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CITY OF SAN JOSE

2025-2026 Annual Report

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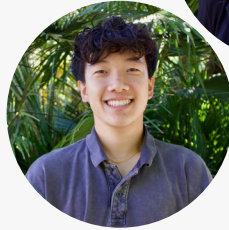
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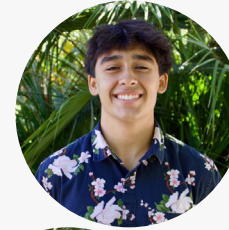
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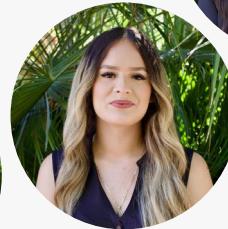
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OUTREACH PLAN

Promote Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) events, connect with community-based organizations, and develop partnerships to support the Youth Commission work plan and foster and maintain relationships within the City of San José local government.



Objectives

Increase the number of youths who know about the Youth Commission and participate in YACs.

Strategies

Promote via social media, develop flyers, and share information with schools and youth organizations.

Channels

Youth Commission social media, school distribution lists, local libraries, community centers, Councilmember newsletters, participating in and hosting community events.

Metrics for Success

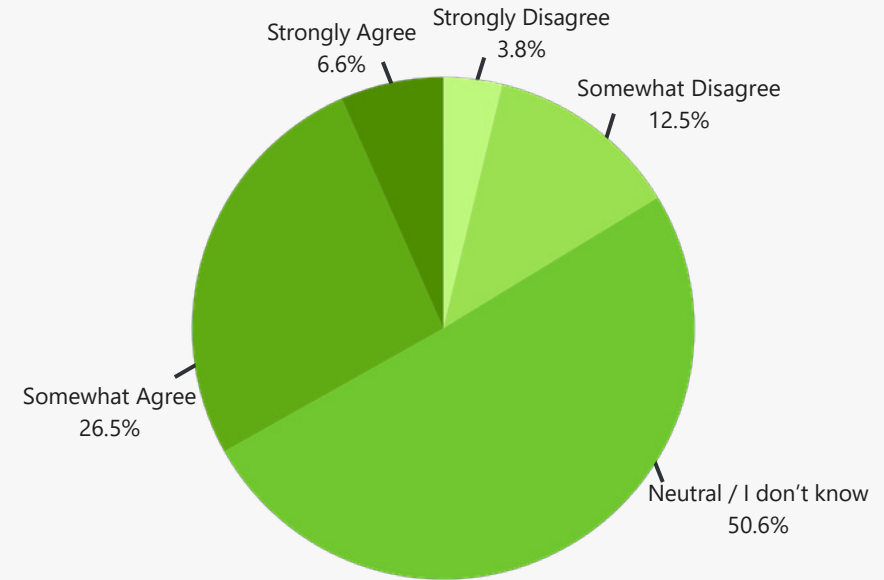
Engagement across social media, youth participation in District YACs and Youth Commission events, an increase in Youth Priorities Survey responses, and the YAC Participation Survey.

