

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 2.12
(ID # 12758)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

FROM : Riverside County Youth Commission:

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2019-2020 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 the Youth Commission by-Laws (Article XIII).

ACTION:

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 23, 2020
xc: YAC

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST				
NET COUNTY COST				
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	
			For Fiscal Year:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In its role to initiate and support projects and services involving young people in Riverside County, the Youth Commission provides advice, assistance, and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and County Department heads. The Youth Commission works to anticipate the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the youth of Riverside County, and it works to ensure the coordination of community resources to improve the quality of life for all its youth. One of the directives of the Board of Supervisors is the requirement to submit an annual report. This report is designed to be a compilation of the activities and the accomplishment of the Youth Commission and its comprising five Youth Advisory Councils.

The Commission and Youth Advisory Councils wish to thank the Boards of Supervisors for their continued support, insight, and commitment by appointing the Commission to continue to be a voice for the youth in Riverside County.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Each of the five Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils works towards improving the community by volunteering their time and efforts with organizing members of the community. The Youth Commission also host several events aimed toward improving the lives of young people throughout Riverside County by providing them the resources to achieve their goals.

The Riverside County Youth Advisory Councils consists of high school students throughout the County. Cumulatively, they have volunteered 4,069 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$13.00/hour, they donated the equivalent of \$52,897 in free services to their communities. The website "Independentsector.org" places a value of \$25.43 per hour of volunteer work and using this figure the Youth Commission donated nearly \$103,474.67 this year. While in reality, it is not possible to place a dollar value on the services they provide, it is important to understand that they are accomplishing real goals, learning incredibly valuable life lessons and making Riverside County a better place for all of us.

Additional Fiscal Information

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N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

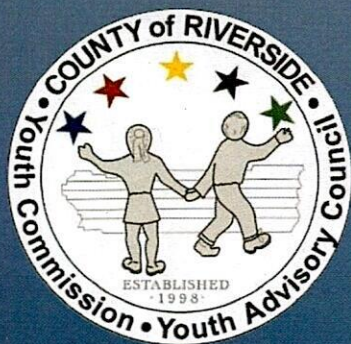
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ATTACHMENT: Annual Report 2019-2020



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



Riverside County Youth Commission Collaborations
for the 2019-2020 Council Year

The Youth Commission collaborates with many organizations to support community members throughout the county. By joining the efforts of all five Youth Advisory Councils, the Youth Commission is able to make a larger impact on the community and the organizations we work with. The Commissioners from each of the five Youth Advisory Councils sit on the Youth Commission Board to represent and make collaborative decisions on behalf of all the Councils. Below is a list of organizations that the Youth Commission decided to collaborate with for the 2019-2020 council year.

- **RUHS Public Health: Teen Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program**

This is the second year that the Youth Commission has collaborated with the RUHS TSAP Program. All council members participated in the program's training during our Annual Youth Retreat at the start of the school year in August 2019. The students are trained on teen suicide awareness, warning signs and how to safely connect struggling teens to appropriate adults for help. After the students have completed the training, they are asked to conduct two campaigns throughout the school year in an effort to bring awareness to the issues of teen suicide and provide resources to the community. Our Youth Advisory Councils hosted "SafeTalk" workshops which were presented by TSAPP Staff to help educate the community during Suicide Prevention Week in September 2019. Details on how each YAC Completed their campaigns are listed in their individual district report below.

- **RUHS Public Health Safe Routes to School**

The goal of this program is to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bike to school. The hope is to reduce traffic accidents, improve air quality, and improve the health of our youth. The Youth Commission decided to collaborate with this program after they presented at the November 2019 Youth Commission meeting. Each Council decided on how they wanted to get involved in the program and their participation included community events, walk audits and/or safety training for youth.

- **RCOE Adopt-a-School**

The goal of this program is to build a long-term partnership between schools and local community organizations in order to support schools, teachers, and students. Creating strong relationships will enhance student experiences and allow the Youth Commission to support local schools and meet their needs. Each Youth Advisory Council selected a school within their district that they wanted to "Adopt" and have been working on meeting with principals to determine how they can help meet their particular needs.

- **DPSS Youth Point in Time Count**

The goal of the Point in Time Count is to help receive federal funding for homeless programs which will help develop strategies to end homelessness. At the November Youth Commission Meeting the Board voted to have the Youth Commission participate with the Count in order to help accurately track homeless youth in Riverside County.

- **Mandatory Active Shooter Training Initiative**

At the 21st Annual Youth Summit (2019), the Riverside County Sheriff's Department conducted an in-depth active shooter seminar to provide students with skills on how to react in any active shooter situation, what signs to look for, and how to report potential threats. After the seminar, it was apparent that most of the high schools throughout the county do not receive regular active shooter training and/or drills throughout the school year consistently. Since the Youth Commission's goal is to provide recommendations on youth related issues to the Board of Supervisors, we presented our concerns and requested their support at a Board Meeting in June 2019. The Youth Commission provided a letter to the Chairman of the Board (Attachment A) requesting their support and guidance on implementing a Mandatory Active Shooter Training initiative (aka M.A.S.T.). The Board of Supervisors agreed to support our initiative and requested that the Chairman write a letter of support to the Superintendent of Riverside County Schools on behalf of the Board to relay our request.

