

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

YOUTH COMMISSION 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

May 11, 2023



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District 5



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OBJECTIVE 1

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



CIVICS SUMMIT

An event to promote civic engagement and provide opportunities for young people to learn about the political process, civic duties, and the importance of active participation in their communities.



YOUTH ADVISORY CONFERENCES

District 5 Youth Commissioner hosted a leadership summit for youths involved in District 5 Youth Advisory Council and participated in a leadership summit for youth to learn a leadership curriculum and form a sense of community.



BUDGET SUMMIT

The Youth Commission presents to San José Youth about city departments, and they discuss and make decisions regarding the allocation of funds for various programs and initiatives related to youth.



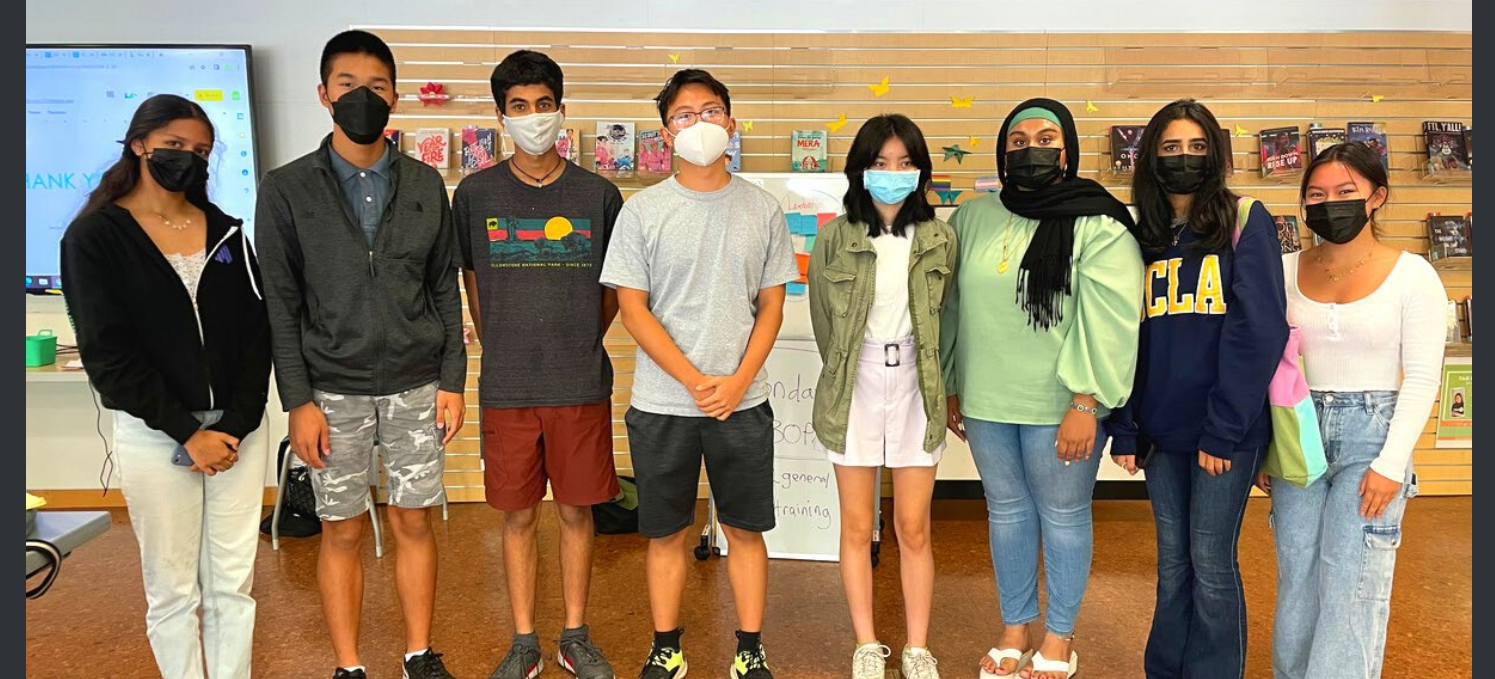
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OBJECTIVE 2

Foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for youth in San José to express their passions and interest.

Partnering with City Departments

Youth Commissioners provide valuable input and insights on policies and programs directly impacting young people by collaborating with departments like the Library, PRNS, and the City Manager's Office. These partnerships foster inclusion by creating opportunities for young people to participate in decision-making processes and giving them a voice in shaping the future of their communities.



