



# San Mateo County Youth Commission



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## **REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, April 28, 2022  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Community Agreements**

1. Representation
2. Equality
3. Integrity
4. Unity
5. One mic, one voice
6. Respect all people
7. Engaged members
8. Leadership and empowerment
9. Flexible and open to other perspectives
10. Collaborate with other organizations
11. Understand value of diverse lived experiences
12. Include youth in conversations that impact them
13. Keep needs of youth in San Mateo County above personal interests
14. Question decisions and resist complacency
15. Commitment to policies that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Roll Call**

### **3. Public Comment**

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### **4. Approve Agenda (Action)**

### **5. Approve Minutes (Action)**

### **6. Presentation & Activity: Jobs for Youth (County Human Resources)**

Jordy Pascual, Associate Management Analyst

### **7. Review Children's Budget Recommendations**

### **8. Vote on May 26<sup>th</sup> Showcase Meeting Being In-Person or Virtual**

**9. Boards and Commissions Liaison Updates**

Behavioral Health Commission, Board of Education, Commission on Disabilities, Commission on the Status of Women, Domestic Violence Council, First 5, JJDPC, LGBTQ, Parks

**10. Committee Updates**

- a. Civic Engagement
- b. Education & Economic Development
- c. Environmental Justice
- d. Health & Wellness
- e. Immigrant Youth
- f. Transformative Justice

**11. Announcements**

**12. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2022**

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**To:** San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Katelyn Chang and Hudson Fox

**Subject:** Youth Commission's Children Budget Resolution

**Recommendation:**

Recognize proposed high-level edits for the San Mateo County Children's Budget.

**Background:**

This working group takes feedback provided by all members of the Youth Commission and aims to propose edits to the San Mateo County Children's Budget that reflects the sentiments of commissioners. This memo and accompanying resolution have been created in an effort to simplify and synthesize the Children's Budget material while making it more accessible to the general public. In doing so, these edits will provide the basis for the Children's Budget revision process and act as talking points to build off of in the process.

**Discussion:**

This working group is requesting the Board of Supervisors' acknowledgement that it has received resolution and accompanying memo and is aware of the edits and actions the Youth Commission plans on taking.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

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### Declaration of Proposed Edits to San Mateo County Children's Budget for the 2021-2023 Fiscal Years

*A resolution of the Youth Commission expressing the desire for the recognition of their plans to revise certain aspects of the Children's Budget. We are respectfully requesting that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors consider and acknowledge the proposed edits outlined below. Moreover, this resolution serves as an informational document to highlight the plans of the Youth Commission.*

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Commission recognizes a lack of clear and concise communication in some aspects of the Children's Budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Children's Budget is an important document for residents of San Mateo County to understand; and,

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Children's Budget is of great import for the county's fiscal planning; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that the recommendations provided by the Youth Commission will lend a youth-driven perspective to the process of revision of the aforementioned document; and,

**WHEREAS**, these proposed edits will serve as the guidelines to inform the Youth Commission's work in the upcoming term.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

1. We commit to the synthesizing of main points of the Children's Budget, allowing for a simplified summary of each category containing descriptions and simple terminology and adding infographics of main sources of funding for each category; and
2. We recommend that outreach for the Children's Budget be conducted through mail, newsletters, fliers, and social media, as well as the distributing materials through schools to their students and families; and
3. We advocate for the enhancement of vocational training through elective classes for students and generated programs in different industries to learn from professionals; and
4. We back the educating of students on healthy relationships through working with outside experts to review wellness and health curriculum so that they may be up-to-date, and invitations to speakers within relevant programs to present to students; and

5. We support education on sexual assault, sex, and LGBTQ+ by ensuring specific education on the LGBTQ+, lessons on topics such as, but not limited to, misgendering, within Ethnic Studies courses, having LGBTQ-specific advocates on campus as a voice and ready to help students, and updating county curriculums and policies periodically to appeal to current standards.

## General Recommendations:

### Easier to read + accessibility

- **[Summarizing]** Synthesize main points at the beginning of the documents/in a separate summary
  - allow for summaries of each category containing brief descriptions with simple terminology (taking out unnecessary acronyms)
- **[Infographics]** Create pie charts of funding in one section to compare different departments, policy areas, etc.
  - General infographic with the main sources of funding (health, engagement, education, etc.)
- **[Versions]** Two versions: detailed one (for SMC officials and interested members), simple one (for parents, kids, teachers, etc.)

### Children's budgets shared with schools

- **[General Outreach]** Mail Children's Budget to families
  - Shared through newsletters, flyers, parent email lists, social media (ie. Facebook)
- **[School/District]** Have admin send out emails to parents regarding potential programs
  - Have school districts put link on their websites to inform a greater range of parents
- **[SMC YC]** Getting YC members outreach to individual schools
  - Publicization on social media, e.g. Youth Commission or personal Instagrams

## Program Recommendations:

- **Vocational Training**
  - **[learning from professionals]** Group of interested youth could sign up for programs to learn more about vocations
    - Meet with professionals in industry
    - Different fields: medical, engineering, business
  - **[classes]** Creating elective classes that would be available to seniors and juniors.
    - Vocational courses as part of community colleges for students
  - Other Services: Jobs for Youth, JobTrain
  - **Why:** This would be a valuable program for the county as it provides valuable life skills for future occupations that aren't provided in regular schools. Additionally, vocational training would provide a way to create a more workforce ready population. Finally, vocational training would provide low-income students with a way to easily prepare for a job and provide a faster way to climb out of poverty.
- **Addressing healthy relationships**
  - **[speakers → schools]** Speakers within a sexual health program who can go to schools, community centers, etc. and present to the children
  - **[curriculum]** Working with outside experts review wellness/sex ed every so often so that the curriculum is up-to-date and helpful
  - Utilizing services: CORA, RTS
  - **Why:** Unhealthy relationships can put a strain on children's mental health, which can lead them to "struggle" in other facets of their life
- **LGBTQ Outreach**
  - **[Ethnic Studies/Courses]** Adding Ethnic Studies courses

- Ensuring specific education on the history of the LGBTQ community
- Lessons about not misgendering
- Having LGBTQ-specific advocates on campus ready to help students
- **[Curriculum]** Updating county curriculums/policies periodically to appeal to current standards
- **Why:** A program that ensures education on consent, sex, and LGBTQ+ communities would be beneficial as a means to improve discussions surrounding the topics above.
- Fight against heteronormative beliefs, recognize members of the LGBTQ+ communities