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
September 28, 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: Council District 2 Council Assistant Jason Su; Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; City Clerk Toni Tabor

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

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve August 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

B. Public Correspondence: No public correspondence was received for September 28, 2026

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On the motion of Commission Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Park, 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

- Council Liaison Jason Su provided policy updates for the Council Liaison Report:
  - **Data Centers –** The City began engaging with the community to establish uniform standards and best practices for future data center projects. The goal is to address key environmental impacts to energy, water, and air. There will be several townhalls in October throughout San Jose to gather community input.
  - **Temporary Moratorium on Detention Centers** – Council will vote on the proposed 45-day temporary moratorium on accepting, process, or approving applications for detention centers and custodial facilities on private property. Council will consider directing the City Manager and City Attorney to return with an amended ordinance that fully expands this ban to public properties.
  - **Community Activities –** September has been a busy month for community events in San José, capping off with the September 13th Viva Calle event.
  - **Community Building –** The Neighborhood Services Conference is scheduled October 3rd at the City Hall Rotunda.

B. Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Report (PRNS) (L. Espino)

- **Recreation Division:**
  - There are a variety of Halloween events at all the community centers throughout the City with the earliest starting on October 9th through October 31st. Event registration can be done through the website.
  - Winter camps and classes schedules are available on October 9th. Priority scholarship registration opens on Wednesday, November 4th at 10 a.m. and general registration opens on Saturday, November 21st at 10 a.m.
- **Park Division:**
  - Viva Calle – Next Viva Calle route is Viva Callecita on November 8th from Japantown to City Hall.
- **Community Services Division:** The 4th Annual Neighborhoods Conference is on Saturday, October 3rd City Hall Rotunda.

C. San José Public Library (SJPL) Report

- **New Golden State Valkyries Library Card –** SJPL and the Golden State Valkyries released a co-branded Library card on Monday, September 28th at Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Cards will be made available to all SJPL branches on Tuesday, September 29th.

- **National Hispanic Heritage Month** – SJPL celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th – October 15th with programs all locations.
- **Biblioteca Latinoamericana** – SJPL celebrates the 50th Anniversary on October 3rd from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Biblioteca Latinoamerica Branch.
- **Banned Books Week** – SJPL celebrates the Freedom to Read during Banned Books Week (October 4th – 10th) with a variety of free events at all library locations. SJPL is partnering with Clandestine Brewing to host the 2nd Annual Banned Books and Brews event on Saturday, October 10th from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the brewery.
- **Almaden Branch Library** – SJPL celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Almaden Branch Library and Community Center on Saturday, October 17th from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- **October is College Month –** On October 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., SJPL is partnering with East Side Union High School District, CSAC, and 10,000 degrees on a free financial aid event at the East Side district office on North Capital.
- **National Friends of the Library Week –** October 18th – 24th is National Friends of the Library Week.

D. Commission Chair Report

E. Ad Hoc Report

- **Youth Priorities Survey/Budget Ad Hoc**
- **Awards Ceremony Ad Hoc**
- **Youth Empowerment Summit Ad Hoc**

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. Amendments to Council Policy 0-4 and San José Municipal Code Title 2.08 related to Boards and Commission (T. Tabor)

City Clerk, Toni Tabor, provided a verbal report about the Amendments to the Council Policy 0-4 and San José Municipal Code Title 2.08 related to Boards and Commission.

No Public Comment

B. Youth Commission Outreach Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Chair Canfield & Commissioner Wang)

Commissioner Wang reported on the Youth Commission Outreach Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

No Public Comment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Youth Commission Outreach Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

- Evite Memo

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be the Joint Commission meeting on October 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Wings and the next Regular Youth Commission is on October 26, 2026 in Council Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Wang, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained).

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Chair Fiona Canfield
San José Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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Dziem Nguyen
Youth Commission Secretary