YOUTH PRIORITIES SURVEY

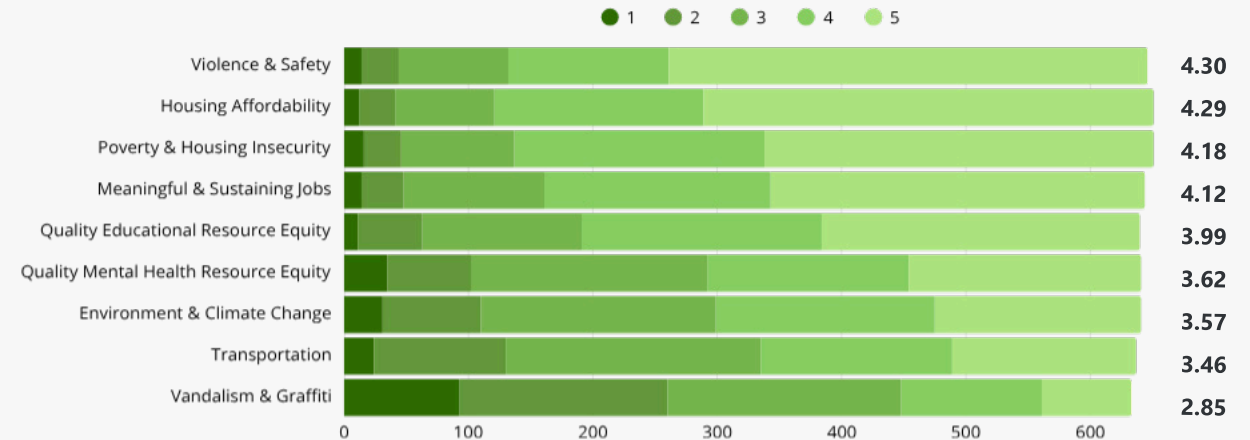
The Youth Commission creates and distributes an annual survey to youth throughout San José. The survey serves as a tool to gauge youth priorities and sentiments regarding various issues and Commission activities. This year, the survey collected **653** responses.

These responses illustrate opportunities for outreach to raise awareness of programs and resources. The Youth Commission's work plan supports increasing youth engagement in the design and implementation of community initiatives and overall participation in local government.

Do you agree with the following statement: **The local City of San José government reflects youth priorities.**



Importance of Issues on a scale of 1 (lowest priority) to 5 (highest priority)



EVALUATE AND ADVISE ON college, career, and literacy opportunities and resources in San José

- Conduct youth participatory action research and a citywide youth survey to gather insight and input from youth on City budget and educational priorities
- Explore and uplift community partnerships with local education agencies



CELEBRATE San José's diversity and culture through exploring community building and placemaking

- Fostering the youth voice through culture and art through Beautify initiatives, community art, events, and fairs
- Conduct outreach and promote existing local resources and events in partnership with the City of San José and other community-based organizations
- Advocate for immigrant youth and families by promoting support resources



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS (YAC)

These councils provide valuable input and insights into policies and programs that directly impact young people.

From July 2025 to March 2026, Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council members volunteered a combined **740** service hours in dedication to Youth Commission activities and events.



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The average number of hours spent by the 11 Youth Commissioners on activities such as attending general meetings, coordinating YAC meetings, conducting community outreach, and crafting policy recommendations.

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The average number of hours spent by 45 Youth Advisory Council members across San José was devoted to activities such as attending YAC meetings, supporting district events, and conducting policy research.

