



# San José Youth Commission Annual Report 2021-2022

June 2022  
Youth Commission

# Background

As of the 2020 Census, the City of San José Youth Commission represents over 248,000 youth aged under 19 in the City of San José.

Transferred to the Library Department July 1, 2021.



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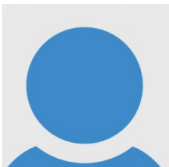


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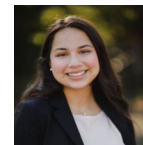


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## 5 Strategic Objectives

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1. Empower youth to pursue their careers and encourage them to be civically engaged through local and city-wide events and initiatives.
2. Foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for youth in San José to express their passions and interest.
3. Provide equitable access and support to marginalized youth communities.
4. Promote awareness about various issues and opportunities to San José youth.
5. Advise and prompt City Council to act upon youth priorities and input.

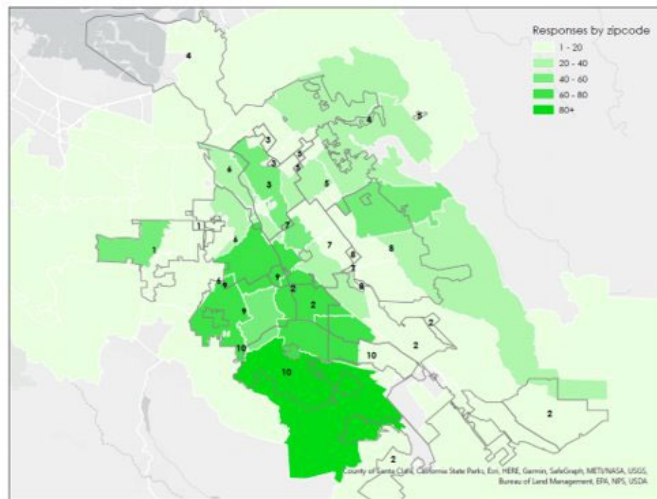
## Strategic Objective 1: Empower youth to pursue their careers and encourage them to be civically engaged through local and city-wide events and initiatives.

- City-wide events
  - Youth Advisory Council Orientation with a presentation on policy writing (October 2021)
  - A Town Hall on Voting Rights and Registration (November 2021)
  - Youth Budget Summit (January 2022)
  - “Policython” (May 2022)
  - A Town Hall on the Environment (May 2022)
  - The End of the Year Event (June 2022)
- Youth Advisory Councils - 120 active youth membership
- Policy memos
  - Voter registration call-to-action buttons on Public Access Computers in public libraries (Chair Hoang, D3)
- Youth Commission webpage on Library website



## Strategic Objective 2: Foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for youth in San José to express their passions and interest.

- Annual TeenHQ/Youth Commission Survey
  - 1,000+ responses
  - 29 ZIP codes and 110 schools in SJ
  - 40% of respondents identified as first-generation
  - 20% as part of the LGBTQIA+ community
  - High youth interest in issues around Environment, Mental Health, and Equity Resources



## Strategic Objective 2: Foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for youth in San José to express their passions and interest.

- New format for Youth Herald blog



- Commissioner's Youth Advisory Council's social media
- New logo and rebranding



## Strategic Objective 3: Provide equitable access and support to marginalized youth communities.

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- Muwekma Ohlone land acknowledgment at all Commission General Meetings
- Policy memos
  - Mental health checks for the San José Police Department
- Youth Commission hosted the following presenters:
  - Karla Alvarez, Community Programs Administrator - Equity & Inclusion Services (SJPL)
  - Adrian Gonzales and Ellina Yen, Only San José
  - John Savercool, SJPL Works
  - Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Officers
- The Commission acted as representatives in the community
  - Sacred Heart Food Drive (Vice-Chair Escobar, D8 )
  - Councilmember Carrasco's East Side Leadership Event (Commissioner Lieu, D5)
  - Youth mentor at the Young Women's Power Lunch (Chair Hoang, D3)
  - Formed an equity focused committee to merge with *Aspire, Inspire, Motivate* to create AIM's online webinar (Commissioner Uytingco, D4)
- Events/Initiatives
  - D4 Food Drive
  - Only San José youth internship



## Strategic Objective 4: Promote awareness about various issues and opportunities to San José youth.

- Budget Letter from Youth Input
  - Housing Department
  - Environmental
  - Library
- Recruitment Strategic Plan with Library staff for FY 2022-2023
- Events
  - Voting Rights Town Hall (November 2021)
  - Environment Townhall (May 2022)
  - Earth Day speaking event (Chair Hoang, D3)
  - Viva Calle SJ event (Chair Hoang, D3; Commissioner Lieu, D5; Commissioner Uytingco, D4; May 1, 2022)
  - Senator Cortese's 19th Annual Sacramento Bus Trip for Education (Commissioner Lieu, D5; May 2022)





## Strategic Objective 5: Advise and prompt City Council to act upon youth priorities and input.

Policy Memorandum	Commissioner	Date
Sanctioned Unhoused Resident Encampment	Commissioner Uytingco, District 4	September 2021
City Clean Air Electric Vehicles	Commissioner Uytingco, District 4	October 2021
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Commissioner Singh, District 9	November 2021
The C.A.R.E.N. Act in San José	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Free Menstrual Products in San José Public Facilities	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Officers Mental Health Check-Ups	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Sustainable Architecture in San José	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Call-to-Action Voter Registration Buttons on Public Access Computers	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Cash Acceptance in Brick-and-Mortar Stores	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Leftover Wood Recycling from Construction Sites	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Strategic Building Deconstruction Instead of Demolition	Chair Hoang, District 3	February 2022
Lower the Voting Age to 16 in Local Elections	Chair Hoang, District 3 Vice-Chair Escobar, District 8	February 2022

## Strategic Objective 5: Advise and prompt City Council to act upon youth priorities and input.

District 3 Council Office to initiate discussions for potential policy pipeline for their previously written policy proposals and open communication between Council Offices and District Commissioners;

Chair Hoang and Vice-Chair Escobar held an Executive Meeting with SJPL staff to report progress and initiatives to the Auditor's Office on the San José Youth Bill of Rights Update and its background;

### Administrative updates

- Project proposal to create temporary ad-hoc committees on an as-needed basis
- A rubric for future Commissioner applicants with a special focus on equity
- Updated memorandum in line with City wide standards



# Next Steps

- End of the Year Event  
June 10, 2022
- Aspire, Inspire, Motivate  
Event  
(Commissioner Uytingco, D4)  
June 24, 2022
- Civics Summit  
August 6, 2022



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