



Memorandum

TO: ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE
COMMITTEE

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION 2003-2004
STRATEGIC WORK PLAN

DATE: 05-25-04

Approved

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PURPOSE

This memorandum is written to provide a status update for the period of February 12, 2004 through June 10, 2004 for the All Children Achieve Committee regarding the City of San José Youth Commission Strategic Work Plan for the FY 2003-2004.

BACKGROUND

On February 12, 2004, Youth Commission Chair Erica Garcia presented the Youth Commission accomplishments to the Committee for the period October 2003 through February 2004. Adan Lupercio, District 3 Youth Commissioner, presented the next steps the Commission is to take in order to achieve the goals they identified in their 2003-2004 Strategic Work Plan.

This Work Plan outlines Strategic Goals for the Youth Commission which include:

- Build a cohesive and effective Youth Commission.
- Complete the Youth Commission Leadership Academy Training.
- Establish Youth Advisory Councils in each City Council District.
- Advise the City Council and PRNS on youth-related projects and issues.
- Create awareness of the Youth Commission through participation in city-wide community events.

YOUTH COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following are accomplishments of the Youth Commission Strategic Work Plan since February 12, 2004:

Strategic Goal #1: Build a cohesive and effective Youth Commission

- Commissioners and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members attended the multi-city youth commission YAC ATTACK summit held March 6, 2004. They actively participated in debates, police round table discussions, stress and nutrition workshops. They were also awarded the 1st place trophy for the obstacle course they participated in.

- Emily Hopper, the new Youth Commissioner for District 6, was appointed on April 6, 2004.
- Commissioner Carlota Montes, District 5, Adan Lupercio, District 3, and Michael Antonopoulos, City-Wide Commissioner have each hosted a training session for the Youth Commission at their respective community centers.

Strategic Goal #2: Complete the Youth Commission Leadership Academy Training

- Completed the following training topics: Asset Mapping (February 21, 2004), Public Speaking (April 17, 2004), and Identifying a Project and Issue Selection (May 15, 2004).

Strategic Goal #3: Establish Youth Advisory Councils in each City Council District

- YAC's have been developed in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.
- Districts 2, 6, 7 and 8 will be developed by June 2004.
- Asset Mapping has been completed in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.
- District 1 and 3 YAC's have been awarded grants of \$250 and \$1,000 respectively, from the Community Foundation Silicon Valley True Teens Taking Over Philanthropy Grant. District 1 will use these funds for a mural at the Starbird Youth Center. District 3 will use their grant to sponsor a community event.
- District 5 YAC has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from Resources for Families and Communities for a community event and a District 5 youth summit that will be held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

Strategic Goal #4: Advise the City Council and PRNS on youth-related projects and issues

- Commission provided PRNS with Programmatic recommendations to consider in developing budgetary reduction strategies.
- On February 23, 2004 the Youth Commission heard the proposed Balbach Skatepark report from the Community Facilities Development Division.

Strategic Goal #5: Create awareness about the Youth Commission through participation in city-wide community events

- On March 20, 2004 Commissioners hosted a spin art table at the Martin Luther King Library for the Book Circus event in support of the importance of reading to small children.
- City-Wide Commissioner Michael Antonopoulos, joined Police Chief Rob Davis' Youth Advisory Group on April 7, 2004 as well as the Bay Area Youth Advisory Group (BAYAG) to represent the San José Youth Commission.
- Commissioners Adan Lupercio District 3, and Carlota Montes District 5, conducted a presentation on How To Build Partnerships with Youth at the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) on May 4, 2004.
- Hosted a resource table and actively participated in the District 3 and 7 Family Summit on May 15, 2004.
- Commissioners volunteered at the City-Wide Track Meet on May 23, 2004.

NEXT STEPS

- Complete and finalize Youth Commission website by June 2004.
- Finalize all District-Specific Work Plans by June 30, 2004.
- Begin planning for a City-Wide Youth Summit scheduled to take place in September 2004.
- Coordinate with the NDC to develop a youth training component for their Community Trainings Academy by October 2004.
- Convene all YAC's and provide a YAC orientation to streamline their roles within the Youth Commission.
- Coordinate the recruitment process with the City Clerk's Office to fill impending Youth Commission vacancies.
- Host Youth Commission Retreat to develop and draft next year's Youth Commission Work Plan by June 30, 2004.

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