



You Can Make A Difference.... As a San Leandro Teen

Have a Voice in Your Community

What is YAC?

In 1991, the acronym YAC was introduced as a way of referring to the San Leandro Youth Advisory Commission. Since it was started, the YAC has been a bridge between the City's youth community and the San Leandro City Council. The YAC makes policy and program recommendations to the City Council and City Departments on youth issues.

Some of the YAC's notable events and accomplishments have been the Youth Summit, Youth Leadership and Youth Mini Grants. The YAC has been involved with City Departments on such issues as recreational activities for teens. The YAC has received the California State 18th Assembly District Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for a Youth Organization.

What Does a Commissioner Do?

As a YAC Commissioner you will be:

- Advising and providing input to the City Council, City Departments, School Districts, and other organizations on issues that affect the San Leandro youth community.
- Interacting with other public and private agencies on youth-related policies and programs.
- Creating and recommending projects and events for the San Leandro youth community.
- Learning about the role, services, and programs of local government.

How was the YAC created?

Recognizing the value of the youth community, the San Leandro City Council approved the concept of a commission comprised of high school students in February of 1991. After reviewing the youth commissions of other cities, an ordinance was written and unanimously adopted on July 15, 1991, creating the San

Leandro Youth Advisory Commission. The Youth Advisory Commissioners are appointed by the City Council and work actively with the City Council.

How Do I Become a Youth Commissioner?

The Commission has 21 members who represent the diversity of the youth community in San Leandro. Names of candidates are submitted to the City Council for final consideration and appointment. Each commissioner is appointed to serve a one-year term and may be renewed for three terms thereafter as long as they remain in high school.

Qualifications

- ✓ A resident of San Leandro or attend a school that serves San Leandro residents
- ✓ Be in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
- ✓ A commitment of time (6 to 8 hours per month for meetings and project involvement) and energy.

To join please complete the attached application and return it to:

City of San Leandro
Recreation & Human Services Department
Youth Advisory Commission
15301 Wicks Blvd.
San Leandro CA, 94579

For questions:

Contact the City of San Leandro's YAC Secretary at 510-577-3477.
First meeting date will be held on September 20th 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Marina Community Center (15301 Wicks Blvd San Leandro Ca, 94579).

YAC...Opening New and Wider Doors to Our Future

References (other than immediate family)

Name Phone Relationship

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received: _____

Council Member District: _____

Comments: _____

Application Year: 2016-2017