- **Annual Youth Retreat**

The 2019-2020 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat. This event is intended to prepare, excite, and train the council members for the upcoming school year. Held at the Crestmore Manor in Jurupa, it consisted of four different presentations. Sarah Moore from County Counsel reviewed the basics and importance of the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures. Nairobi Burks presented on how the Youth Commission was created and explained the youth's role in the County. We invited YAC alumni to sit on a panel segment where the students asked them questions about YAC, college, and life after high school. Lastly, Rebecca Antillion and her team from the Riverside University Health System, Public Health, gave the youth a training on their program, Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention. This year all of the students participated in a community service activity where they made cards for veterans in the County. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared the YAC students for their upcoming year in YAC.

- **Annual Youth in Government Day – Western Riverside County**

Youth in Government Day is an event where students are paired with County Employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. The students get to see firsthand what a day in the life of a county employee is like. This allows them to see if their career interests are right from them and open their eyes to other careers they may not have considered before. This event is held at the County Administration Center. To start the day, a presentation was given to the students by Coty Wellot from the County Human Resources Department on finding a career you love. From here, the students were paired with their mentors and began their day of job shadowing. We would like to thank all the County Departments that participated as it would not be successful without each and every one of our mentors.

- **Annual Youth Summit**

Youth Summit is a youth conference held annually that is completely sponsored and put on by the Youth Commission. High schools from throughout the County are invited to attend the event where we have several speakers discuss topics that are important to today's youth.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Youth Summit has to be cancelled this year. We were looking forward to another amazing Youth Summit. The Youth Summit was going to be held at the Soboba Casino Events Center. We would like to thank Soboba Casino and Tribal Council for being a sponsor to our event and for all of their help in our planning process. Every year, the Youth Commission votes on which topics they feel are affecting youth today and would like to see discussed at our Youth Summit. This year, the Commissioners decided on Stress Management, Career Planning, and LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Awareness. We would like to thank all of our speakers for sponsoring the event and planning to speak on these topics. We know it would have been a successful event with them there and appreciate their assistance in our planning stages.

- Robert Rancourt of Public Defender's Office – Career Planning Topic
- James Woods of Feel Free 2 Feel Free – Stress Management Topic
- Dylan Colt of RUHS and Tori Saint Johns of SafeSchools Desert Cities – LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Awareness Topic

Riverside County First District Youth Advisory Council
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The Youth Advisory Council is a representative student body from high schools in the First District of Riverside County. High Schools that are located within the First District include: Alvord, Arlington, Bethel Christian, California Lutheran, Citrus Hill, Corner Stone Christian, Elsinore, Hillcrest, John W. North, Keith McCarthy Academy, Lakeside, La Sierra, Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Notre Dame, Ortega Continuation, Poly, Raincross-Independent, Riverside Christian, Sherman Indian, Temescal Canyon, and Woodcrest Christian High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Youth Advisory Council of 2019-2020 participated in throughout the year. Our council was able to work with specific organizations in our district to accomplish our council goals. While completing our goals, we enjoyed helping our community and representing the First District of Riverside County. The council would like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **Youth Retreat – August 2, 2019**

The 2019 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor Carriage House located in Jurupa. The event had three different speakers including: Sarah Moore -The Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedure, RUHS Behavioral Health- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention, and Nairobi Burks-Youth Commission History. There was also a YAC Alumni Panel that featured 5 previous YAC members who answered questions on high school, college, and YAC. Lastly, the students participated in a community service session where they made cards for veterans in the County. In addition to the speakers and workshops, the students had a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts, through team building games and activities.

- **UCR Health for Miles 5k – October 5, 2019**

UCR's School of Medicine held a 5k race to raise funds for clinical and educational initiatives such as providing books for pediatric care visits and reducing the number of patients with uncontrolled chronic conditions in the community of Riverside. It was at the University of California-Riverside Campus. Our students assisted by checking in participants, passing out refreshments and snacks to the runners, facilitating children's games, helped set-up, and clean-up the event.

- **Deleo Fall Festival – October 19, 2019**

The Deleo Fall Festival was the first of many Halloween events our students participated in and was hosted by the First District in Temescal Valley. Council members helped run games and help the children with crafts. They passed out pumpkins, candy, and other yummy fall treats. They had a great time getting to connect with more members of our community.

- **Mead Valley Trunk-or-Treat – October 23, 2019**

Our next Halloween event was the Mead Valley Trunk or Treat hosted by the First District. It took place at the Mead Valley Community Center for families in the community. Council members helped pass out candy, work carnival games and were able to be characters in the haunted house. The students loved getting to dress up and work the haunted house as well as

meet members from The Grove Community Church who also volunteered at the event. Overall, it was a very successful community event and fundraiser.

