City of San José
Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez
District 5 – Dali Guerrero Fernandez
District 7 – David Huynh
District 9 – Jingru (Ruby) Yu
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2
Akashadha Badu Chakravarthi – District 4
Fiona Canfield – District 6
Micah Chung– District 8
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM
San José City Hall, Council Chambers
200 Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Kucharewski, Vice Chair Pardeepkumar, Commissioners, Badu Chakravarthi, Deshmukh, Canfield, Yu, Huynh, Chung, and Park.

ABSENT: Commissioners Sanchez, Guerrero Fernandez

CITY STAFF: District 2 Mario Sanguinet; Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Aurelia Bailey, Division Managers Petra Riguero and Jamie Marcil; Office of Racial and Social Equity Senior Executive Analyst Mia X. Hernandez; Plan, Building and Code Enforcement Planner IV Sanhita Ghosal.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve April 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Project Proposals

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Project Proposals

- **District 6 Art Workshops for Youth Event Proposal**

C. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for May 18, 2026

On the motion of Commissioner Babu, seconded by Commissioner Canfield, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 2 not present).

III. Open Forum: There were no public comments to the Commission.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Council Liaison Report (M. Sanguinet) - Item heard after item IV. B

The Commission received the Council Liaison Report from Councilmember Campos.

No Public Comment

B. San José Youth Empowerment Alliance (P. Riguero and J. Marcil)

The Commission received a presentation of the San José Youth Empowerment Alliance from Program Managers Petra Riguero and Jamie Marcil.

No Public Comment

C. General Plan Four-Year Review Update (M. Hernandez and S. Ghosal)

The Commission received a presentation of the General Plan Four-Year Review Update from Mia Hernandez and Sanhita Ghosal.

No Public Comment

D. Youth Commission Letter to Rename Cesar Chavez Sites (Commissioner Chung)

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Commission draft letter to recommend the renaming of Cesar Chavez sites.

No Public Comment

On the motion of Commissioner Pradeepkumar, seconded by Commissioner Babu he Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft letter with the addition of the topics discussed. (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 2 not present).

E. Public Transit Safety Initiative (Commissioner Canfield)

The Commission received a presentation, reviewed, and discussed the Commission draft letter summarizing the findings of District 6 Youth Commission's Public Transit Safety Initiative.

No Public Comment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Chung the Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft letter with the addition of the topics discussed. (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 2 not present).

V. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

A. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services

There were no updates from Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services department.

B. San José Library Report

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, provided the Library updates.

- **Summer Learning Program** – June 1st to July 31st. Pre-registration is open now at sjpl.org/summer
- **Graphic Novel Making Contest** – June 1st to July 31st. Submit your entries by July 31st. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, September 19th. Information at sjpl.org/GNMC
- **Village Square is Turning 10** – Celebration on June 6th, 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
- **Voting and Election Resources** – Find voter registration, ballot drop box, Vote Center, and early voting information for the June 2, 2026 Primary Election at sjpl.org/voting
- Pride Month – June is Pride Month with events, recommended reads, and online resources, visit sjpl.org/pridemonth
- Immigrant Heritage Month – June is Immigrant Heritage Month. For more information, visit sjpl.org/NIHM
- **Upcoming Holiday Closures:**
  - May 25th for Memorial Day
  - June 19th for Juneteenth.

C. Commission Chair Report

D. Commissioners' Reports per City District

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agenda

There are no items for future Commission meeting agenda. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be in-person Youth Commission Retreat in August 2026.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Babu, seconded by Commissioner Park, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 2 not present).

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Chair Fiona Canfield
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:

/s/

Dziem Nguyen
Youth Commission Secretary