City of San José
Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez
District 5 – Valentina Bonilla
District 7 – Veronica Do
District 9 – Yichi (Joshua) Zhang
Citywide – Evelyn Wang

Kenya Nguyen Vallejo – District 2
Ethan Effendi – District 4
Fiona Canfield – District 6
Yashas Omprakash – District 8
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 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 Canfield, Vice Chair Deshmukh, Commissioners Vallejo, Sanchez, Effendi, Bonilla, Do, Omprakash, Zhang, Park, and Wang.

ABSENT:

CITY STAFF: Councilmember Pamela Campos; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Supervising Environmental Services Specialist Anne Balis

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 11Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve May 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

B. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for August 24, 2026

On the motion of Commissioner Deshmukh, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, 0 not present).

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

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison Report

- Councilmember Campos provided policy updates for the Council Liaison Report:
  - **General Plan Update:**
    - What: General Plan helps the City determine how it's going to grow. It sets the land into designated for zoning.
    - 90% of land that is zoned for residential is for R1 or single-family one-story homes.
    - Policy direction given is to conduct an environmental review of the land that is identified as potential placed for potential upzoning
  - **Data Centers:**
    - An info memo that was released this month that provides the Community Outreach and Engagement plan and schedule
    - Community Townhalls will be held in the next few months
    - Staff will draft data center standards and request feedback from the Community
    - Council will accept the final standards in December
  - **Budget Updates:**
    - Measure A is the Transient Occupancy Tax also known was the hotel tax was passed
    - Council continued the funding at $1 million for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan
    - Youth Empowerment Summit hosted in 2027. An opportunity to bring hundreds of youths together for a day of empowerment and community connection
    - Staff were directed to come back to Council on the affordability and cost of living focus area

B. San José Public Library Report

- **CA Room Public Access Updated Hours:**
  - Starting August 26, the hours are
    - Wednesday – Thursday 12-5pm
    - Saturday – 10-4pm
    - Sunday – Tuesday and Friday: Closed
- **Summer Learning Program:** 11,0000 residents participated in SJPL 2026 Summer Learning Program

- **SJPL Back-to-School Support:** SJPL promotes its free resources and programs to support students, educators, and families
- **10 Years of TeenHQ** – TeenHQ will celebrating it's 10 years milestone in the next 10 months
- **SJPL at SV Pride Parade** – SJPL will be participating in this Years Silicon Valley Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, August 30

C. Commission Chair Report

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. San José Youth Climate Action Fund (A. Balis)

The Commission received a presentation about the San José Youth Climate Action Fund from Energy Department Supervising Environmental Services Specialist, Anne Balis.

No Public Comment

B. Youth Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Chair Canfield)

The Commission reviewed and approved the Youth Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Attachment: Youth Commission Workplan Fiscal year 2026-2027

No Public Comment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft letter with the addition of the topics discussed. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

C. Youth Commission Ad Hocs Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Chair Canfield)

The Commission assigned and approved the Youth Commission Ad Hocs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

- **Youth Empowerment Summit Ad Hoc**
  - Lead: Commissioner Kyle Park
  - Commissioners: Joshua Zhang, Edwin Sanchez, Evelyn Wang

- **Youth Priorities Survey/Budget Ad Hoc**
  - Lead: Yash Omprakash

- Commissioners: Anushka Deshmukh, Edwin Sanchez, Ethan Effendi, Veronica Do

- **Awards Ceremony Ad Hoc**
  - **Lead:** Fiona Canfield
  - **Commissioners:** Kenya Nguyen Vallejo, Valentina Bonilla, Evelyn Wang

No Public Comment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, the Commission unanimously voted to approve assigned Ad Hocs. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be in-person Youth Commission on September 28, 2026 in Council Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Park, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

Fiona Canfield
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Chair Fiona Canfield
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Dziem Nguyen
Youth Commission Secretary