- **Good Hope Trunk-or-Treat – October 26, 2019**

The Good Hope Halloween Event was another opportunity for local families to enjoy Halloween festivities and trick-or-treating in a safe and family-friendly environment. The students worked crowd control, carnival games, and handed out candy. This event also had a haunted house that our council members were able to participate in as characters.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 30, 2019**

This year's annual Youth in Government day was an enormous success. It was held at the Riverside County Administration Center. Riverside County's Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers, which serve at-risk and foster youth. Students from the Youth Opportunity Centers and the Youth Commission were given the opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Wards 2 and 4 Beautifications – November 2, 2019 and February 1, 2020**

Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) is a program sponsored by the City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. The council participated in multiple KRCB events throughout the year alongside other community members. It was a great opportunity to take part in beautifying our community and working with others. We were assigned impairments in various parks and locations where we collected litter, cleaned graffiti and overall made these locations a good environment for those in the community. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about how pollution and littering affects our communities. The locations we helped beautify are Villegas Park, Rutland Park, and Carlson Dog Park.

- **Festival of the Lights Switch-On Ceremony-November 28, 2019**

Council members helped with the Switch-On ceremony at the Mission Inn in Downtown Riverside. Along with many volunteers, the students helped pick up trash and clean the downtown area during the ceremony. The City of Riverside was very thankful for our students help so they can keep the Downtown area clean.

- **Mead Valley Breakfast with Santa – December 7, 2019**

Breakfast with Santa has been a successful and well-loved event each year around the holidays. This event provides the local community with free breakfast and a photo-op with Santa. The event also has carnival games, bouncy houses, face painting and many other fun activities for the children. Council members assisted at all booths ensuring a smooth-running event for all involved. The students also volunteered by making the pancakes and serving breakfast to the families who participated.

- **Deleo Snow Day – December 14, 2019**

The event took place at the Deleo Sports Park in Temescal Valley. The event had carnival games, a cookie decorating station, a snow area, sledding, and pictures with Santa. Santa gave a small gift to each child that came to take a picture with him. The local community was happy to

see this event taking place again this year at their regional park. The council volunteered by managing each booth and maintaining structure within each station.

- **Foster Youth See's Candies Fundraiser – December 2019**

The council decided to host an online See's Candies fundraiser in order to reach our fundraising goal of \$200 for the Foster Youth End of the Year Basket. Each member asked family and friends to buy See's Candies from our online shop. The fundraiser was a huge success and we were able to surpass our goal and raise \$250.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaigns – December 2019 and April 2020**

Our council had two social media Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention campaigns. The purpose of this was to be able to reach the largest number of students in our district in order to spread awareness about the topic since it is such a pressing issue with our youth today. In our first campaign, the students would post either informational flyers or words of encouragement to create a good social media environment instead of a negative one that youth usually see. For our second campaign, we again had to do a social media campaign because of Covid-19. The students decided to post words of encouragement and resources for suicide awareness during this unprecedented time since everyone was ordered to stay inside, and mental health could decline.

- **Riverside County Fair Poster Hanging Days – January 27, 2020 and February 3, 2020**

Council members met in either the Canyon Crest Shopping Center or in Downtown Riverside to hang posters for the fair in stores. The purpose was to help the fair advertise for their upcoming event. The students split into groups and asked stores if they could hang these posters in their stores. This provided an opportunity for students to practice their sales, communication, and promotional skills.

- **Raincross Assisted Living Valentine's Day Social – February 8, 2020**

One of our council goals was to assist senior citizens in our community. Our senior citizen committee decided to meet this goal by putting on a Valentine's Day Social at Raincross Assisted Living. The facility had recently lost their activities director and needed someone to help plan an activity. The members of the committee were in contact with the facility and planned the entire day. They had the rest of the council make Valentine's Day cards in our meeting prior to deliver to the facility. At the social, we gave the residents the cards and played bingo with them.

- **Longfellow Saturday School- February 29, 2020**

The council adopted Longfellow Elementary School for the 2020 year. Our council decided to help the school in any way we could. One of the areas they asked for help in is running their Saturday Schools that are meant for students that were absent. Our members helped with all areas which included math, P.E., arts and crafts, and Google Classroom.

- **Longfellow Open House – March 11, 2020**

The council helped at the Longfellow Elementary Open House. They assisted the teachers by running the book fair which consisted of working the cashier, restocking, and helping customers. The students also helped another booth by selling food to the attendees.

• **COVID-19 Social Distancing Media Campaign – April 6-20, 2020**

In March 2020, stay home orders were placed for COVID-19 and the council could no longer meet in person for meetings or community service activities. Instead the council, along with the Youth Commission, conducted a COVID-19 Social Distancing Campaign. The students recorded videos of themselves giving social distancing tips which was compiled into one large Youth Commission video. The students also posted information regarding the stay home order and encouraging messages during this campaign to spread awareness and positivity to their communities. The students enjoyed being able to still practice community service while at home.

-----**Summary of the Year**-----

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC Term:

1. At-Risk Youth Outreach
2. Senior Citizen Outreach
3. Environmental Outreach

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members delivered 20 Community Service Projects and dedicated 973 hours of community service to the First District of Riverside County. Overall, YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The First District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Riverside County Second District Youth Advisory Council
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The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Second District of Riverside County. Communities within the Second District include a portion of the City of Riverside, the City of Corona, the City of Norco, the City of Eastvale, and the City of Jurupa Valley. In addition, the Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Highgrove, and Home Gardens.

