



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 25-1587 [Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

[This item is reserved for persons to address the body on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. The law does not permit action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. The governing body, or staff, may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, and appropriate body may request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.]

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 25-1588 [Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals](#)

Recommendation: Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

STAFF REPORT

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

25-1587

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft - Youth Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

10/14/2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Recreation Supervisor, Gayle Ichiho at 6:08 p.m.

- Present** 11 - Commissioner Mateo Espinal, Commissioner Seoyun Chong, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Brian Rong, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, and Commissioner Aneesha Vemu

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, and Commissioner Vemu from the October 14th meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

- Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

CONSENT CALENDAR

[25-1114](#)

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the FY 2025/26 Youth Commission Term

A motion was made by Commissioner Espinal, seconded by Commission Arias Hernandez, to elect Commissioner Martin for the Chair position, Commissioner Gaidhani for Vice Chair position. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

[25-1100](#) Action to Approve Youth Commission Minutes of September 16, 2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Chong seconded by Commissioner Espinal to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

[25-1115](#) Adopt Youth Commission Calendar of Meetings for 2026

A motion was made by Commissioner Madriaga seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item be recommended for approval. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

[25-1118](#) Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

Commissioners prioritized three themes for the FY2025/26 Work Plan: Youth Empowerment, Community Building, and Civic Engagement. The

first committee meetings took place on October 14th after our monthly meeting at the Youth & Teen Center. Each committee will discuss specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme.

A motion was made by Commissioner Upplapati seconded by Commissioner Rong that this item be recommended for approval.

The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

STAFF REPORT

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor , announced that the Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25th at Central Park from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. This free event is designed for children ages 10 and under and their families. The party will feature food trucks, carnival games, Trick or Treat Row, inflatable attractions, a petting zoo, pumpkin walk, and live entertainment. We are currently recruiting high school volunteers to assist with event operations and activity stations. Volunteers are essential to successfully executing this community event.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Israni attended the State of the City event and talked about the opportunities to volunteer for the Superbowl and FIFA World Cup events coming to Santa Clara in 2026. **Commissioner Gaidhani** attended an education town hall meeting at Cupertino High School for Congressman Ro Khanna. Learned about how local representatives act and address local public concerns in Congress and heard about current Congressional projects. **Commissioner Madriaga** recognized a fellow student from Wilcox High School, Isaiah Mendoza, passed away on September 20, 2025. Wilcox High school hosted a candlelight vigil on campus for him and his family.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kunze and seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission on Tuesday,
November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Mehta, and Commissioner Vemu

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Agenda Report

25-1588

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission develops an annual work plan through discussions of current trends and civic needs that relate to the youth and teen population. The annual work plan drives the activities of the Commission throughout the term. The Commission established goals over the past few terms including promoting health and wellness, providing public outreach and education, and fostering community inclusiveness.

DISCUSSION

At the October 14, 2025 meeting, the Youth Commission prioritized three themes for the FY2025/26 Work Plan: Youth Empowerment, Community Building, and Civic Engagement. The Commission established committees for each activity theme. Each committee will discuss specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme at this meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

Prepared by: Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Damon Sparacino, Director of Parks & Recreation

**City of Santa Clara
Youth Commission
Work Plan FY 2025/26**



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GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Discussions will continue to next committee meeting.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Drew Madriaga	Spring 2026	In progress

GOAL #2: Civic Engagement

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Discussions will continue to next committee meeting.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Malia Martin Ibrahim Rayees Aayan Mathur	Spring 2026	In progress

GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Discussions will continue to next committee meeting.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Rebecca Kunze	Spring 2026	In progress