



## 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

February 24, 2025

6:30 -8:30 PM

**In-Person Location:** San Jose City Hall, Council Chambers  
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

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

##### A. Call to Order

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz

**STAFF:** Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

**OTHERS:** District 2 Policy Director Lucas Ramirez; Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Lauren Box

The meeting was called to order at **6:30 P.M.** Quorum was achieved with **10** Commissioners present. Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz was absent.

#### II. Consent Calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Vu, the Commission voted approve the consent calendar. (10 yay, 0 nays, 1 absent)

**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. **ACTION: Immigration Support Letter to Council (Vice Chair Lieu & Commissioner Gonzalez- Muñiz)**

Vice Chair Lieu provided a review on the immigration support letter written by himself and Gonzalez-Muniz. The letter requests Council to support DEI programs in this area.

There was 1 public comment from Dustin Tran. The Commission engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Arroyo, seconded by Kucharewski, the Commission voted approve the consent calendar. (10 yes, 0 nays, 1 absent)

B. **INFORMATIONAL: Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan Review (Chair Mascarenhas)**

- Explore and understand gender-based violence resource and services.
  - Ad-hoc met to discuss a potential workshop or resource fair. Potential coordination with YWCA.
- Foster Environmental Literacy and Youth Stewardships create a more sustainable San Jose
  - Tree planting for April 5<sup>th</sup> in partnership from the Mayor's office.
  - District 8 Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz has been participating monthly litter clean-ups with local Neighborhood Associations.
  - District 10 and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has been participating in monthly litter clean-ups.
  - District 3 Commissioner and YAC has been participating in litter clean ups and working on adopting a park.
  - District 4 Commissioner and YAC hosted their own litter clean up.
  - District 7 Commissioner and YAC participated in Councilmember Kamei's office for litter clean up.
- College and Career Pathways and literacy opportunities in San Jose
  - Finding ways to bridge the gap between the school limited resources with library resources.
  - Commissioners Lieu and Kucharewski met with Mt. Pleasant School District Representatives to discuss initiatives for the Mt. Pleasant Branch Library to improve the College and Career Pathways.
- Innovation Committee
  - Youth Commission involvement with the Innovation Committee is currently on hold.
    - Commissioner Kucharewski discussed her attendance for Women in AI between SJSU and Mayor's office.

There was no public comment. The Commission engaged in discussion.

**VI. Reports and Information Only**

**A. Council Liaison Report (Lucas Ramirez)**

District 2 Policy Director, Lucas Ramirez, provided the Council Liaison Report.

- i. District 3 appointed Councilmember Carl Salas as the Interim Councilmember until the conclusion of the Special Elections either in April or in June.
- ii. Branham Emergency Interim Housing Community is opened and has 10% occupy.
- iii. Townhall budget community meetings generally begin after Mayor's March Message.

**B. Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (Lauren Box)**

Lauren Box provided the following updates:

- Recreation Division –
  - Summer Hiring are open for position in aquatics, summer camps and Happy Hollow Park & Zoo.
- Community Services-
  - San Jose 311- Report Blight Reduction
  - You can use the app or website 311.sanjoseca.gov or call 24-hour Hotline
- Parks Division
  - Family Camp at Yosemite will be closed for renovations Summer 2025
  - Any maintenance issues or concerns, please report them

**C. Library Report (Vidya Kilambi)**

- i. Berryessa Branch Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ii. Persian New Year Celebration at Almaden branch on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Library celebrated Volunteer Service Day on February 8<sup>th</sup>
- iv. March is Black History Month. Activities can be found on the website [www.sjpl.org](http://www.sjpl.org)
- v. St. Patrick's Day activities and programs are scheduled throughout library branches. Please check the library's website for all programs.

**D. Commission Chair Report**

**E. Commission report by District**

**VII. Future meeting items**

No Future items were added.

**VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be on March 19, 2025, at City Hall Wings 118-120.

**IX. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Vu, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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