

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



ITEM: 2.10
(ID # 28182)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 01, 2025

FROM : Riverside County Youth Commission

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report

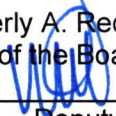
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2024-2025 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 the Youth Commission By-Laws (Article XIII).

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 1, 2025
xc: RCYC

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By:  Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	NA
			For Fiscal Year:	2024-2025

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 6,930 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California's minimum wage of \$16.50/hour, they donated the equivalent of \$117,000 in free services to their communities. The website "Independentsector.org" places a value of \$34.79 per hour of volunteer work and using this figure the Youth Commission donated nearly \$248,000 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

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

- Annual Report 2024-2025



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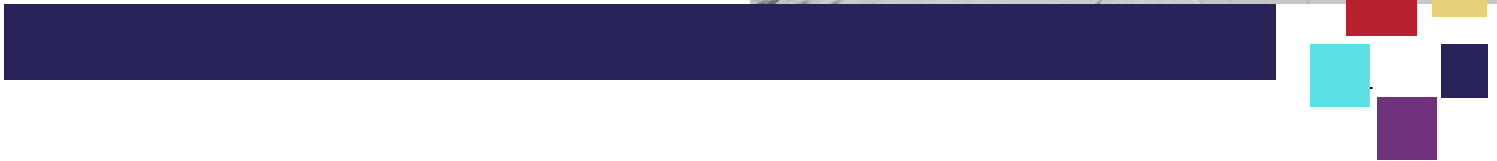


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Executive Summary: 2024–2025 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Annual Impact Report Riverside County – Districts 1–5

This report highlights the remarkable achievements of the 2024–2025 Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) across Riverside County. Members from all five supervisorial districts collectively volunteered 7,217.5 hours, spearheading more than 150 community initiatives. These efforts, valued at over \$251,000, showcase the profound commitment of young people to public service, community development, and leadership in addressing vital local needs.

District Highlights:

First District

Focus Areas: Public Mental Health & Wellness, Animal Awareness, Environmental Sustainability, Minority Advocacy

Impact: 45 events | 2,072.50 hours

YAC members advocated for mental health, sustainability, and cultural inclusion, actively improving quality of life in their communities.

Second District

Focus Areas: Resource Awareness for Low-Income Families, Senior Recognition, Community Inclusion, Hospice Outreach

Impact: 40 projects | 2,348.50 hours

Efforts focused on uplifting marginalized groups through thoughtful outreach and meaningful connections.

Third District

Focus Areas: Mental Health Awareness, Environmental Wellness, Youth Empowerment

Impact: 25 activities | 747 hours

Youth leaders raised awareness around health and the environment while promoting youth leadership and resilience.

Fourth District

Focus Areas: Supporting Children of Farm Workers, Drug Abuse Awareness, Public Health

Impact: 21 initiatives | 1,148.5 hours

Despite early-year challenges, members achieved impactful engagement, especially through in-person events later in the year.

Fifth District

Focus Areas: Community Engagement, Climate Action, Physical & Mental Well-Being

Impact: 27 projects | 901 hours

Members advanced local well-being through diverse service efforts centered on health and sustainability.

Funding and Support

To support continued youth leadership development, Riverside County secured two key grants to launch the Youth Connect Summer Internship Program (beginning June 2025):

- \$10,250 grant from the *San Manuel Band of Mission Indians* to fund student stipends and program expenses.
- \$5,000 grant from the *Morongo Band of Mission Indians* to support transportation and marketing efforts, ensuring program accessibility and visibility for students across the county.

These investments reflect a growing regional commitment to youth empowerment and equitable access to civic engagement opportunities.

Riverside County Youth Commission County-Wide Events and Collaborations

2024-2025 Council Year

The Youth Commission engages in strategic partnerships with numerous organizations to bolster community support across the county. By unifying the efforts of all five Youth Advisory Councils, the Commission significantly enhances its capacity to effect positive change within the community and with partner organizations. Commissioners from each of the five Councils serve on the Youth Commission Board, facilitating representation and collective decision-making on behalf of all Councils. The following are the event hosted by the Youth Commission for collaborative engagement during the 2024-2025 council term:

Annual Youth Retreat

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the council year in the fall with the annual Youth Retreat at Crestmore Manor in Jurupa Valley. This event is intended to prepare, inform and excite new and returning council members for the upcoming YAC term. Students were informed on the purpose of YAC, the Brown Act and Parliamentary procedures by Ross Trindle. To encourage team bonding, council members had opportunities to participate in team building activities such as the ice breakers, Freeze Dance, and “Getting to Know You” bingo. The event also featured an alumni panel with pervious YAC members who came back to share their experiences on the council that they still appreciate today. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared YAC students for their upcoming year.

