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YOUTH COMMISSION  
FY 2018-2019 Work Plan  
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Objective for FY 2018-19	Actions	Timeframe
1. Foster greater youth engagement in municipal government and civic affairs in the City of San José.	1. Youth Commissioners will create Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) in each city district so that there is a collective youth voice when discussing issues.	November 2018
	a. Youth Commissioners and their YACs will create district work plans that align with and adhere to the Youth Commission 2018-2019 work plan.	November 2018
	b. In the spirit of inclusion, the Youth Commission will aim to reach out to every high school in San José by mandating that each district-specific work plan adopts a strategy to engage youth across each city district.	
	c. Youth Commissioners will outreach to youth through various methods such as flyers and newsletters to increase youth awareness and promote involvement in district YACs.	
	2. The Youth Commission will create five Ad Hoc working teams - Public Safety, Education, Technological Development, Environment, and Civic Engagement. Each team will receive youth input from across the city.	September 2018
	a. Establish ad hoc working teams.	January 2019
	b. Youth Commissioners will steer the YACs in a policy-oriented direction by designating YAC members to join the Youth Commission ad hoc working teams.	Ongoing
	3. Youth Commissioners will facilitate forums with government officials and community leaders such as, but not limited to, the Mayor, City Manager, and other officials.	Ongoing

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2. Identify and act upon youth concerns within the city through partnerships and initiatives.	1. Raise awareness of current youth issues by utilizing publication outlets, community center boards, and other means of communication.	Ongoing
	2. Connect underprivileged students with resources that can inspire them to pursue higher education and close the educational gap. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create initiatives that support students through the college application process.</li> <li>b. Create opportunities for students to learn about trade schools and other career opportunities.</li> </ul>	April 2019
	3. Address major environmental issues such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Air pollution</li> <li>b. Water pollution</li> <li>c. Illegal dumping</li> <li>d. Environmentally unfriendly transportation</li> </ul>	Ongoing
	4. Raising awareness on health issues prevalent among youth such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Anxiety and depression.</li> <li>b. Raise substance and alcohol abuse awareness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Initiate a community event educating youth on the harms of substance and/or alcohol abuse.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Encourage community involvement to combat sexual violence against youth and young adults. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Initiate an awareness campaign by hosting an event on the impact of sexual violence and sex-trafficking crimes against youth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ongoing

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2. Identify and act upon youth concerns within the city through partnerships and initiatives (cont'd from pg. 2)	5. Establish partnerships with entities and organizations that nurture youth and/or provide youth with exposure and access to valuable life skills, services, and experiences.	Ongoing
3. Empower and engage youth through specialized citywide events.	1. Increase Youth Advisory Council (YAC) civic engagement by hosting a YAC Summit to empower and educate members on current city issues through various workshops and simulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implement a City Budget Priority Session during the Summit event to gather youth opinions on City Budget priorities.</li> </ul> 2. Host a citywide youth conference to connect, engage, and empower youth across San Jose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Select a theme for the annual conference.</li> <li>b. Utilize school administrations and other promotional methods to raise conference awareness.</li> <li>c. Select summer interns through an interactive assessment during the youth conference.</li> </ul> 3. Hold a citywide panel event dedicated to informing youth about the City, Youth Commission, and the college process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Advertise and promote the event through school administrations, flyers, and other means, at least one month before the date.</li> <li>b. The panel will host a combination of elected officials, city advisors, community members and Youth Commissioners.</li> </ul>	January 2019  April 2019  December 2018 February 2019  May 2019  May 2019



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4. Create and propose policy recommendations to the City Council that serve to benefit the youth and their interests.	1. Youth Commissioners and YAC members will conduct ad hoc work meetings starting in September 2018 and continuing until February 2019 to discuss youth issues and write policy recommendations related to public safety, education, civic engagement, technological development, and the environment to the City Council.	February 2019
	2. Give budget recommendations to the City Council based on the City budgetary forecast and youth opinions before the end of the fiscal year through the Youth Commission budget recommendation memo.	February 2019
	3. Propose recommendations to City Council concerning issues such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Technological development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Construction of fiber networks (Internet)</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Civic engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Youth voting education</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Educational programs and initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Increase access to technology</li> <li>ii. College and career readiness</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Environmental sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Green public transportation</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Youth safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Violence against youth</li> <li>ii. Sexual violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	April 2019
	4. Collect information through various methods and apply data to policy recommendations.	March 2019