

Los Altos Youth Commission

2021-2022



Our Subcommittees

The Los Altos Youth Commission opted to function via subcommittee structure. Subcommittees are centered around goals we have set for our group based on target areas both our members and council liaisons recommended we focus on.

- **Social Justice/Wellness:** Increase awareness on issues related to teen mental health and social justice in order to support those navigating through change and provide enriching opportunities for the community
- **Environmental:** Increase awareness on issues related to the environment in order to voice the need for environmental sustainability
- **Special Events:** Assist with city special events and host commission sponsored events in order to drive physical engagement within the community
- **Publicity:** Promote Youth-led Programs and Events in order to connect youth with opportunities to engage within the community

Social Justice / Wellness

The Youth Commission's Social Justice and (Mental) Wellness subcommittee aims to increase awareness on issues related to teen mental health and social justice.

The Social Justice subcommittee has worked on (Concrete Actions):

- Resource Flyer Listing Mental Health Organizations/Hotlines (Week of May 16th)
- Youth Body Positivity Event/Workshop (Preceding Start of 2022-2023 SY)

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| Goal | Increase Awareness on Issues Related to Teen Mental Health and Social Justice |
| Associated City Priority | Community Engagement and Transitioning through change |

Environmental

The Youth Commission’s Environmental Subcommittee focuses on increasing awareness on issues related to the environment. This includes hosting events, publicizing information, and educating the community on the importance of environmental sustainability.

The Environmental subcommittee has worked on (Concrete Actions):

- Hosting a plant/succulent potting social
- Publicizing an Environmental Resource Guide focused on Env. Sustainability
- A seed bomb event with seeds from local nursery, would need \$100 budget
- Stand/Presence at June 16, 2022 Farmers Market
 - Will secure a second date at the Farmers Market to do 2 events

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| Goal | Increase Awareness on Issues Related to The Environment |
| Associated City Priority | Environmental stability |

Special Events

The Youth Commission's Special Events subcommittee aims to assist with city special events as well as plan and host commission sponsored events.

The Special Events subcommittee has worked on (Concrete Actions):

- Running a Halloween movie night in collaboration with Los Altos Hills in October of 2021
- Participation and publication in/of Mountain View's Teen Week (Week of May 2, 2022)
- Planning and running another movie night with Los Altos Hills on the evening of August 5th, 2022

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| Goal | Assist with City Special Events and Host Commission Sponsored Events |
| Associated City Priority | Community Engagement |

Publicity

The Youth Commission’s Publicity subcommittee aims to increase awareness on events and projects happening within the commission as well as voice announcements from city staff to local youth.

The Publicity subcommittee has worked on (Concrete Actions):

- Awareness campaign around the hazards and danger of Fentanyl (ongoing)
 - Currently slated for the City Manager’s update, but we’re trying to get it on more youth-engaged mediums.
- Creating a Joint LAYC Resource Guide (sidetracked)

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| Goal | Promote Youth-led Programs and Events |
| Associated City Priority | Community Engagement |

Summer Project

The Youth Commission's Summer project is a ongoing summer initiative to provide resources and opportunities to local youth over the summer of 2022.

The Summer Project was created at our last meeting (yesterday, 5/2/2022) in order to allow us to continue building towards our goals during the period at which our commission does not meet regularly. With that said, we plan to:

- Host a college application workshop highlighting the process and college essay writing
- Run an art competition to incentivized by the opportunity to have work featured in the teen room

[all planning is ongoing / future]

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| Goal | Provide ongoing assistance and opportunities for local youth over the summer of 2022 |
| Associated City Priority | Community Engagement |

- Ongoing virtual meetings
- Subcommittee organization in order for individuals to pursue interests
- Start of a summer project to continue events for the commission outside of the fiscal year
- Continued support for the community's youth through diverse events

2021-2022 Reflection



Q&A



2021-2022 Fiscal Year Work Plan

For ref:

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