



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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**Staff Report
June 5, 2008**

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Sacramento Youth Commission Year-End Report

Location/Council District: All Council Districts

Recommendation: This report is for informational purposes only.

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Presenters: Sacramento Youth Commissioners Andrew Nevis, Alexandria Stokes, Crystalkay Farington, Alison Brown, Julian Nagler

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Youth and Older Adults Recreation Services

Organization No: 4718

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC) provides an updated report on its overall accomplishments and sub committee activities annually at the end of the fiscal year. This report reflects fiscal year 2007/2008 progress.

Policy Considerations: This report is consistent with the strategic plan in that it promotes the achievement of sustainability and livability for Sacramento youth.

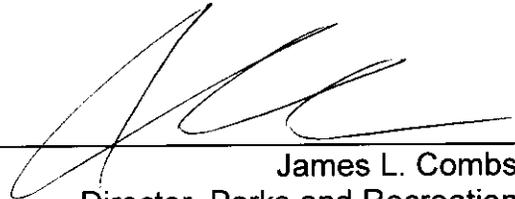
Environmental Considerations: There are no environmental considerations with this report.

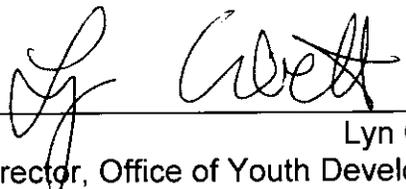
Commission/Committee Action: N/A

Rationale for Recommendation: This is an opportunity for the SYC to present activities conducted over the past year to the City Council.

Financial Considerations: N/A

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

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Attachment 1**Background**

The Sacramento City Youth Commission (SYC) has completed a wide variety of projects over the past year. To further the Commission's efforts, sub-committees have been formed to explore and identify a plan of action in the following areas: safe places for youth, transportation safety, youth violence, SYC scholarship and the annual SYC Mixer with the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Transportation Safety Sub-Committee:

Committee lead: Andrew Nevis

Members: Annie Tsay, Arden Plumb, Miraya Barba, Moly Bailey
Ryan Nguy, Andrew Nevis

The Transportation Safety Committee dedicated itself to improving the safety of public transportation for teens, young adults, and the general public. The group formulated recommendations that were shared with Regional Transit representatives, who met with the Youth Commission in March, 2008. Topics discussed included how to discourage disruptive behavior by teenagers, how to increase security surveillance, and how to educate young people about the Regional Transit system. The group plans to focus on ways to encourage environmentally sound transportation practices among the general public in the upcoming year.

Youth Violence Sub-Committee:

Committee lead: Crystalkay Farrington

Members: Patricia Sanchez, Crystalkay Farrington, Laura Mandler, Alexandria Stokes
Caitlin Crooks

This sub-committee will facilitate presentations at area high schools. Speakers will also outline the consequences and effects of violence on our nation's youth as well as offer statistics depicting different aspects of the teen violence spectrum.

Safe Places for Youth Sub-Committee

Committee lead: Julian Nagler

Members: Asha Kemp, David Schenirer, Julian Nagler, Rachel Edanizadeh
Alison Brown

The current focus of this sub-committee is to plan and develop an evolutionary coffee shop created by teens, run by teens, for teens. The facility will host monthly dances, live performances, art, and other youth driven events. The committee is also in the process of applying for grants for this project and other youth projects that support a safe places concept. Focus groups to get input on this project as well as future projects are in progress. The first focus group was held Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 1-3 p.m. at Sutter Middle School 3150 Sacramento.

Scholarship Sub-committee

Committee lead: Alexandra Stokes

The Sacramento Youth Commission provides a \$1,500 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior. This is the sixth year that the SYC will be awarding the scholarship. The SYC scholarship is unique in that applicants are interviewed by their peers, rather than a panel of adults. The scholarship is not solely merit based. The recipient of the scholarship is one who the review committee feels has outstanding strength of character and a sense of leadership.

Mixer Sub-committee

Committee lead: Alison Brown

The SYC hosted an informal social mixer on February 6, 2008 at City Hall, and was very well attended. This event was planned and facilitated by youth. The evening entertainment was provided by an impressive classical jazz band, made up of youth from Encina High School. This annual activity is intended to create a fun and relaxing opportunity for the Youth Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council to network and build relationships.