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OBJECTIVE ⁷ 3

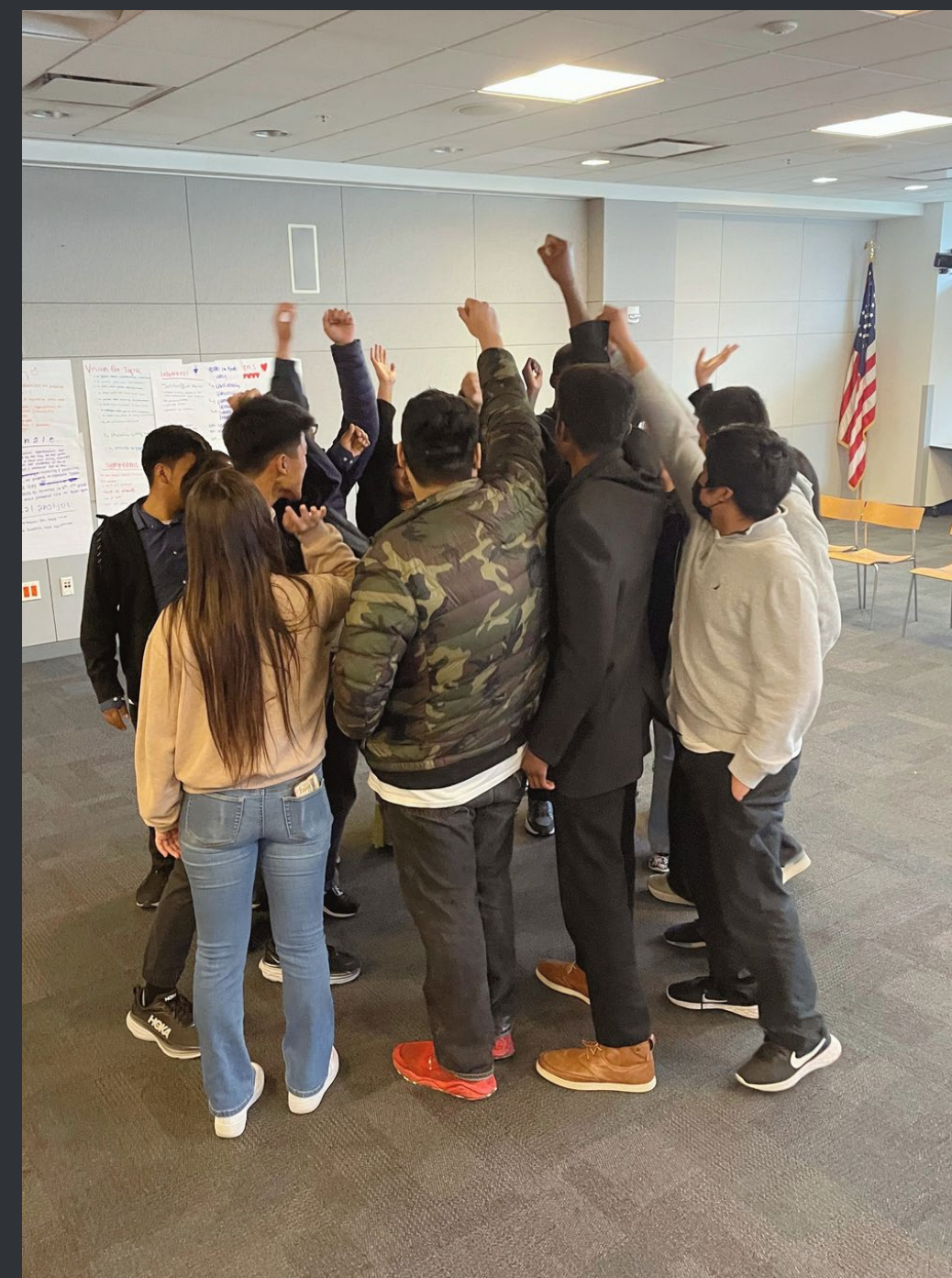
Provide equitable access and support
to marginalized youth communities.



