

YOUTH COMMISSION

September 26, 2022

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. ROLL CALL

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

II. PUBLIC RECORD

III. OPEN FORUM

(2 MINUTES OF SPEAKING TIME IS AVAILABLE)

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IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, AGENDA

B. APPROVE AUGUST 22, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

C. APPROVE AUGUST 22, 2022, ATTENDANCE RECORD

**D. APPROVE DISTRICT 3 PROJECT PROPOSAL – ANNUAL POLICY
SUMMIT**

**E. APPROVE DISTRICT 3 PROJECT PROPOSAL – ANNUAL YOUTH
SURVEY**

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**A. AUDIT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(BRITTNEY HARVEY)**



Audit of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth: Incorporating the Bill of Rights into Planning Can Enhance Services

Office of the City Auditor
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/auditor>



Background – Bill of Rights for Children and Youth

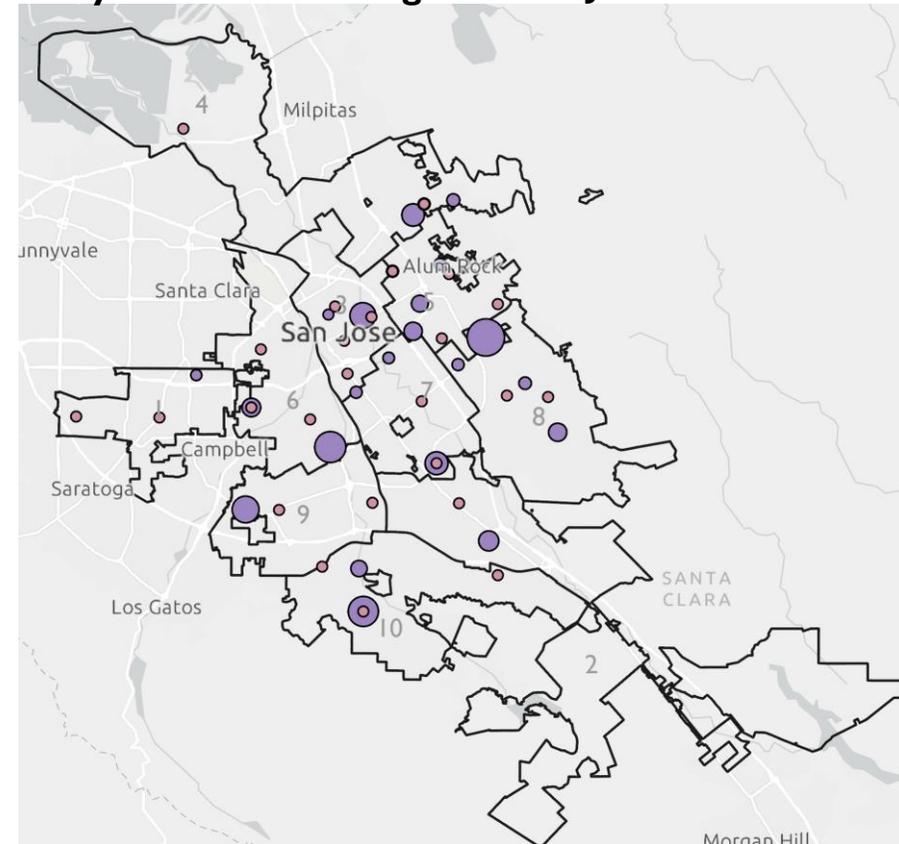
- The Bill of Rights provides a set of guidelines to foster the needs and healthy development of the City’s children and youth.
- Original adoption in 2010, revisions adopted by the City Council in 2021.
- June 2021 Budget Message directed the Administration to develop Children and Youth Master Plan.

