



# **As a Young Adult in San Leandro... You Can Make a Difference**

*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 diverse 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 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for a Youth Organization.

## **What Does a Commissioner Do?**

- Advise and provide input to the City Council, City Departments, School Districts, and other organizations on issues that impact young adults in the San Leandro community
- Interact with other public and private agencies on youth-related policies and programs
- Create and recommend projects and events for the San Leandro youth community
- Learn 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.

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## **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.

### **Requirements**

- ✓ Live in San Leandro or attend a school that serves San Leandro
- ✓ Be enrolled in a grade 9 through 12
- ✓ Commit to meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- ✓ Dedicate 6-8 hours each month for meeting and project involvement

YAC meetings will be held at the Marina Community Center, located at 15301 Wicks Blvd in San Leandro.

**Use the link below or scan the QR code to access and submit an online application.**

**[sanleandro.org/YAC](https://sanleandro.org/YAC)**



***Applications are due by September 17, 2023.***

### **Questions?**

Please contact Liz Hodgins, YAC Secretary, at 510-577-3473 or [youth@sanleandro.org](mailto:youth@sanleandro.org).

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