Listed below are the key projects the 2019-2020 Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year. The council would like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter's "Clear the Shelter" Event – August 17, 2019**

Clear the Shelter is a nationwide pet adoption drive that helps find loving homes for animals in need. More than 250,000 pets found their forever homes since 2015. Council members advertised the event as well as provided assistance to the shelter, vendors, and guests interested in adopting an animal. This event was a wonderful learning experience for the council in terms of crowd management and organization, as well as allowed for the council to take an active part in engaging with and helping the community at large in a direct manner.

- **Youth Retreat – August 21, 2019**

The 2019-2020 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in the City of Jurupa Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different workshops including: Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention presented by the RUHS Public Health team, YAC 101 presented by Nairobi Burks from Supervisor Chuck Washington's Office and a team building activity facilitated by Miranda Lara the District 5 YAC Coordinator. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they wrote thank you cards to our veterans. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Santa Ana River and City Waterways Cleanup – August 17, 2019 and September 28, 2019**

The council volunteered alongside other community members who were split into groups with diverging tasks pertaining to an impairment near the waterway. Along the route, volunteers encountered an array of items such as tires, plastic bags, lids, etc. Further, along the structure of the road was graffiti which was remediated by having a team paint over the writings. A keen awareness was brought to the council by which they discovered the pollution affecting their water bodies.

- **Suicide Prevention Training TSAPP – September 9, 2019**

The goal of the Suicide Prevention Training is to bring awareness surrounding the issue of teen suicide, promote positive youth development by allowing students to act as a resource for their

peers in seeking mental health services and reduce teen injuries and fatalities from suicide attempts.

- **Jurupa Valley State of the City – September 24, 2019**

Students helped set up and welcomed participants to the 5th Annual Jurupa Valley State of the City held by The Jurupa Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- **Support Sisterz Combat Cancer Walk – October 19, 2019**

Combat Cancer Walk is a large annual fundraiser event created by the non-profit organization, Support Sisterz. The funds that are raised benefit women in Corona, Norco and Eastvale battling breast and gynecological cancers. Council members participated by walking along with participants and cheered in support with homemade signs.

- **Riverside Community Health Foundation Pink on Parade – October 19, 2019**

Pink on Parade is a large annual fundraiser event, the funds that are raised benefit women in battling breast cancer. Council members participated by walking along with participants and cheered in support with homemade signs displaying their support.

- **Food Packing – October 25, 2019**

Council members packed snacks in over 100 goodie bags for the student participants in the Youth in Government Day that is hosted by the Youth Commission. These snacks allowed participants to have a quick bite throughout their fun and busy day shadowing county employees.

- **Ghost Walk – October 25/26, 2019**

The Council participated in the Annual Riverside Ghost Walk hosted by The California Riverside Ballet. This was a Halloween themed event located in Downtown Riverside, where members ran the arts and crafts area, the carnival games, and the photo booth. The members enjoyed interacting with all the children and families who were in attendance.

- **Red Ribbon Family Fun Festival – October 27, 2019**

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives with the goal being the creation of drug-free America. The city of Corona held a Red Ribbon celebration at the annual Red Ribbon “Family Fun Festival”. Council members assisted with setting up and cleaning up for the event, ensuring members of the community can enjoy the festival.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 30, 2019**

This year’s annual Youth in Government day had an amazing turnout. Riverside County’s Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. The Human Resources department was gracious and helpful in matching all of our mentees and mentors to ensure a more accurate match for everyone involved. Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers which serve at-risk and foster youth. Students from the Youth Opportunity Centers and the Youth Commission were given the privilege to mentor a county employee and discover a career that they have always imagined pursuing.

- **Jurupa Valley Fall Parade – November 2, 2019**

The City of Jurupa Valley had its first annual Fall Parade. The parade was a celebration of local businesses, groups, and schools. This event provided safe and fun entertainment to the community with beautiful floats running through the street. The students participated in the event by providing traffic control, which helped event goers stay safe and away from the parade traffic.

- **Riverside County Animal Shelter’s “Black Saturday” Event – November 11, 2019**

The Riverside County Animal Shelter hosts a pet adoption drive that helps find loving homes for animals in need. Council members advertised the event as well as provided assistance to the shelter, vendors, and guests interested in adopting an animal. This event was a wonderful learning experience for the council.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Festival of Lights – November 29, 2019**

The Festival of Lights, an annual event garnered with the ethos of the holidays, can become saturated with rummage disposed of on sidewalks and common pathways. In order to keep both the city and the event in pristine conditions, the Council accumulated the trash and disposed of it for a litter prevention effort.

- **Council Blanket and Sock Drive – December 2019**

Second District council members voted on holding a blanket and sock drive to help those in need during the wintertime. Council members were able to gather a large box full of new blankets and socks for those in need. We partnered with the Riverside First Congregational Church, where they received and distributed the blankets and socks.

- **Jurupa Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 6, 2019**

The City of Jurupa Valley held its annual tree lighting ceremony at City Hall featuring music and many great activities. Council members assisted with setting up the event and greeted the many community members that came to enjoy the festivities.

- **Country Village Santa's Workshop– December 8, 2019**

Country Village hosted a joyful holiday event, where the Second District Youth Advisory Council assisted with setting up the event and helped out with workshops and other activities that were offered during this fun festive event.