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| <p>All children and youth have a right to be safe, healthy, successful in learning, and successful in life regardless of their language, culture, race, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socio-economic status, citizenship, or developmental abilities. San José is enriched by the diversity of its children and youth. To benefit from this diversity, we must ensure all children and youth realize the same rights.</p> | | | |
| Article 1 | They have a healthy mind, body, and soul that enables them to maximize their potential. | Article 6 | They are safe from mistreatment, abuse, and neglect. |
| Article 2 | They have training in life skills that will prepare them to live independently, be self-sufficient, and contribute to their community. | Article 7 | Their essential needs are met including access to basic amenities—nutritious food, housing, clothing, health care, technology, and transportation accessibility. |
| Article 3 | They have access to up-to-date educational resources that promote success in life, in future careers, and a love of life-long learning. | Article 8 | They have a safe and healthy environment, including homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities. |
| Article 4 | They have employment opportunities with protections from unfair labor practices with guides on how to find jobs that will be beneficial to them. | Article 9 | They develop ongoing relationships with caring, trusting, and supportive adults. |
| Article 5 | They have a voice in their local government to advocate for the issues that matter to them. | Article 10 | They have knowledge of, are educated about, and actively include people of diverse cultural, racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and religious backgrounds as well as all genders/gender identities, sexual orientations, citizenship, and developmental abilities, and are aware of the importance of inclusivity and identity. |

Finding I: Current City Programs Address Many of the Elements of the Bill of Rights

- The City spent at least \$36 million on direct programs directly for children and youth in FY 2020-21.
- The City provides more programs to address some elements of the Bill of Rights than others.
- In some instances, an outside partner or agency provides relevant services.

Exhibit: PRNS and the Library Hosted Programs at Many Locations Throughout San José in 2021



- Library Locations.
- PRNS centers and parks, circle size represents the number of activities at that location.
- 2021 Council District boundaries.

Source: Auditor summary of current library locations and 2021 PRNS program locations (obtained from the PRNS reservation system).



Finding 2: The Bill of Rights Framework Should be Used to Inform the Children and Youth Services Master Plan

- The City does not have a centralized inventory of children and youth programs.
- The Bill of Rights can help identify desired outcomes in the Children and Youth Master Plan.
- The City has used different tools to measure progress toward defined outcomes.

| Program | Description and Department | Program Evaluation Tools |
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| SJ Learns | Expanded learning program focused on kindergarten through third grade students of low-income backgrounds (Library) | Logic models, pre- and post-assessments, interviews with stakeholders, Communities of Practice |
| R.O.C.K. and A.S.E.S. After School Programs | Afterschool recreation programs (PRNS) | Site assessments ¹¹ |
| San José Recreation Preschool | Recreational preschool programs for kids ages 3 to 5 (PRNS) | Pre- and post-assessments |
| SJ Works | Workforce development program that provides training and job opportunities for at-risk youth between ages 14-29, particularly those in gang-impacted neighborhoods (OEDCA) | Participant and employer surveys |

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Recommendations: In developing the Children and Youth Services Master Plan, the City Administration should:

- Identify a process and resources to develop and maintain an inventory of children and youth programs. This can help document gaps in services and enhance equity and accessibility in services across San José.
- Define and report on metrics to assess overall progress toward outcomes identified in the Bill of Rights.

These may require coordination with outside partners such as the local school districts and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.



Conclusion

We would like to thank the San José Public Library; the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; the City Manager's Office; and the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs for their time, insight, and cooperation during the audit process.

The audit report is available at www.sanjoseca.gov/auditor

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**B. BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUTH FOR SANTA CLARA - KIDS IN
COMMON/YOUTH LIBERATION
MOVEMENT
(C. COLE)**



Bill of Rights for Children and Youth for Santa Clara County

Presented by Cleo Cole, Youth Liberation Movement Fellow



Bills of Rights for Children and Youth

There have been dozens of Bills of Rights for Children and Youth made over the course of the past two decades. San Jose has adopted a Bill of Rights and Santa Clara County has adopted a Bill of Rights.

There is also a Bill of Rights for Foster Youth.

Because there are so many people interested in protecting the rights of children, especially ones in particularly vulnerable positions, it can be confusing to know what is being done, by who, for who.

Let's break it down!!



Kids in Common Bill of Rights

Santa Clara County adopted a Bill of Rights made by Kids in Common 12 years ago, without the input of youth. This year, they decided it was time to revise the document.

This updated version is youth-led with diverse input from young people across the county to ensure that the final document is representative of our stated needs.