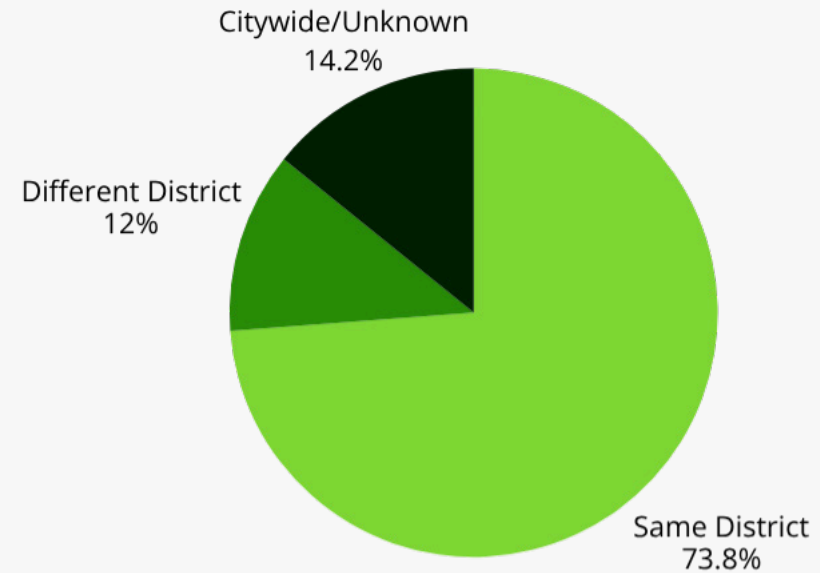


YAC PARTICIPATION

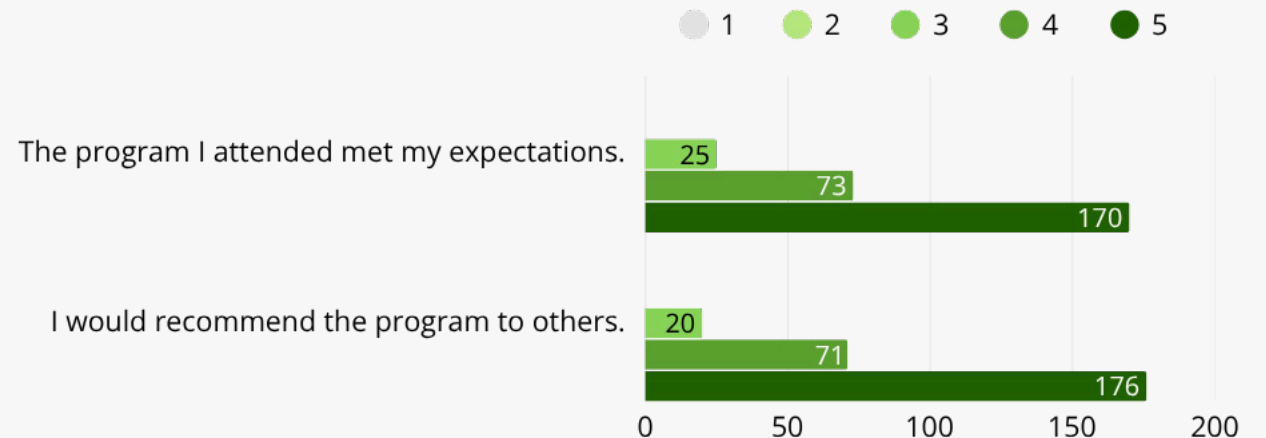
Building on last year, the Youth Commission uses an online application to encourage participation and boost YAC recruitment efforts citywide. This digital approach has helped streamline the YAC recruitment process and increase accessibility for interested youth, receiving **275** submissions, a **17.2% increase** from last year.

Additionally, the Youth Commission established a participation survey for youth volunteers who attended individual District YAC meetings or Youth Commission events to better understand who is participating and to gather program feedback.

Is District YAC Preference Different from the District the Applicant Resides



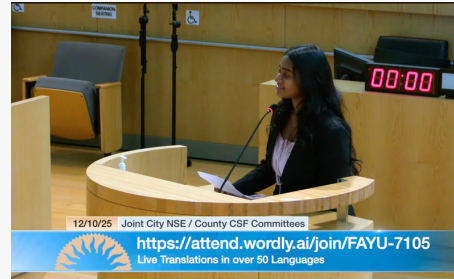
YAC Program Satisfaction from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)



YOUTH IN ACTION

In addition to the work plan, the Youth Commission has:

- Participated in a joint special meeting with the Library and Education Commission, receiving the Education Strategy Annual Report and Library Facilities and Customer Service Plan,
- Spoke on a panel at the Neighborhoods Conference and hosted multiple youth-focused community events.



Joint Commission Meeting

Joined the Library and Education Commission for a Joint Special Meeting on October 27, 2025, to receive the Education Strategy Annual Report, as well as the Margaret Sullivan Studio Facilities and Customer Experience Plan for the Library.

Neighborhoods Conference

Joined Councilmember Campos at the Neighborhoods Conference on October 4, 2025, to share their experiences and perspectives on youth civic engagement as part of the "Being Led by Our Young Leaders" panel.

Community Events

Organized diverse community events, including the Youth Budget Priorities Summit, park cleanups, flower planting, an eco swap for used clothes, the A.I.M. career conference, and various cultural celebrations and educational workshops.

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Thank you!



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