- **Riverside First Congregational Church Project Food – January 22, 2020**

Project Food is a weekly sit-down meal offered to the community at the Riverside First Congregational Church. Council members interacted with guests by greeting them at the door, helped set up tables and chairs, served food and drinks, threw away trash, wiped tables, chairs and swept and mopped the floor.

- **Huerta Del Valle Community Garden – January 25, 2020 and February 15, 2020**

Huerta Del Valle joined forces with the Jurupa Area Recreation & Parks District to develop 13 acres of land for sustainable and organic farming. Council members came together to volunteer, clean the garden, and learn about urban farming and community gardening.

- **Department of Social Services Point in Time Count – January 29/30, 2020**

The Point in Time Count is a federally mandated annual census of the homeless community that determines the extent of homelessness in Riverside County. This year students were able to participate in the annual survey that targeted homeless youth in our community. The information that is gathered during the survey is used at both the national and local level. This helps inform discussions and decision-making around homeless issues, funding, and the design of a system of care that best serves the most vulnerable people while maximizing limited resources.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Dario Vasquez Park Clean Up – February 1, 2020**

Second District volunteers helped with storm drain cleanups and gathered litter in the park and surrounding neighborhoods. The council saw areas of the community that are in need of special attention and were able to make a difference by improving the quality and cleanliness of the park.

- **Riverside County Fair Poster Hanging – February 9, 2020**

Council members helped hang posters to promote the Riverside County Fair. Students were able to explore downtown Riverside and interact with the many family owned businesses. It was great to have the council members learn more about their community while helping promote the Riverside County Fair.

- **Garretson Elementary Community Health and Safety Carnival – February 28, 2020**

The Garretson Elementary PTA School Health & Safety Committee held a Health and Safety Carnival, where the public was able to meet our local first responders and learn about health and safety resources that are available in our community. There were demonstrations, simulations, a blood drive, and much more. Council members provided assistance by setting up the event and interacted with members of the community making sure that everyone was enjoying their time.

- **TSAPP Social Media Campaigns – February 2020/ April 2020**

In order to spread awareness of mental health as well as acknowledge the surrounding issue of teen suicide. Council members went on social media to post words of encouragement and provided suicide prevention resources.

- **DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket Fundraiser – March 2020**

In celebration of foster youth accomplishing graduation or completion of a GED, council members fundraised money to purchase items for Foster Youth Graduation Baskets. They raised \$200 and created baskets with essentials for two foster youth high school graduates.

- **Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Council Ward 7 Beautification Project – March 7, 2020**

This year Second District YAC volunteered to pick up trash in the park, neighborhoods, and empty lots surrounding all of Ward 7 in Riverside. They also helped with restoring the community due to storm damage.

- **COVID-19 Social Media Campaign – April 12-18, 2020**

The Youth Commission decided to create a Covid-19 Social Media Campaign in order to recognize the situation that we are all going through and to encourage and support the

community. This campaign includes video montages of students encouraging the stay at home order and maintaining social distancing as well as wearing face masks when out. Council members provided ideas of positive ways to stay busy while in quarantine like reading, art, movies and providing favorite book and movie recommendations etc.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC Term:

1. The Second District wanted to focus on the concern of homeless youth within its jurisdiction.
2. The council also wanted to plan more events and projects in regard to improving the quality of life of the many communities in Riverside County.

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members delivered 27 projects and dedicated 1035.5 hours of community service to the Second District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Second District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Riverside County Third District Youth Advisory Council
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The Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body from the high schools in the Third District of Riverside County. Third District YAC is comprised of students from Great Oak High School, Hemet High School, San Jacinto High School, Temecula Valley High School, Vista Murrieta High School and West Valley High School.

Listed below are key projects that the Third District Youth Advisory Council of 2019-2020 accomplished throughout the year. The council would also like to thank the community for their constant support through their endeavors and dedication to the youth in Riverside County.

- **Youth Retreat- August 21, 2019**

The 2019-2020 Youth Commission kicked off the school year in the fall with the Annual Youth Retreat in Jurupa Valley. The Youth Retreat was created to prepare the new and returning council members for the year to come. The day consisted of three different workshops including: Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention presented by the RUHS Public Health team, YAC 101 presented by Nairobi Burks from Supervisor Washington's Office and a team building activity facilitated by Miranda Lara the District 5 YAC Coordinator. This year, all of the students were involved in a community service activity where they wrote thank you cards to our veterans. Throughout the day, the students participated in a variety of team building activities which gave them a chance to interact with their fellow council members and the council members from other districts.

- **Lake Skinner Adopt-A-Trail Clean Up – August 25, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members adopted a trail from the County Parks Department. The council's adopted trail is located at Lake Skinner in Winchester, CA. The council members enjoy clearing trash from the trail to keep it clean for the community to enjoy. During cleanups, the council members are provided tools such as shovels, rakes, and shears from the County Parks Department to amend the trail's pathway to clean up trash and debris that were found scattered throughout the lots. Council members enjoy these events because they feel as though they make an enormous impact that is visibly seen by the local community.

- **Temecula Promenade College Fair – September 21, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council hosted a resource booth at Temecula Promenade College Fair. The booth allowed YAC members to interact with the community and educate them about the Riverside County Youth Commission and various County resources. The YAC members also had the opportunity to visit approximately 150 different college booths at the event. This event helped YAC members improve their public speaking skills, learn about college and different career paths, as well as connect more with the community.