Who is this for?

This Bill of Rights is for EVERY young person 0-24 in Santa Clara County. This includes young people who have Bills of Rights already made for other aspects of their lives.



Who is working on it?

Youth Liberation Movement in collaboration with Kids in Common.

The Youth Liberation Movement is a new youth group consisting of opportunity youth aged 19-25, dedicated to improving the quality of life for young people in San Jose.

YLM has created two fellowship roles with Kids in Common for the purpose of having the Bill of Rights revisions lead by young people.

Cleo Cole began this project and Meyia Carrasco has joined recently.

This project is supported by our dedicated and passionate YLM members, the Executive Director of Kids in Common (Dana Burnett), and our allies in the youth-serving ecosystem.



What's been done so far

We've spoken to about 65 young people from diverse backgrounds about the rights they believe they deserve.

From those initial responses we drafted a preliminary list of categories with examples of issues they gave under them.



What we're doing now

We're reaching out to young people, such as yourselves, to receive input on:

- What rights you believe youth should be entitled to.
- The organization of our draft of the Bill of Rights
- What issues are important to you and how our draft can change to accommodate or reinforce them
- Qualities you want from the services/ products that should be provided under those rights



What we're doing next

- Continuing to get youth input and discussing topics of vision of ideals, responsibility, and **action**.
- Drafting the Bill of Rights using all youth input at monthly drafting meetings.
- Circling back to those who participated to get any final edits on our final draft.
- Creating an action plan based on what youth have stated they want to see happen.
- Sending the finalized Bill of Rights to decision-makers in Santa Clara County for their signatures of approval.
- Creating recommendations for actions that will be presented to county decision makers and at the Children's Agenda Network.



Why the Bill of Rights is important

This document will be written and approved by youth, and adopted by those with the power to make systemic change.

Young people and decision makers can use the Bill of Rights as common ground when connecting over initiatives to help one another with our common goal of upholding these rights.

This allows young people's needs to be at the forefront of decisions made on behalf of youth and gives the opportunity for young activists to advocate for themselves more effectively.



Ways young people can be involved

- Youth group **conversation**= We will come to one of your youth group meetings and facilitate a conversation about the Bill of Rights. We request 30 minutes or more but are flexible with time. This will give you all a voice in the content of the Bill of Rights and will help us to draft the final product.
- **Writing prompts**= We will send you a prompt to respond to as a group or individually to write however much you want. It will help give us specific information we will use to draft the rights including organization and wording.
- One-on-One **interview**= If you found you had a lot to say about the Bill of Rights and how it should be upheld, we can have a one-on-one interview with you, lasting however long you'd like it to--expect 30 minutes. This means your individual input, experiences, and suggestions will be used to draft the Bill of Rights. This can be on zoom or in person.
- Take a **Survey**= We have two surveys they can take to provide their input. One takes under 5 minutes and the other takes about 10-15 minutes depending on the depth of their answers.



Ways young people can stay involved

- Join the **Drafting Team**= The drafting team will meet once a month via zoom at a time that works best for most members of the team. We will review responses from youth groups, interviews, and surveys to summarize, consolidate and organize responses into written rights.
- Join the **Administration Team**= Help with taking notes at meetings, setting up supplies, facilitating conversation, and more. You will be presented with opportunities to facilitate and can decide which, if any, you would like to be involved in and how.



Compensation

Participating Youth will be offered compensation **unless**:

- They are already being paid for their time
- They are at school while participating
- They are taking a survey (This is a raffle, instead of direct payment)

For in-person or zoom meetings, the rate is \$25 an hour and 1-hour sessions are typical. These are given in the form of e-gift cards.



What we can do for one another

- Share connections
- Share engagement opportunities
- Share strategies
- Share knowledge
- Keep a dialogue



What questions do you have?



Staying in touch

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, resources or interest in what we've talked about today, please email me at

CleoCCole@gmail.com

Please fill out this Interest Form before we part ways!!



BILL OF RIGHTS INTEREST FORM

*Scan the QR code to learn about and sign up to
support!*





Thank you all for your time!!

