



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION
FY 2010-11 WORK PLAN

DATE: 12-09-10

Approved

Date

12/9/10

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Rules and Open Government Committee approve the Youth Commission work plan for FY 2010-11.

/s/

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Director of Parks, Recreation, and
Neighborhood Services

For questions please contact Neil Rufino, Recreation Superintendent, at 408-277-2717.

Attachment – San Jose Youth Commission Work Plan for FY 2010-11

SAN JOSE YOUTH COMMISSION
Work Plan for FY 2010-11

Objective for FY 2010-11	Actions	Timeframe
<p>Goal 1: Discuss and research youth-related issues on a monthly basis in order to make informed decisions and recommendations to City officials during the fiscal year</p> <p>Outcome: The Youth Commission is informed and knowledgeable of City issues impacting youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth commissioners will meet with their respective youth program specialist and/or staff on a quarterly basis to inform and be informed on local youth issues. - Youth commissioners will hold round table discussions with each of the following: SJPD, PRNS, Mayor, MGPTF, HNVF and City Manager to gain a common understanding of City issues that affect youth. - The youth commissioners will become familiar with resources offered to youth in the area of college and workforce readiness as well as health and wellbeing in order to enhance their effectiveness. - Commissioners will have focused trainings to ensure accountability and follow through on their responsibilities as youth commissioners. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Goal 2: Create and maintain Youth Advisory Councils where members vary in age, race, gender, and schools within their district.</p> <p>Outcome: Commissioners will make decisions based on the diverse YAC input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioners will focus on recruiting members of different ethnicities groups and ages respective of their district from high schools in order to gain an accurate representation. - Commissioners will hold monthly meetings with their respective Youth Advisory Councils (YAC's) in order to discuss various youth issues and accumulate a variety of input. - Provide useful resources through a minimum of two workshops and/or forums to instill skills such as active civic engagement and service learning projects. - Create district specific work plans mirroring the youth commission work plan to ensure accountability. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Goal 3: Connect and collaborate with two community-based and City organizations in order to provide a youth's perspective on issues affecting youth by the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Outcome: Organizations will gain youth insight.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth commission representatives will participate in community meetings such as NAC's and public forums such as City Budget meetings, SJ2020 meetings and Project Cornerstone steering committee meetings in order to gain a valued and respected voice for youth. - Network and outreach to organizations by collaborating on projects such as SJ2020 to build a stronger youth connection to the City of San José. - Commissioners will become valued voting members of planning projects such as the City Reuse Program, B.E.S.T., HNVF committees and other community groups where youth are impacted. - Evaluate the effectiveness of youth services and give two recommendations to improve the quality of youth services and programs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Spring 2011</p>
<p>Goal 4: The Youth Commission will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform San José youth of their responsibilities by holding youth forums and 	<p>Spring 2011</p>

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<p>present itself as a useful resource for San José youth.</p> <p>Outcome: Youth of San José will be aware that they have an empowered voice through their representatives on the Youth Commission.</p>	<p>reward them on their accomplishments through outlets such as peer to peer awards recognition events to encourage youth activism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide workshops through annual events such as the Youth Advisory Council training and the citywide youth conference in order to expose San José youth to presentations where their knowledge of City issues is expanded. - Maximize the use of the Youth Commission website and Facebook page to inform youth of available resources and activities through monthly updates. 	<p>Fall 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Goal 5: Enact change on a legislative level by giving youth recommendations throughout the fiscal year to City and community-based organizations regarding youth issues.</p> <p>Outcome: Legislative decision makers will have a youth-voice perspective when making decisions affecting youth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research and collect data on current youth-related City issues and provide two policy recommendations to City officials based on review. - Collaborate with youth allies such as PRNS, City Council officials, Project Cornerstone and SJ2020 by giving youth recommendations based on research. - Review and evaluate Youth Programs and give youth recommendations to PRNS and SJ2020 based on their findings. - Create and maintain subcommittees such as SJ2020, Bill of Youth Responsibilities, Budget/Reuse Program, MGPTF, and Youth Events Subcommittee. 	<p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2011</p> <p>Winter 2010</p>

Mission: To raise San José youths' awareness by becoming informed and active citizens in local government, knowledgeable of their responsibilities.

Vision: San José youth are dedicated to having an influential and respected voice through civic engagement.