- **KinCare Harvest Fest – October 25, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council volunteered for KinCare as they hosted their Annual Harvest Fest. The event was held at the Empower Youth Center in Hemet. The purpose of the event was to provide the families in the KinCare program with an alternative to trick-or-treating. The Third District's Youth Advisory Council had a booth at the event consisting of activities and

prizes for children. Some council members managed the YAC booth while the others helped at other stations, including face painting, hosting games, applying temporary tattoos and cleaning up.

- **NAMI Walk – October 26, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council members participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. The walk is an annual fundraiser and awareness event for NAMI Inland Empire. YAC members participated in the 5km walk. Our council represented Supervisor Chuck Washington by naming our team the “Washington Warriors”. While at the event, council members also had the opportunity to learn more about mental illness and the programs available throughout Riverside County.

- **Youth in Government Day – October 30, 2019**

This year’s annual Youth in Government day was an enormous success. It was held at the Riverside County Administration Center. Riverside County’s Human Resources department allowed participants to use their career aptitude survey to match mentees with an accurate and interesting mentor. Youth in Government Day opened applications to our local Youth Opportunity Centers, which serve at-risk and foster youth. Students from the Youth Opportunity Centers and the Youth Commission were given the opportunity to work with county employees to see what careers they are interested in first-hand.

- **San Jacinto Candy Corner– October 31, 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council operated a booth on behalf of Supervisor Washington’s office at the San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce Candy Corner event. The purpose of the event was to provide an alternative to trick-or-treating to the community. Our booth consisted of an activity where the kids would play a game called corn hole. We also had sweet treats, candy, county resources as well as an area where the kids could take pictures with YAC members. This event allowed the council to connect with young kids and their families within the Hemet/ San Jacinto community.

- **Adopt-A-Family Holiday Giving – December 2019**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council delivered gifts they purchased and others that were donated to four families in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program for the Christmas Holiday. YAC members wrapped all the gifts at our Christmas Potluck/ Wrapping Party then delivered to the families personally. At each delivery, council members were able to spend time and interact with the families. This allowed council members to see the immediate impact their service could have on individuals in need.

- **KinCare Christmas Party – December 8, 2019**

The council participated at the Annual KinCare Christmas Dinner. This event was put on to give those who may not have enough food for Christmas dinner, a place to come and enjoy the holiday. The council appreciated the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals from KinCare. They had a great experience spending time with some of the people who reside in the Hemet/San Jacinto community. At the event YAC members helped serve food, carried guest’s plates to the tables, and wiped down tables.

- **KinCare Christmas Wrapping Party – December 19, 2019**

The council volunteered their time wrapping gifts donated from community members for families in need during the Christmas holiday.

- **DPSS Youth Point in Time Count – January 29 & 30, 2020**

The council volunteered on two days to count the homeless youth within our district. The Point in Time Count is an annual census of the homeless population in Riverside County. The information from the count is vital for securing resources to help end homelessness in our county.

- **San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus – January & February 2020**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council was given training to be able to volunteer with the animals. Upon completion of the training, they had the pleasure of volunteering on multiple days at the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus. They walked the dogs and socialized with them as directed. The students had a great time interacting with the animals while learning how to protect animals from harm.

- **Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaigns – Sept. 2019/ March 2020**

For the 2019-2020 YAC year, the Youth Commission participated in the Riverside University Health System's Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program. Each district was asked to create a committee and receive training from the program in order to host 1-2 campaigns of their choosing to educate the community about teen suicide and its risk factors. Throughout the month of March, Third District ran a campaign to spread a positive message about teen health and wellness. Each day, we posted a motivational reminder and a resource from RUHS's Teen Help Card. This was one of our best projects and we look forward to participating next year.

- **DPSS Foster Youth Graduation Basket Fundraiser – March 2020**

The council donated money to purchase Jamba Juice discount cards to sell to family, friends, and community members. The proceeds were used to purchase items for the Foster Youth Graduation Baskets. They raised \$150 and created baskets with essentials for a high school graduate.

- **Adopt-a-School - March 4, 2020**

The Third District Youth Advisory Council adopted Cawston Elementary School and is excited to begin fundraising for needed school supplies and volunteering our time when needed.

Summary of the Year

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC Term:

1. Community Outreach: Animal Services
2. Environmental Health Awareness: Trail Preservation
3. Teen Wellness: Mental Illness Awareness, Suicide and Bullying Prevention

Total number of community service projects and hours:

The Third District Youth Advisory Council's 22 members completed 19 projects and dedicated a total of 446.5 hours of community service to the Third District of Riverside County. Overall, YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year and would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support along the way.

Riverside County Fourth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2019-2020

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council represents Fourth District Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC), composed of student representatives from public and private high schools from Palm Springs to Blythe, identifies youth related concerns and issues within the Fourth District. It also takes on community-enhancing activities such as clean ups, food distribution, and community events. As a council, we strive to give back to our community by participating in outreach and community service projects within our district.

Listed below are the projects the 2019-2020 Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

- **Youth Retreat – August 21, 2019**

The 2019 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor's Carriage House in Jurupa Valley. The Fourth District found the Alumni Panel very informative, students got to ask Youth Commission Alumni questions about entering college and even questions about their experience in YAC. The students also enjoyed the photo scavenger hunt where students promoted the program on social media while conducting a photo scavenger hunt. Fourth District looks forward to socializing with the other districts each year to collaborate and create new connections.

