



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Agenda

Youth Commission

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 25-1736 [Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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GENERAL BUSINESS

2. 25-1738 [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, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

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Agenda Report

25-1736

Agenda Date: 1/13/2026

REPORT TO YOUTH COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the December 9, 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 December 9, 2025 Meeting



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Youth Commission

12/09/2025

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 Chair Martin at 6:03 p.m.

Present 15 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Mateo Espinal, Commissioner Seoyun Chong, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Sriksa Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Aneesha Vemu, Commissioner Brian Rong, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1 [25-1684](#) Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the November 18, 2025 Meeting

Amend with the following changes to the November 18, 2025 minutes: change major to mayor under Youth Commissioner's report.

A motion as made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item would be recommended for approval as amended.

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [25-1686](#) Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

At the December 9, 2025 meeting, the Youth Commission continued discussions regarding its work plan priorities and goals for the FY 2025/26 term. Commissioners developed mission statements for each committee to align with their work plan goals.

1. The **Community Building Committee**: developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted dates for their events and activities. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 6:45 p.m.
2. The **Youth Empowerment Committee**: developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas for collaboration with the Library on services for teens. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
3. The **Civic Engagement Committee**: discussed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas and layout for the welcome packages for new Santa Clara residents. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 7:15 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Teen Librarian, shared information about resources and programs for teens, including a Teen Yoga Workshop for stress relief on December 11th and activities with JIAREN. Teens are also invited to join the Library Card Art Contest, created specifically for their age group. Also, promoting STEM zone and looking for volunteers for their event in April.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaidani announced that the Sister Cities of Izumo program is seeking host families for Japanese exchange students. The students will arrive starting on January 25, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehta, seconded by Commissioner Espinal to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

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Agenda Report

25-1738

Agenda Date: 1/13/2026

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 December 9, 2025 meeting, the Youth Commission prioritized three themes for the FY2025/26 Work Plan:

The **Community Building Committee** developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted dates for their events and activities. The committee will continue to plan their events at the next meeting.

The **Youth Empowerment Committee** brainstormed ideas for collaboration with the Library on services for teens. The committee will continue to discuss their ideas at the next meeting.

The **Civic Engagement Committee** discussed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas and layout for the welcome packages for new Santa Clara residents. They will continue to working on their project at the next meeting.

At the January 13, 2025 meeting the Commission will hear committee updates and they will discuss specific goals and activities to promote their respective theme.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Youth Commission Work Plan 2025-26

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



**City of
Santa Clara**

GOAL #1: Community Building with Santa Clara residents

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Foster a culture of inclusivity, belonging, and connection among the Santa Clara youth.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Brian Rong Mateo Espinal Namita Gaidhani Niharika Uppalapati Drew Madriaga Srikha Gopiseti	Spring 2026	The Committee developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted dates for their events and activities.

GOAL #2: Civic Engagement

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Facilitate community outreach and education while providing better accessibility to City resources.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Neha Israni Malia Martin Ibrahim Rayees Ayaan Mathur Seoyun Chong	Spring 2026	The Committee developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas and layout for the welcome packages for new Santa Clara residents.

GOAL #3: Youth Empowerment

Objectives	Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	Timeline	Current Status
Empower the Santa Clara youth through opportunities to serve our community.	<u>Commissioners:</u> Julie Arias Samarth Suresh Rebecca Kunze Samaira Mehta Aneesha Vemu Alyssa Domensino	Spring 2026	The Committee developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas for collaboration with the Library on services for teens.