



## City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Aanya Mishra  
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez  
District 5 – Andrew Lieu  
District 7 – Peter Vu  
District 9 – Agam Singh  
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar – District 2  
Genesis Arroyo– District 4  
Amiya Bansal – District 6  
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muñiz – District 8  
Nolan Mascarenhas – District 10

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 09, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 PM

**In-Person Location:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library | Room 225  
150 East San Fernando St., San Jose, Ca 95112

#### I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

##### A. Call to Order

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Mishra, Pradeepkumar, Sanchez, Arroyo, Lieu, Bansal, Vu, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Singh, Mascarenhas, and Kucharewski.

**STAFF:** Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen. College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte; SJ Works Coordinator Anthony Quihuis

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with **11** Commissioners present.

#### II. Consent Calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Vu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez- Muñiz, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

**III. Public Record:** There was no public record for the Commission to review.

**IV. Open Forum:** There was no public comment to the Commission.

#### V. Discussion/Action Items

##### A. **INFORMATIONAL:** [College and Career Pathways](#) (A. Otte)

The Commission received a presentation on College and Career Pathways from

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College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte. She shared the following information on the program.

- The statistics for living in San Jose:
  - As of July 1, 2024 – Living wage for a single adult is \$27.98/hour which is more than \$10 above San Jose’s minimum wage
  - Cost of living for a family of four in Santa Clara County is \$165, 018
  - San Jose has the highest youth homelessness of Gen-Z in the country
- City of San Jose’s response to youth homelessness statistics include the development of Education and Digital Literacy Strategy, Children and Youth Services Master Plan, and a focus on improvement of programs and services from cradle to career.
- The City’s role:
  - As a classroom through the Library’s Education and Digital Literacy Strategy
  - As an employer by creating opportunities for workforce development
  - As a community connector, the City working across different departments and organizations to help navigate the various available resources
- College and Career Pathways Coordination programs:
  - Programs through the Library
  - Programs across Departments
  - Programs through City-funded Grants
- SJ Works Coordination:
  - Subsidized programs
  - Unsubsidized programs in which the employer pays directly

No public comment.

Commissioners engaged in discussion.

**The Youth Commission called a recess for dinner. On the motion of Commission Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muniz, the Commission unanimously voted to take a recess at 6:07pm for dinner.**

**Chair Mascarenhas called the meeting back to order at 6:38 pm.**

**B. INFORMATIONAL: Budget Summit Planning (Chair N. Mascarenhas)**

Chair Mascarenhas reviewed the process for Budget Summit Planning meeting scheduled for January 26, 2025.

- **Budget Subject Area Assignments:**
  - **Subject: Jobs**

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- Commissioner Agam Singh
- Commissioner Aanya Mishra
- Commissioner Nehya Pradeepkumar
  
- **Subject:** Environment
  - Commissioner Edwin Sanchez
  - Commissioner Andrew Lieu
  
- **Subject:** Education
  - Commissioner Nolan Mascarenhas
  - Commissioner Peter Vu
  
- **Subject:** Mental Health
  - Commissioner Aldo Gonzalez-Muñiz
  
- **Subject:** Safety
  - Commissioner Marian Kucharewski
  - Commissioner Amiya Bansal
  
- **Proposed Budget Summit Agenda, January 26, 2025**
  - Data Presentation – Team includes Commissioner Marian Kucharewski, Edwin Sanchez
    - Meta Data Tagging – Team includes Commissioner Marian Kucharewski, Neyha Pradeepkumar, Peter Vu, Amiya Bansal, Agam Singh
  - Collaboration- sharing of ideas
  - City Official – Councilmembers provide feedback
    - Councilmember Invitation Recommendation: Councilmember Cohen, Ortiz, Candelas
  - Surveys – YAC events/meetings

No public comment.

Commissioners engaged in discussion.

**VI. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next Winter Retreat meeting will in December 2025 at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

**VII. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

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Nolan Mascarenhas  
San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:  
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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Dziem Nguyen