

Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Youth Commission Workplan

Background

At the November 18, 2025, regular meeting of the Youth Commission, the Commission adopted workplan priorities and activities for FY 2025/26 related to the Commission’s goals.

1. The Community building committee aims to foster a culture of inclusivity, belonging, and connection among the Santa Clara youth through bonding events and collaborative opportunities.
2. The Youth Empowerment committee seeks to empower the Santa Clara youth through projects including but not limited to panels highlighting local voices and activities to create opportunities for youth to serve our community.
3. The Civic Engagement Committee seeks to facilitate community outreach and education, while providing better accessibility to city resources. Our goal is to broaden the awareness of Santa Clara’s youth by highlighting essential services and information.

Current Membership

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth & Teen Center.

Name	Appointed	Term Ends
Seoyun Chong	5/13/2025	5/2026
Allysa Domensino	5/13/2025	5/2026
Mateo Espinal	5/13/2025	5/2026
Namita Gaidhani	5/13/2025	5/2026
Srikha Gopiseti	5/13/2025	5/2026
Julianna Arias Hernandez	5/13/2025	5/2026
Neha Israni	5/13/2025	5/2026
Rebecca Kunze	5/13/2025	5/2026
Drew Madriaga	5/13/2025	5/2026
Malia Martin	5/13/2025	5/2026
Samaira Mehta	5/13/2025	5/2026
Brian Rong	5/13/2025	5/2026
Samarth Suresh	5/13/2025	5/2026
Niharika Uppalapati	5/13/2025	5/2026
Aneesha Vemu	5/13/2025	5/2026

Purpose, Role and Duties of Youth Commission:

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission was established in 1995 to act in an advisory capacity providing City Council with valuable insight regarding youth and teen issues in our community. Since its inception, the 15-member Youth Commission has continued to serve their peers and the greater Santa Clara community. The Youth Commission primarily advises the City Council on matters affecting the youth and teen population, particularly regarding municipal programs. Their work includes studying youth issues, holding workshops, and recommending new community resources. They also foster youth involvement in local government, review referred municipal matters, and make recommendations, while carrying out assigned functions from the City Council.