



## City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh  
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez  
District 5 – Dali Guerrero Fernandez  
District 7 – David Huynh  
District 9 – Jingru (Ruby) Yu  
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2  
Akashadha Badu Chakravarthi – District 4  
Fiona Canfield – District 6  
VACANT– District 8  
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

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### YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 2025 | 6:30 PM

San José City Hall, Council Chambers  
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

#### I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

##### A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Kucharewski, Vice Chair Pardeepkumar, Commissioners Deshmukh, Sanchez, Badu Chakravarthi, Guerrero Fernandez, Canfield, Huynh, Yu, Park.

ABESENT: None

STAFF: Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

CITY STAFF: Councilmember Pamela Campos; Council Assistant Lucas Ramirez; Parks and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent, Lauren Box; Budget Office Deputy Director, Claudia Chang; Supervising Planner, Sanhita Ghosal; Principal Planner, Ruth Cueto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present.

#### II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve September 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

B. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for November 24, 2025

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Canfield, the Commission voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained)

**III. Open Forum:** There were 0 public comments to the Commission.

**IV. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. Council Liaison's Report (Councilmember Campos)**

Councilmember Campos provided the Council Liaison's report with the following updates.

- Joint Neighborhood Services and Education Committee with the City and County on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. The topics covered will be the Youth and Children Services Master Plan and Latina Health Assessment
- There will be an Envision 2040 General Plan update on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM via zoom
- In partnership with BeautifySJ, District 1, and District 2, an initiative is launched to plant 250, 000 daffodils by end of 2026
- Adopt-a-Storm Drain is available for residents to participate. Participants can sign up for a storm drain, name the drain, and keep the drain clean of leaves and debris

No Public Comment

The Commission engaged in discussion.

**B. Envision 2040 General Plan (R. Cueto)**

Ruth Cueto, Principal Designer, from the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department presented on the Envision 2040 General Plan (General Plan).

- The General Plan is the City's vision and blueprint for how the City will grow in the next 20 to 30 years
- General plan sets the long-term visions and goals, policies, and implementation actions. It is implemented by following zoning ordinances (codes, standards, procedures)
- General Plan Annual Report 2023/2024
  - This report measures annual progress through certain indicators such as:
    - Current jobs to employed resident ratio- this ratio measures San Jose residents have jobs in San Jose versus commuting outside of San Jose for jobs. This ratio is currently 0.79 while the goal is 1.1 of current jobs employed by residents
    - Transportation - measure transportation milestones reach each year

- Climate implications – measures climate milestones reached each year such as greenhouse gases reduction targets.
- 4-Year Review: A review of the General Plan is required every four years. For this review, there are 4 key topics that are analyzed.
  - Build more homes: Identify land for increased residential capacity
  - “Mixing middle” housing: housing types that bigger than a single-family home but smaller than a big apartment complex.
  - Jobs and Resident Balance: Ensuring the City has enough jobs for the people who live here.
  - Improve Urban Villages: Urban villages are neighborhood centers planned for growth, density, and walkability.
- Timeframe for this work is outlined below with upcoming public meetings for public engagement.
  - City Council Approval of Scope of work (June 2025)
  - Background Analysis (June 2025-October 2025)
  - Continued Analysis and Policy Development/Task Force Meetings (October 2025- June 2026)
  - Public Outreach and Engagement (October 2025-June 2026)
  - Environmental Analysis (June 2026-Fall 2027)
  - Planning Commission November 2027-December 2027)

1 Public Comment.

The Commission engaged in discussion.

**C. City of San José Budget Overview (C. Chang)**

Claudia Chang, Deputy Director, of Budget Office presented on the City of San José Budget Overview.

- Budget Development Timeframe
  - October-June
    - Community Involvement: input on priorities and direction through direct contact with Mayor and Council, surveys, meetings, and March Budget Message public hearing
    - Mayor and Council
      - Review and approval of the prior year’s Annual Report
      - Mayor’s Budget Town Hall, priority Setting, review and approve the Mayor’s March Budget Message
      - Review Proposed Budget during May study session, release City Council Budget Documents, review and approval of the Mayor’s June Budget Message
    - Administration
      - Present the Annual Report on Financial Performance

- Release City Manger’s Budget Request and Five-year forecast
- Release City Proposed Operating and Capital Budget and Fees & Charges, release City Manager's Budget Addenda

No Public Comment

The Commission engaged in discussion.

**D. Youth Commission Youth and Young Adults Priorities Survey (Chair Kucharewski)**

Chair Kucharewski reviewed the Youth Commission Youth and Young Adults Priorities Survey.

- Survey will run from 11/25/2025 – 1/20/2026
- Questions include topics of community, education, social, and communications.
- The results of the survey will be reviewed at the Youth Commission Budget Summit and help determine youth budget priorities.

No Public Comment.

The Commission engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Babu, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Youth Commission Youth and Young Adults Priorities Survey (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

**V. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas**

A. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (L. Box)– Virtual Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent Lauren Box provided an update to the Commission

- i. Recruitment:
  1. Recreation Program Specialist, Parks Manager, Zookeeper, Class instructor Older Adults fitness,
  2. Summer Positions: Community Service Aide, and Recreation Leader and Lifeguard
- ii. Recreation Division
  1. 2026 Scholarship application is now available.
  2. Summer Camp Registration opens for scholarship eligible for January 28<sup>th</sup>
  3. There is an ongoing survey to help the division identify needs and implement changes at the local community center
- iii. Parks Division

1. December holiday events are scheduled from December 6<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup>. Schedule available on the park's webpage
  2. Family Camp is re-opening with reservations open on January 10, 2026, for residents and January 24<sup>th</sup> for all other guests
  3. Volunteer Management Unit continues to host their Sunday Series at Parks across the City
- iv. Community Services Division
1. Partnering with South Valley YMCA with District 8 on 12/18 and 12/19 for Dumpster Day
  2. 311 app is available for reporting illegal dumping

**B. San José Library Report (Megan Maloy)**

Megan Maloy, Senior Librarian, provided the library updates.

- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Matt announced AI for All, partnership with Google, OpenAI, and Anthropic to increase public access to artificial intelligence learning and training opportunities at the Library
- Native American month in November 2025 with events throughout the 25 locations
- SJPL's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual LocalLit is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> featuring local authors. Authors will host a discussion panel and Q&A session to share their stories and experience in writing and publishing their work.
- SJPL's Winter Reading program is from December 1 to January 4. More information about the program can be found at [sjpl.org/WinterReading](http://sjpl.org/WinterReading)
- Holidays Closures: November 25-26, December 24-25, January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Online resources are available at [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org)

**C. Commission Chair Report (Chair Kucharewski)**

**D. Commissioners' Reports per City District**

**VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agenda**

- Event Proposal for a Joint Cultural Fest with Youth Commission Districts 1, 2, and 9

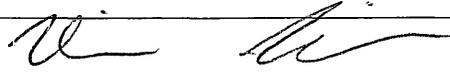
**VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next meeting will be in-person on January 26, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers.

**VIII. Adjournment**

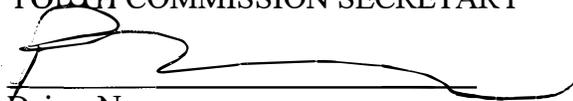
On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. (10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

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Chair Marian Kucharewski  
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:  
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

  
Dziem Nguyen