



San Mateo County Youth Commission



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WORKGROUP MEETING **Agenda**

Thursday, December 9, 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 November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action)**

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

7. **Presentation of the draft Youth Commission resolution (Informational)**

8. **Committee Worktime**

9. Committee Report Outs

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021

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REGULAR MEETING Minutes

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- No public comment

4. Approve Agenda (Action)

- Motion Warden Second Shah

5. Approve Minutes (Action)

- Motion Mateja Second Ahsan

6. Boards and Commissions Liaison Updates

Behavioral Health Commission- No new meetings, held first youth meeting (subcommittee) and met youth leader (Frida), Board of Education- No new updates about center for access and engagement , Commission on Disabilities- Talked about ableism and inappropriate language , Commission on the Status of Women - Planning "Rise 22" Domestic Violence Council - First meeting in January First 5- No new

updates , JJDPC- Focusing on peer court , LGBTQ- Held retreat (possibly implement into SMYC)

7. **Committee Updates**

- Civic Engagement - Working with Vote 16, finishing up research, exploring volunteer
- Education & Economic Development- Passing declaration on equitable education
- Environmental Justice- Working with SM Office of Ed and schools to pass declaration, planning youth conference
- Health & Wellness - Planning conference, date is set, outreach to keynote speakers, starting mental health Monday on social media
- Immigrant Youth- Workshop almost finished, outreach beginning
- Transformative Justice- Reaching out to Doctors, working on peer court

Impromptu ICEBREAKER.

8. **Presentation: Equity in San Mateo County**

Shireen Malekafzali, County Chief Equity Officer

- San Mateo County sits on the Land of the Ramaytush Ohlone People
- Need to build our mindfulness

Equity Framework:

- About [Shireen] Me- Been with county for 7 years, working on advancing equity for 20 years
- Defining Equity- Equity is the goal of just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential (we must create these conditions)
- Equity is different from equality
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging
- Belonging vs Inclusion
- SMC has a large immigration population, 64% POC, large LGBTQ population- narrative of county does not truly reflect- citizens feel like they do not belong in the narrative
- Root Causes of Inequities: Oppression -> Discriminatory Policies and Practices
- Leading with race but not exclusive about race
- Theory of Change to Achieving equity: Input- County Transformation, output of equitable culture
- Countywide Equity Infrastructure- Chief with boards, equity forums, community councils, department equity teams, action plan
- Many Initial Countywide Projects in the works
- Request: Project Partnership (Equity through Art Webinar Series)
- Question: Equitable education work? Answer: Mostly research on 3rd grade reading level in correlation with food and further graduation rates
- Emphasis on hiring and promotions (how jobs should work)
- Question: How to have equity conversations with people who need them most? A: Community organizers have the most power
- Housing at center of equity

- Working on barrier between communities and government
- Ms. Malekafzali would like future update on Transformative Justice

9. Breakout Rooms Discussion

Shareouts:

- Immigrant Youth- “Know your rights” workshop
- Civic Engagement- Voter Education Mandate
- Health and Wellness- Diverse keynote speakers and wide outreach

10. Announcements

- Civic engagement committee: [Sign up](#) for Vote 16, December 7th event, and sign up to be a panelist
- Social Media still needing spotlights, want to hold conference with networking opportunities (modeling last year’s conference)
- Post request form for social media team on Instagram Bio!
- CSW -> [nominate](#) young woman of excellence
 - Subcommittee chairs contact Saba about volunteer initiative

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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

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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION REINFORCING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
PURPOSE AND UPDATING RESPONSIBILITIES, MEMBERSHIP, AND STANDING
RULES FOR ITS GOVERNANCE**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Boards, Commissions, and Committees' mission is to advise governmental bodies in their decision-making process through direct citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, this Board values youth leadership and supports the inclusion of youth voices in decision making processes; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously created the San Mateo Youth Commission by the adoption of Resolutions No. 57588 (September 21, 1993), Resolution No. 59606 (August 22, 1995), and Resolution No. 65027 (January 15, 2002); and

WHEREAS, this Board continues to desire that this Board and other county departments, boards and commissions be advised on the needs and concerns of youth as they are often left out of decision-making processes that impact their lives currently and, in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission strives to address issues affecting youth in San Mateo County and to close the gap between adult and youth perspectives; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the San Mateo County Youth Commission to inform the Board of Supervisors and county departments on the priorities, aspirations, needs, and perspectives of youth in San Mateo County to ensure actions by this Board and county staff are informed by youth; and

WHEREAS, there is a diverse population of youth in San Mateo County, including 56% of children born to immigrant parents; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to including the diversity of youth on the commission, including by race/ethnicity, gender/sexuality/sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status, to ensure diversity of perspectives are represented; and

WHEREAS, this Board encourages members of the Youth Commission to participate actively in other county boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to revise the membership requirements of the Youth Commission and to specify the responsibilities and membership thereof, and standing rules for its governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows.

1. The San Mateo Youth Commission's purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors and county departments; to participate in other county boards,

commissions and advisory committees; and to collaborate and engage with other community organizations and stakeholders.

2. Membership on the Commission shall include any resident of San Mateo County between the ages of 13 and 21. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint students based on applications filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Targeted and inclusive recruitment shall be conducted to ensure diversity of applicants.
3. It shall be a goal that the Commission shall have diverse membership, have representation from each district, and consist of no more than three students from each school.
4. Terms of Youth Commissioners shall be for one year and begin on July 1 of the year in which they are appointed. A member may serve up to four terms or until the age of 21 at the pleasure of the Board. Any member appointed by the Board may be removed from office at any time for any reason, given or not given by the Board.
5. The Youth Commission will comply with all standing rules for county boards, commissions and advisory committees that are established by the Board of Supervisors, with the exception that the members of the Youth Commission are not subject to the requirement of complying with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 or the completion of necessary documents in connection therewith.
6. The Youth Commission shall be staffed by the Board of Supervisors, County Manager's Office, or any community-based organization designated by the Board for this purpose.
7. Members of the Youth Commission may act as youth members of other county boards, commissions and advisory committees, as appropriate.
8. The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the operation and administration of the Youth Commission.

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