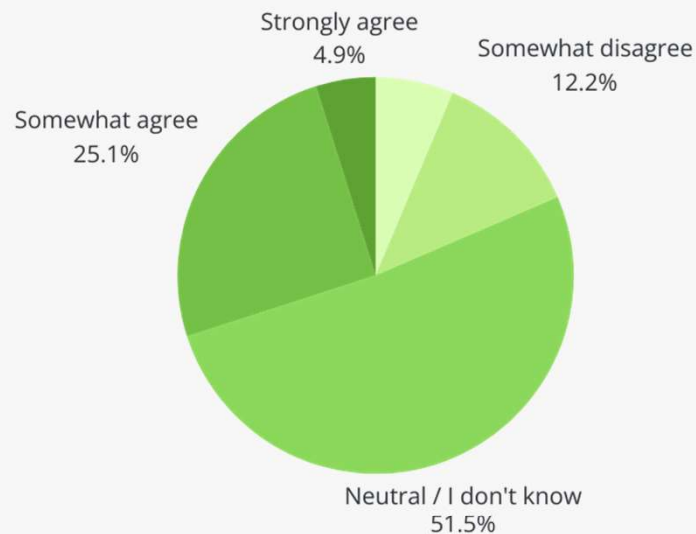
Engagement across social media, youth participation in YACs and Youth Commission events, and Youth Commission applications.

YOUTH PRIORITIES SURVEY

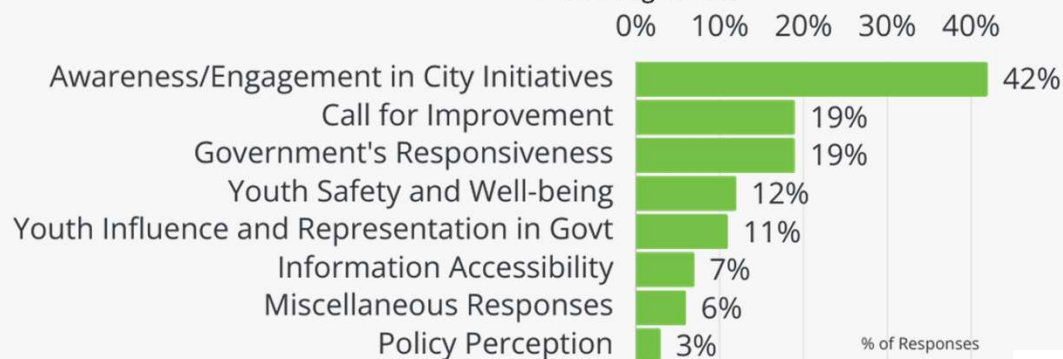
The Youth Commission creates and distributes an annual survey to youth throughout San José that serves as a tool for gauging youth priorities and sentiments towards various issues and Commission activities. This year, the survey collected almost **900** responses.

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.



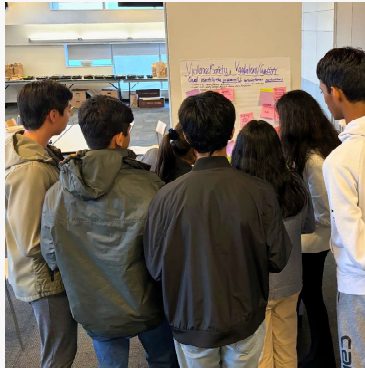
Youth Self-Reported Understanding of the City's Efforts in the Following Areas:



DRAFT A RECOMMENDATION TO DEVELOP A YOUTH PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROGRAM PILOT

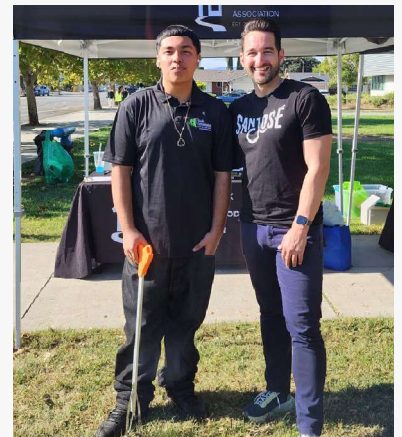
- Gather youth input through various events and initiatives to determine their priorities.
- Convey youth priorities to City Council and other relevant municipal authorities.
- Implement a City Budget Priority Session to gather insight and input from the youth on City Budget priorities.

Budget Summit



INFORM AND CULTIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AMONG YOUTH

- Collaborate with local organizations and City departments to launch a youth-led awareness campaign on the impact of environmental issues.
- Participate in litter pick-ups, dumpster days, and other clean-up events in collaboration with City departments and organizations.
- Collaborate with school clubs and encourage the creation and preservation of school/community gardens.



Oak Tree Planting

EXPLORE AND UNDERSTAND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES

Collaborate with local organizations and City departments to conduct research and support an awareness campaign by youth around issues including:

- Sexual harassment
- Assault / domestic violence
- Healthy relationships



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, issuing a letter of support for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan,
- Developed policy recommendations around youth issues,
- And hosted multiple youth-focused community events.



Youth Services Master Plan

Joined the Library and Education Commission for a Joint Special Meeting on March 28, 2024, to review and discuss the Master Plan and issue a letter suggesting recommendations around communications, access to information, health and safety, art, vibrancy, and place-based initiatives. The Chair presented alongside the City Manager's Office at City Council on April 9, 2024.

Policy Recommendations

Developed multiple policy recommendations on issues relating to road and bike safety, menstrual equity, green canopies, BIPOC art programs, guaranteed income, and public comment limitations at City meetings.

Community Events

Hosted multiple community events with Youth Advisory Councils, such as the Green Planet Conference, Policy Conferences, Career Fairs, a Drug Safety workshop, and Financial Literacy workshops.



Looking Forward

INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG YOUTH

Host various events and initiatives to foster a greater sense of youth civic engagement, including:

- Civic events and forums
- Citywide youth survey

Thank you!

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