



San Mateo County Youth Commission



HYBRID MEETING - IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

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County Center Building, 455
Room 101, First Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

WORKGROUP MEETING Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Community Agreements

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility
Be true to yourself.
Step in, step out.
Communicate efficiently and proactively.
Accountability- be honest about what you can do and follow through with it.
Community advocacy and empathy.
Use your voice and strength, represent.

1. **This meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M**
2. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Agarwal, Commissioner Braunstein, Commissioner Budhani, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Chavez-Franco, Commissioner Chen, Commissioner Escobar, Commissioner Handel, Commissioner Ho, Commissioner Kothari, Commissioner Mishra, Commissioner Ordonez, Commissioner Ryono, Commissioner Sardana, Commissioner Shah, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Zhao, Commissioner Zou, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Chen

Absent: Commissioner Abraham, Commissioner Chowhary, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Shah

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)**

- **Motion:** Commissioner Zhao
- **Second:** Commissioner Ordonez

This motion passes unanimously

5. **Approve Minutes (Action)**

6. **Redwood City Road Safety Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update**

Draft a resolution to improve road safety on El Camino. Urge RWC transportation manager to set aside funding to improve El Camino.

7. **Subcommittee Committee Work Time**

- Subcommittees will be presenting their final work plans at next week's meeting. Commissioners will use time to fill out the provided template.
- Key Considerations: What is the end result of your project, do you have a clear timeline on how to get there, what resources do you need, how will you measure success?
- Subcommittees will deliver a draft presentation and the commission at large will provide feedback and input.

8. **Committee Report Outs**

- Civic Engagement
 - **Voter Registration** drives at different menus monthly/bimonthly.
 - **Civic Empowerment Event** to combat feelings of political powerlessness.
 - **Pamphlets** to increase conversation of politics among youth. Distributing these pamphlets to elementary and middle schoolers.
- Immigrant Youth
 - Increasing **Red Card Distributions** to more communities– informational cards informing immigrants on their rights.
 - **Immigrant Youth Scholarship** – increasing outreach for Immigrant Youth Scholarship.
- Educational Equity
 - **“Reading Rainbows” Literacy Project** will aim to represent diverse backgrounds in children's books.
 - **Letter of Support for Ethnic Studies** on behalf of the commission. Voicing support on the continuation of Ethnic Studies in the district where it’s challenged.
 - **Mentorship Program** aims to mitigate disparities in different areas of the County.
- Environmental Justice
 - **Biodegradable Foodware Project** that aims to limit plastic waste in SMC school’s by implementing regulation for biodegradable foodware

- **Environmental Literacy Library Project** that aims to educate children on environmental issues and make them more conscious of the environment
- **Expanding the Climate Emergency Resolution** by declaring climate emergencies in high school districts that don't already have one in San Mateo County
- Health and Wellness
 - **Social Media Posts** to start online conversations about mental health
 - **Partnering with Mental Health Organizations** to try to implement a “no homework weekend” requirement in schools
 - **Implementing Nutrition Education in Schools**
 - **Narcan Training in Youth Commission**

9. **Announcements**

Office of Arts and Culture – Poetry Out Loud

[Sign up by December 8th](#)

StarVista – Health Ambassador Program for Youth

Applications open for Winter Cohort

14 week training program focused on mental health and wellness w/\$700 stipend

Application Deadline: December 11th

Daly City Youth Poet Laureate

Share with your friends that live in or attend school in Daly City

[Apply by January 31, 2024](#)

Healthy Relationship Therapy Group

CORA and the LGBTQ+ Commission have partnered to create this resource.

Share as needed and contact erikah@corasupport.org to learn more

November 16th Regular Meeting

United for Youth: Blueprint for School and Transition-Age Youth Well-Being
Final Workplan Presentations

December 14th Winter Retreat

Equity Discussion

Mid-Year Evaluations

10. **This meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M**

Upcoming Meetings

United for Youth Workshop, Work Plan Presentations – November 16th

Winter Retreat – December 14th

Office of Racial and Social Equity Presentation - TBD

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023

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3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
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