- **SAFE Talk Training – September 14, 2019**

The Youth Commission Partnered the TSAPP Campaign in order to spread teen suicide awareness and prevention. This SAFE Talk was held in the Coachella Valley Association of Government building. The students invited constituents from all over the district to attend and learn from the Riverside County Health Officials on how to prevent teen suicide as well as promote mental health awareness. The health officials went over how to talk to a friend about their mental health, how-to pick-up signs that something might be wrong at home, or even how to handle situations where an adult's help may be needed.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Training – September 28, 2019**

Fourth Districts Youth Advisory Council had a training at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus in order to volunteer at the shelter in the future. The members learned about how to read animal's body language, how to handle animals, and the proper clothing to wear when volunteering. The students will be volunteering as a group later in the year and look forward to working with the animals.

- **Martha's Village Harvest Festival – October 25, 2019**

Fourth Districts Youth Advisory Council Volunteered at the Annual Harvest Festival hosted by Martha's Village, a local shelter that helps mothers and children in need. In this case we were helping their preschool program that provides free childcare for women who are in need of assistance. Their program was hosting a Halloween party for preschoolers and their parents. Students served food, helped with game stations for the children, and cleaned up after the event.

- **Coachella Valley Animal Campus Volunteer Day – October 26, 2019**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered 3 hours at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus. At the campus, the students socialized cats and dogs and had an opportunity to bathe dogs and even got to name a few animals.

- **Palm Springs Pride Parade – November 3, 2019**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council had the pleasure of walking with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez at the Annual Palm Springs Pride Parade. The council did a great job representing the Supervisor by passing out rainbow beads and rainbow flags to those watching the parade.

- **Annual Synergy Festival – November 9, 2019**

Fourth District volunteered at the Synergy Festival 2019. At this festival, the students helped emcee the event, helped performers backstage, and helped vendors set up their stands. They also watched cultural performances and live art.

- **Adopt a Family Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution – November 23, 2019**

Fourth District ran a donation drive for Thanksgiving dinners in collaboration with the Office on Aging's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program. The students made bags filled with things to create a thanksgiving dinner. The students had the great opportunity to deliver these dinners themselves to families in need.

- **Atria Living Center Christmas Caroling – December 7, 2019**

Fourth District visited the Atria Hacienda Living Center. While visiting the students caroled for the elderly, we also had a special performance by our Co-commissioner Jay Lee who played a song on the piano which really enriched the Christmas spirit in the living center. Many of the residents at the living center receive no visits from family and the students provided a sense of Christmas cheer.

- **Santa's Hotline – December 10, 2019**

Fourth District Volunteered at Santa's Hotline put on by Indio Desert Recreation District. At this event they disguised their voices as Santa's Elves and answered phone calls from children looking to share their Christmas list with Santa.

- **City of Coachella Christmas Parade – December 16, 2019**

Fourth District walked alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and in the 2019 City of Coachella Candyland Christmas Parade representing the youth in our district.

- **TSAPP Campaign – January 1, 2020**

The Fourth District organized a TSAAP Campaign at the La Quinta skatepark. The council chose this park because of its large attraction to the teen population here in our district, not only is it a skate park but it is also a soccer park where many schools practice. At the park the students handed out inspirational quotes, teen help cards, stress balls, and key chains. This event went very well, and we look forward to our campaigns next year.

- **Thermal Community Visioning Session Meeting – January 18, 2020**

Fourth District helped with the Thermal Community Planning Meeting by greeting, seating constituents, and handing out agendas. They also got to experience firsthand what a community meeting is and how it is important to have them so constituents may voice their concerns.

- **RUHS Safe Routes to School Walk Audit – January 25, 2020**

Fourth District collaborated with the Safe Routes to School program by having a walk audit around Westside Elementary School in Vista Santa Rosa. The students took note of things that need to be changed in order to make the school more walkable and safer for students and their families.

- **DPSS Youth Point and Time Count – January 30, 2020**

Fourth District volunteered for the DPSS Annual Point in Time Count. The students underwent an online training in preparation. After training the students helped survey the city of Indio to collect data on homeless youth in order to create more programs in the community to help this underserved population.

- **Riverside County Annual President's Parade – February 17, 2020**

Fourth District Walked in the 2020 Riverside County Presidents Parade alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

- **Riverside County Fair Annual Highschool Competition - February 21, 2020**

Fourth District hosted the Annual Highschool Competition at the Riverside County Fair. They invited all of the high schools in Fourth District to compete for the Date Cup. The competition winner for the year of 2020 was Shadow Hills Highschool, the students had a great time competing in games such as the school spirit competition.

- **La Quinta Cove Trail Cleanup – March 7, 2020**

Fourth District's Youth Advisory Council helped clean up trash from the La Quinta Cove Trail. This was a great bonding opportunity for the council while helping to clean the community.

- **Social Distancing Campaign – March 30 - April 10, 2020**

With the closure of schools due to COVID-19 the students thought it was important to promote social distancing to help flatten the curve. Each day students posted informational tips to Instagram on social distancing including distance learning tips, mental health tips, and health safety tips. Students recorded videos at home to create a video montage urging the community to stay home.

