



San Mateo County Youth Commission

Room 101
455 County Center
Redwood City
January 25, 2018
6:15-8:15 PM



Public Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment**
Members of the public may address the commission on youth related issues and concerns that are not currently on the agenda. Please complete a Request Form found in the front entry, hand it to one of the Youth Commission Chairs, and limit your remarks to two minutes. The public is welcome to speak on Agenda Items throughout the meeting.
4. **Approve Agenda**
5. **Approve Minutes**
6. **Check-in/Icebreaker**
7. **San Mateo Environmental Literacy Initiative Presentation**
Andra Yeghoian – San Mateo County Office of Education
8. **Review Immigrant Youth Committee Letter, Vote to Cosign**
9. **Review Home for All Initiative Letter, Vote to Cosign**
10. **Values activity introduction**
We will begin the process of adopting a set of values for the SMCYC
11. **Committee work time**
12. **Updates**
Committees, Chairs, Staff, Commissions
13. **Announcements**
14. **Adjournment**

Next Executive Board Meeting: February 1, 2018
Next Workgroup Meeting: February 15, 2018
Next Public Meeting: February 22, 2018



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12/7/2017

Dear Home for All San Mateo County Initiative,

The San Mateo County Youth Commission knows that in San Mateo County, the creation of jobs has drastically surpassed the construction of homes. This imbalance has caused rents to rise and housing prices to skyrocket, making affordable homes for community members at many income levels much harder to find. High housing prices have forced people out of their homes, further away from school and work, increasing congestion on our highways and roads. Others are leaving the area altogether to find homes they can afford, making it harder for employers to recruit and retain qualified staff, reducing diversity in the County.

The jobs/housing gap has affected families and youth in San Mateo County in a variety of ways. Commissioners are familiar with stories of classmates and friends being forced to relocate to other schools, cities, and states in order to make a living. The stress of relocating and/or commuting is not conducive to the success of youth in school or families trying to make ends meet. Additionally, it is stressful and depressing knowing that it is unlikely that youth currently living in the county will be able to do so in the future.

The San Mateo County Youth Commission is committed to keeping San Mateo County a culturally, generationally, and economically diverse community with housing for all. That is why the San Mateo County Youth Commission strongly supports the Home for All Initiative, a countywide collaborative that is building support and taking action to increase the number of housing options in our County. The San Mateo County Youth Commission understands that we must all work together if San Mateo County is going to be a place everyone can call home.

Sincerely,

The San Mateo County Youth Commission