

San José Youth Commission Annual Report

Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

April 11, 2019

VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES

VISION: San Jose Youth have an empowered and united voice in city government.

Mission: Advise city government on youth-related issues.

Core Values: Inclusion, Engagement, Empowerment, Leadership, and Teamwork



BACKGROUND

Swearing-in of the new 2018-2019 Youth Commissioners



2018-2019 Commission's Retreat

Creation of the 2018-2019
Youth Commission Work Plan
and ad hoc teams.

Two nights and three days of:

- Discussions
- Presentations
- Debates



STRATEGIC GOAL 1: Foster greater youth involvement in municipal government and civic affairs.

- Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) have been established in each City district
- All District-specific YAC work plans have been approved
- District YAC members participated in the 2018-2019 Ad Hoc teams
- Ad Hoc teams' policy recommendations have been submitted in the areas of
 - Public Safety
 - Education
 - Environment
 - Civic Engagement



STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Identify and act upon youth concerns within the City through partnership and initiatives.

- Participated in the Bill Wilson's Green Light March
- Attended the Sex Trafficking Summit
- Approved letters to Council on City Council Priorities
- Partnered with the Senior Commission on a Gen to Gen event
- Received a Commendation from County Supervisor Cindy Chavez for our involvement with the County Youth Task Force in discussing the housing crisis





STRATEGIC GOAL 3: Empower and engage youth through organized special events.



- Participated in the Viva CallesSJ outreach
- Planned and organized the Youth Advisory Summit
- Planned and organized the District 4 AIM event
- Executed the District 10 creek clean up



STRATEGIC GOAL 4: Create and propose policy recommendations to the City Council that serve to benefit the youth and their interests.

- Support Letters to the Council's Priority Setting
 - Gun violence
 - Family-friendly city
 - Bloomberg climate change
- Ad Hoc Teams' Policy Recommendations
 - Public safety: safety call boxes
 - Civic engagement: voters registration
 - Education: citywide youth survey
 - Environment: accelerate CSSJ using Bloomberg funds
 - Technology: infrastructure

NEXT STEPS

- Initiate the Citywide Youth Literacy Contest with the Senior Citizens Commission
- District Specific Events
 - Boba with a Cop
 - Open Mic
 - District Moves
 - Drug Awareness Rally
 - College and Career Fair
 - Mental Health Fair
- Great America Litter Pickup
- Roundtable Meeting with the Mayor
- Complete and Submit the Commission's City Budget Recommendations
- First Ever Youth Commission "Find Your Why Fest"

QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