- **Distracted Driving Campaign – May 5, 2020**

The Youth Commission Collaborated with Safe Routes to School to promote safe teen driving in Riverside County. Fourth District shared the Impact Drivers Distracted Driving Campaign on their social media to show support in preventing distracted driving accidents amongst teens.

Summary of the Year

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC Term:

1. Fourth District would like to focus on the concern of homeless youth within its jurisdiction.
2. The council would like to focus on mental health amongst teens and promote mental health awareness.

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Fourth District's 34 Council Members delivered 20 projects and dedicated 1,128 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Riverside County Fifth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2019-2020

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council represents the Fifth District County Supervisor Jeff Hewitt. The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is comprised of high school students hailing from Fifth District cities such as Moreno Valley, Beaumont, Banning, Calimesa, Perris and Menifee. YAC is primarily focused on community giving and bridging the gap between youth voice and local representatives.

Listed below are the projects the 2019-2020 Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

- **Youth Retreat – August 2, 2019**

The 2019 Youth Commission Annual Retreat was held at the Crestmore Manor's Carriage House in Jurupa Valley. Students took time during the event to write letters of hope to county Veterans.

- **Sports Fest – August 24, 2019**

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council participated in a Sports Festival hosted by the Perris Filipino Association. YAC students volunteered with event registration and booth management.

- **Sunnymead Boulevard Cleanup – September 7, 2019**

Fifth District YAC students participated in a public cleanup project on Sunnymead Boulevard in Moreno Valley. The event was hosted by Highland Fairview.

- **SAFE Talk Training – September 14, 2019**

The Youth Commission partnered with Riverside County Public Health for a Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention (TSAAP) Campaign. Students attended a training on how to approach someone who is potentially experiencing suicidal thoughts. Local constituents were also invited.

- **El Grito Festival – September 14, 2019**

Fifth District students participated in a Mexican Cultural event celebrating “El Grito” at Moreno Valley City College.

- **Banning Community Cleanup – October 19, 2019**

The Fifth District YAC participated in a cleanup project focused on cleaning the streets of downtown Banning

- **Spooktacular Fest – October 19, 2019**

Fifth District's Youth Advisory Council participated in Moreno Valley's Spooktacular Fest. Students assisted with event setup and takedown, informational booths, as well as the kid's zone area.

- **Moreno Valley Día de los Muertos Festival – October 25, 2019**

Fifth District's Youth Advisory Council volunteered at a Mexican cultural festival celebrated Día de los Muertos. Students helped with event set-up and take-down, ticket collection and general booth assistance.

- **Banning Halloween Fest – October 26, 2019**

The Fifth District YAC participated in the Halloween fest by setting up a booth and a game. The game was created by students who decided on a donut eating competition where participants must eat donuts on a string and with no hands.

- **Honey Hollow Elementary Pumpkin Donation – October 29, 2019**

Fifth District students donated pumpkins to a local kindergarten class just in time for Halloween.

- **Day out with Thomas – November 2, 3 9, 10, 2019**

Fifth District participated in an event dedicated to bringing Thomas the Train alive and making young children happy. They were responsible for managing the merchandise booth and a special kid's zone.

- **Recycle Day – November 16, 2019**

Fifth District participated in a mini fair hosted by Riverside County Waste to support recycling. YAC hosted their own booth and made flowers out of toilet paper rolls for children attending the event.

- **Festival of Trees– November 26, 2019**

Fourth District participated in Festival of Trees by handling auction cards.

- **Christmas Cards to Veterans – December 17, 2019**

Fifth District wrote Christmas greeting cards to 25 veterans at a local hospice home.

- **Adopt-a-Trail Clean-Up – January 18, 2020**

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council hiked and adopted the Bobcat Trail in Banning. They volunteered to clean-up the trail as part of their adoption duties and even installed a sign with the Council's name on it.

- **Youth Point-in-Time Count – January 30, 2020**

Fifth District participated in the Youth Point in Time Count by walking around a neighborhood in Moreno Valley and surveying potentially homeless youth.

- **African American Book Festival – February 22, 2020**

Fifth District volunteered at a large book festival to support African American authors. They were responsible for helping visitors with questions and assisting with booths.

- **A Moment in African American History – February 27, 2020**

Fifth District volunteered at their adopted school's (Chaparral Hills Elementary) celebration of African American history month. YAC students served soul food to all participants.

- **Moreno Valley Reading Festival – February 17, 2020**

Fifth District participated in a reading festival held at the Moreno Valley Public Mall. YAC students supported the event by having their own informational booth and also assisting with event set-up.

- **TSAAP Social Media Campaign – March 29 - April 5, 2020**

Students posted supporting messages on personal social media pages to advocate for the awareness and prevention of teen suicide. The campaign lasted the whole week and we hope many teenagers experiencing these hardships were impacted.

-----**Summary of the Year**-----

Goals for the 2019-2020 YAC Term:

1. Community Beautification
2. Community Outreach
3. Mental Health Awareness
4. Skills Development

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Fifth District's 23 Council Members delivered 20 projects and dedicated 486 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. The YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.