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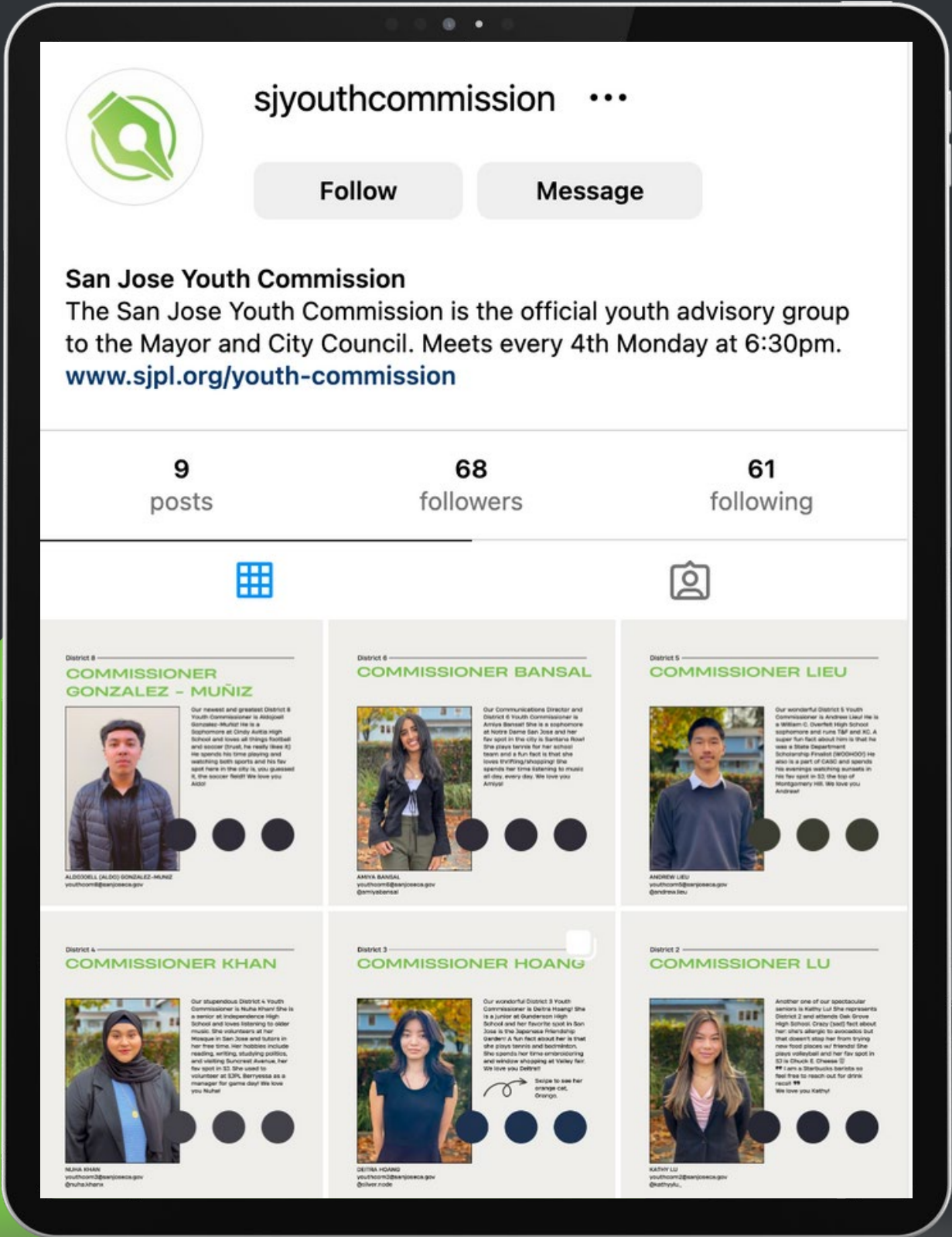
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OBJECTIVE 4

Promote awareness about various issues and opportunities to San Youth.



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Connecting Youth Communities

Social media is a powerful tool the Youth Commission uses to connect and outreach to their peers. Platforms like Instagram allow young people to express themselves in ways that were not possible before and enable them to build communities around their shared interests, concerns, and passions.

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OBJECTIVE¹¹ 5

Advise and prompt City Council to act upon youth priorities and input.

FY22-23 Policy Recommendations

YOUTH PRIORITIES	DATE
Gender Neutral Bathrooms	September 26, 2022
Three Weeks Paid Leave for City Workers	November 28, 2022
Development of Urban Green Spaces	April 24, 2023
Sustainable Education Programs ¹²	April 24, 2023
Implementing In-Pavement Flashing Lights at Sides of Pedestrian Crossings	April 24, 2023

Enhancing Youth Participation

In October 2022, City Council directed the Youth Commission and staff to explore expanding the age of Youth Commission appointment eligibility and expanding youth representation on city boards and commissions. The Commission developed recommendations to increase diverse and underrepresented youth civic participation and provide a seat at the table for young people to contribute to decisions made on their behalf.

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Council Directive

Youth Bill of Rights Article V

"Children and youth have a voice in their local government to advocate for the issues that matter to them."

This article recognizes the importance of engaging young people in local government and decision-making processes. The Youth Commission can serve as a bridge between young people and local government officials, helping to ensure that the voices of young people are heard and considered in policy decisions.



MAY 22

FINAL FY22 -23 GENERAL MEETING
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JUNE 16

YOUTH ADVISORY RECOGNITION
AWARDS AND DINNER

JULY 1

NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR
DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4 & 10 BEGIN

AUGUST 11

FY23-24 WORK PLAN RETREAT

AUGUST 28

FIRST FY23-24 GENERAL MEETING
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Next Steps

THANK YOU!

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