



# San Mateo County Youth Commission



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## **WORKGROUP MEETING** **Agenda**

Thursday, November 4, 2021  
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**

Members of the public may address the commission on youth related issues and concerns that are not currently on the agenda. The public is welcome to speak on Agenda items throughout the meeting. Please use the raise hand feature if you would like to make a public comment. If you are attending by phone, you may press \*9 to raise your hand.

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

### **5. Approve October 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action)**

### **6. Resolution to Continue Virtual Meetings (Action)**

### **7. Committee Worktime**

### **8. Committee Report Outs**

## 9. **Announcements**

## 10. **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting:** November 18, 2021

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## Agenda Item 5

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## REGULAR MEETING

### Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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#### 1. Call to Order

6:02 PM Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

#### 3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

#### 4. Approve Agenda (Action)

Motion-Ahmed Second- Reed

#### 5. Approve Three Meeting Minutes (Action)

Remember to review materials before beginning meeting

Motion-Nori Second Motion- Warden

#### 6. Presentation: Youth Commission Alumni

Atiya Shah, Javier Nino-Sears, Sara Pistorino, Allyson Chan

**Sara Pistorino**- Health and Wellness Committee and Legislative Committee

Cannabis Decoded- created social media campaign with BHRS and worked with graphic design team

- Social Host ordinance- Consequences for Adults who host events with underage substance abuse
  - Presented to Board of Supervisors
  - Wrote to BOS about creating a restorative justice program
- Advice: Narrow down project ideas (what is actually achievable )
- Reach out to other county departments/commissions
- Work on projects in between meetings

**Allyson Chan-** Civic Engagement Committee and Education/Economic Development

- Census Newsletter- encouraged people to take part in census
  - Sent to other Youth Commissions
  - Sent to 23 Schools in San Mateo County
  - Translated into 4 languages
  - Utilized Canva
- Gen Z Voter Conference- encouraged youth voter participation
  - 2 day conference
  - 100+ attendees
  - Worked with When We All Vote (My School Votes) and immigrant youth committee
  - Featured Keynote speaker assembly member Kevin Mullin
  - Challenges: Online, planning process and prioritization of spaces, communication through committee is needed!
  - Successes: Great turnout (easy RSVP page), partnerships with other organizations

**Javier Nino-Sears-** Immigrant Youth Committee

- Indigenous People Day Resolution - worked with many organizations, learned how to compromise
- Immigrant Youth Scholarship- Outstanding Immigrant Youth for Secondary Education
- Health Equity- two different issues merged, designed from scratch
- Advice: Use adults in committee, use returning committee members, time out tasks, Chairs of Committees need to delegate

**Atiya Shah-**Immigrant Youth Committee and Environmental Justice

- Broad goal and strategy
- Goal: Prioritize sustainability in educational institutes
- Strategy: Climate Emergency Declaration
- Climate Emergency Declaration- turn declaration into format for many schools to use
  - Timeline: September-Creation of template, October to November- Outreach, November- Involvement with SMUHSD Sustainability Committee, January- Present Declaration to SMUHSD Sustainability Committee-time with Sequoia-contact Kevin Stark, March-Public Comment and agenda for April 1st meeting, April- Present at board meeting and passed declaration, May- Sequoia passes Declaration-KQED Article out-Jefferson HS reaches out
  - Lot's of Recognition- KQED, Aragon, Mills, YCA
  - Next steps: More interviews, want this year for more efforts to additional high schools
- Norcal Youth Conference- Civic Engagement Committee
- Advice: Communication is key, contact adults in committees, be ambitious

## 7. Breakout Rooms for Q&A with Alumni

Time for Subcommittee Q&A

## 8. Transformative Justice Presentation & Vote (Action)

Austin Willis & Ameya Nori

- Restorative Justice-
  - many supporters of restorative justice and peer court
  - Disproportionate suspensions of BIPOC students (School to prison pipeline)
  - Students who are suspended are 3x more likely to enter juvenile justice system-peer court hopes to address
  - Restorative Justice: Reduces crime, improves human behavior, strengthens society, restores relationships
  - Solution to school to prison pipeline: Peer Court in San Mateo County
  - Peer Court Process: Introductions, get to know the respondent, establishing a restorative plan
  - Positions: Advocate, Respondent, Peer Team, Peer Facilitator, Adult Facilitator, Staff Facilitators
  - Letter of Support of San Mateo County Peer Court
    - Drafted [Letter](#)
    - Letter of Support on behalf of San Mateo Youth Commission
    - Motion Warden Second Ahmed
    - Letter Passed!
  - Clarifying answers: Peer court will be held in 3 locations (in person EPA or Daly City Boys and Girls Club), 6 month timeline after infraction, peer team consists of old respondents and young people from community interested in volunteering, volunteers go through a training, volunteers take an oath of confidentiality and impartiality
  - Looking for volunteers! Reach out to any member (Ameya, Austin, etc.)

- Youth Leaders - [apply now](#)

## 9. Boards and Commissions Liaison Updates

- Board of Education- New Center for Access and Equity, looking for ways for SMYC to be involved, new funds for community schools, special ed state funding presentation
- Commission on Disabilities- Community Survey
- Commission on the Status of Women- Women's Leadership Conference Planning
- Domestic Violence Council- No meetings yet
- First 5- Logistical meeting details, upcoming vaccines for children
- JJDP-Resolution on Sexual Harassment, electing new leadership, after school programs
- LGBTQ- No meetings yet
- MHSARC- Reports from Committee, election of officers, adopting bylaws and changing name (Behavioral Health Committee), Hudson and Katelyn granted voting rights
- Parks- Kevin possibility of being new liaison

## 10. Committee Updates

- a. Civic Engagement- Collaboration with Vote 16, worked on outreach, preliminary work on Gubernatorial Initiatives, research on voter education mandates
- b. Education & Economic Development- Drafting declaration on economic equality through educational system
- c. Environmental Justice- Continuing work on projects, crafting climate action plan for schools who have passed declaration, in touch with Office of Education and individuals who will help create earth day conference
- d. Health & Wellness - Reviewing survey
- e. Immigrant Youth- Working on "Know Your Rights" workshop
- f. Transformative Justice- Working on Peer Court, outreach

## 11. Announcements

- Environmental Justice Committee will be given award for climate emergency declaration
- New Meeting Times in November and December- December Holiday Party
- Please follow peer court's social media: <https://twitter.com/SMCPeerCourt>
- Social Media- Please utilize team social media page, spread the word, posting survey in bio, attempting to do spotlights on subcommittees

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# Agenda Item 6

## RESOLUTION NO.

### RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

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**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Commission deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Commission finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the Commission to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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