

# YOUTH COMMISSION TRAINING

September 13, 2021  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

# I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

## A. ROLL CALL

**II. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND TRAINING ON DEBATE  
(V. JUNEJA)**

# Debate - An Interactive Seminar

Presented by the D10  
and D2 Commissioners





**Warm Up**

**Question Game**



## **Objectives and Goals**

- 1. Through this training, Commissioners will be taught how to be open minded while listening to different points of view.**
- 2. At the end of this training, Commissioners will know how to have productive discussions**
- 3. At the end of this training, Commissioners will understand the important and value of respectful disagreements.**



# Tone

**Avoid using a standoffish tone or projecting that you are smarter or more educated than the person you are conversing with.**

**A conversational tone is best.**

**Monotony hinders discussions.**

**Activity**

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**Example Sentences**





## **Wording of Questions**

- Purposeful
- Respectful

**Activity**

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**Mock Debate**

# Reflection

D2: Keep everything respectful and value others' opinions

D4: Be open minded and assume good intentions

D8: Today's training enabled me to be a more conscious speaker and emphasize the importance of respect in discussions.

D1: Remain calm and respectful when having a conversation with others.

D6: Try to have a calm mindset and respect others opinions

D3: Legend says that if you search hard enough, you'll find the inner super-capitalist inside of you (jk).

But in all seriousness, I'll be trying to see multiple points of view in a debate and to keep my tone more conversational.

**D9:** Using a less monotonous tone while questioning/creating arguments (i.e. bring up stats less), and keep debates more professional and interactive through a respectful and conversational tone

D10: Keep the debates extremely conversational so that everyone feels comfortable participating.

D7: Keeping a respectful tone and attempting to view from another person's perspective is vital in ensuring that the dialogue was productive, educational, and meaningful.



# Closing

## H.E.R.O

- Honesty
- Engagement
- Respect
- Open-mindedness

### **III. APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL WORK PLAN (A. GHOSH)**

## San José Citywide Town Hall Work Plan 2021/2022

**Vision:** To equitably connect, serve, empower, and support San Jose youth of all backgrounds.

**Mission:** Uniting as an informed, connected, and engaged body of San Jose youth.

**Core Values:** Responsibility, Teamwork, Empathy, Inclusivity, Empowerment

Strategic Goals	Actions	Timeframe
Empower youth to pursue their careers and encourage them to be civically engaged through local and city-wide events and initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Host at least one Town Hall meeting every 3 months held virtually via Zoom until COVID-19 restrictions allow in-person meetings</li> <li>B. Discuss a variety of topics including but not limited to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Civic Engagement/Voting</li> <li>b. Environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. September 2021 - March 2022</li> <li>B. September 2021 - March 2022</li> </ul>
Foster a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for youth in San Jose to express their passions and interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Provide a safe space for youth to publicly advocate for issues that matter to them at Town halls, YAC Meetings, and Youth Commission Meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. September 2021 - March 2022</li> </ul>
Provide equitable access and support to marginalized youth communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Discuss how to best support marginalized communities in at least one Town Hall meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. September 2021 - March 2022</li> </ul>
Promote awareness about various issues and opportunities to San Jose youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Send out one Newsletter the Friday after each meeting starting in September</li> <li>B. Include resources and opportunities section within the Newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Ongoing</li> <li>B. Ongoing</li> </ul>
Advise and prompt City Council to act upon youth priorities and input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Create a deliverable after every town hall meeting such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Policy Recommendations</li> <li>b. Awareness Campaigns</li> <li>c. Event Fairs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. September 2021 - March 2022</li> </ul>

# **IV. CREATION OF TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**V. YOUTH COMMISSION  
NEWSLETTER**



**VI. OCTOBER YOUTH  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SUMMIT PLANNING**

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE YOUTH  
COMMISSION WILL BE  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>,  
2021 VIA ZOOM WEBINAR  
AT 6:30 P.M.