**C. CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF
RIGHTS
(O. NUNEZ)**



CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

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Santa Clara County
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WHAT IS A CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

A list of nature-based activities or experiences that every child would benefit from

Celebrates our unique history, culture, diversity and natural resources

Reflects the needs, priorities and assets of our county and of our community

Making equitable nature access a County priority

Declaración de Derechos al Aire Libre de los Niños DEL CONDADO DE SANTA CLARA

CADA NIÑO tiene derecho a:

- Sentirse bienvenido, seguro y protegido al aire libre
- Celebrar la diversidad de culturas de nuestras comunidades
- Escalar una montaña local
- Plantar una semilla y comer alimentos cultivados localmente
- Aprender a nadar, pisar charcos, y jugar en aguas limpias
- Proteger nuestros diversos hábitats y su vida silvestre
- Explorar millas de senderos del área de la Bahía en rutas seguras y accesibles
- Jugar en parques, patios escolares y espacios abiertos cerca de sus hogares
- Acampar bajo las estrellas
- Visitar una granja

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THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

EVERY CHILD has the right to:

- Feel welcome, safe, and protected outdoors
- Celebrate the cultural diversity of our communities
- Climb a local mountain
- Plant a seed and eat locally grown food
- Learn to swim, stomp in puddles and play in safe water
- Protect our diverse habitats and wildlife
- Explore miles of Bay area trails on safe and accessible routes
- Play in parks, schoolyards and open spaces near their homes
- Camp under the stars
- Visit a farm

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QUẬN SANTA CLARA NHỮNG QUYỀN LỢI CHƠI NGOÀI TRỜI CỦA TRẺ EM

MỖI TRẺ EM có quyền:

- Cảm thấy thoải mái, an toàn, và được bảo vệ khi sinh hoạt ngoài trời
- Chào mừng những truyền thống văn hóa đa dạng của các cộng đồng
- Leo núi tại địa phương
- Gieo hạt giống, ăn những thức ăn được trồng tại địa phương
- Học bơi lội, dậm chân trong bùn, và chơi đùa trong nguồn nước một cách an toàn
- Bảo vệ môi trường sống đa dạng của các động thực vật hoang dã
- Khám phá những đường mòn dài hàng dặm đường trong Vùng vịnh, qua các lối đi an toàn và có thể đi được;
- Chơi đùa trong các công viên, sân trường, và các bãi đất trống gần nhà
- Cắm trại ngoài trời dưới các vì sao
- Viếng thăm các nông trại

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WHY DID WE ADOPT A CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

- ❑ Green space inequities
- ❑ Being outdoors allows children to be active and more emotionally stable
- ❑ Children who are exposed to green spaces have greater cognitive functioning
- ❑ Children who interact with nature are more likely to address stress in a healthy manner
- ❑ Being outdoors reduces the chances of mental illness



WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF CITIES

- ▣ Cities adopt the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
- ▣ Identify 2-3 actions over the next 18 months that can be taken to ensure access for all children to engage in the Bill of Rights tenets.



WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF CITIES

- ▣ Youth Commissions provide input on opportunities available in their city to engage youth
- ▣ Support efforts to promote in your City.



Activities for Consideration



Ten-Minute Walk to the Park

Green Schoolyards

Staff and Volunteer Positions

Nature Features in Parks

Transportation to parks

Nature Focused Summer Camps

Library-Park partnerships

Seed Programs

Green Career Pathways

Family Nature Clubs

Resource Hubs

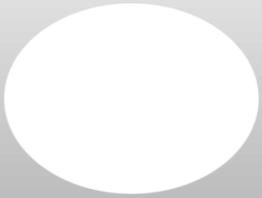
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Equity Zone Mapping

QUESTIONS?

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Great Things Start with Good Health

**D. DISTRICT 3: GENDER NEUTRAL
BATHROOMS MEMORANDUM
(COMMISSIONER HOANG)**

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ONLY

A. CITY OF MANAGERS OFFICE REPORT

B. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

C. SAN JOSÉ LIBRARY REPORT

D. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

E. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS PER CITY DISTRICT
2 MINUTES EACH

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**VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDAS**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YOUTH COMMISSION WILL BE MONDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.