Annual Youth in Government Day

Youth in Government (YIG) Day is an educational initiative designed to provide students with hands-on exposure to local government operations and career paths within Riverside County. Developed in collaboration with the County’s Human Resources (HR) Department, the program incorporates the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment, allowing students to explore their skills and career interests. Following this, students participate in a job-shadowing experience with mentors from various county departments, gaining real-world exposure and professional development opportunities.

The 2024 Youth in Government Day featured two events:

1. **District 4 Event:** Held on January 16th at the California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) Palm Desert Campus, this event hosted 24 students, each paired with mentors from 11 county departments.
2. **Districts 1, 2, 3, & 5 Event:** On January 30th, the program took place in the Board Chambers at the County Administrative Center (CAC), with 77 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) students mentored by representatives from 17 county departments.

This program allows students to engage with local government, explore potential career paths, and establish professional connections. The Riverside County Youth Commission is grateful to the

Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of the Board, Human Resources, RivCo TV, and the HWS – Workforce Development Department for their support. A special thanks is also extended to the participating county departments and mentors for their time and commitment to investing in the future of Riverside County’s youth.

The initiative helps students discover careers they may not have considered by pairing them with county employees based on the results of a career assessment administered by the Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department. The event allows students to gain insight into the responsibilities of county employees and helps them explore a range of career opportunities within Riverside County.

Annual Youth Summit

The Youth Commission organizes an annual Youth Summit for high school students across Riverside County, providing a platform for youth to engage in discussions on topics that impact their lives and communities. Topics are selected through a voting process by the Youth Commission Board, based on suggestions from each Youth Advisory Council.

The summit features expert speakers who lead workshops, encouraging participants to explore these topics, exchange ideas, and gain diverse perspectives. This year's summit focused on Financial Literacy, with a presentation by Franklin Rivera of Chase Bank, and a College and Career Forum featuring current college students, young entrepreneurs, and young adults who have entered the workforce. Hosted by the Second District, the event featured prominent speakers, including Board of Supervisors Chair V. Manuel Perez, Second District Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington, Fifth District Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, First District Supervisor Jose Medina’s Chief of Staff Emilio Ramirez, and Youth Commission Coordinator Joseph Mathews.

In addition to the workshops, the summit included exhibitor booths showcasing youth-related resources, community partners, county programs, and local colleges, as well as tours of the Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium. Participants also enjoyed activities such as a photo booth and games. The event successfully accommodated 20 vendors.

The Youth Summit continues to be a vital platform for empowering youth and fostering community engagement across Riverside County.

Youth Commission Meetings

Dates volunteered: September 12, 2024 – September 18, 2024 – November 20, 2024 – March 20, 2025 – May 21, 2025

The Commissioners from each of the five Youth Advisory Councils, come together to form the Youth Commission (YC). They elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the year, who act as the officers and represent the entire YC. During the meetings, they discuss issues facing the youth,

their goals and committees for the year, along with previous or upcoming events.

First District Youth Advisory Council

Annual Report 2024-2025

The First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative body of high school students who attend schools within Riverside County's First Supervisorial District, under the leadership of Supervisor Jose Medina. The First District encompasses the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, as well as several unincorporated communities, including Good Hope, Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Tenaja, DeLuz, La Cresta, Highgrove, and the March Air Reserve Base.

Our YAC includes students from over 20 high schools across the district. Together, we are committed to giving back to our communities through impactful outreach and service projects. This year, the council has focused on key areas such as environmental sustainability, animal awareness and shelter volunteering, public health and mental wellness, and advocacy for minority communities.

The council has participated in over 55 community events, collectively contributing over 2,000 volunteer hours. We have also expanded our outreach beyond Riverside City, supporting events and initiatives in communities like Mead Valley and Lake Perris. Through these efforts, we continue to fulfill our mission of making a meaningful and lasting difference throughout the First District.

First District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2024-2025

In order to achieve our 2024-2025 goals, the Council formed four committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Environmental Sustainability**

The Environmental Sustainability Committee focused on promoting eco-friendly practices and encouraging youth-led environmental stewardship across the First District. Members participated in clean-up and planting events with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful and Love Riverside, helping maintain parks throughout Riverside City and District 1. The council also adopted Ryan Bonaminio Park, taking ownership of its care and using it as a space for ongoing community engagement. In partnership with the Tequesquite Community Garden, the committee helped develop a children's garden and received a dedicated plot where students learned the basics of gardening and planted their own crops. This committee plays a vital role in educating youth on the importance of sustainability,

fostering a sense of responsibility for the environment, and inspiring action that contributes to a cleaner, healthier community.

- **Animal Awareness and Shelter Volunteering**

The Animal Awareness & Shelter Volunteering Committee focused on promoting empathy, responsibility, and humane treatment toward animals in need. This year, members volunteered at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, where they crafted toys for cats and dogs, engaged in playtime with cats, and walked shelter dogs to help with their socialization. The committee also organized a successful pet supply drive, collecting food, hygiene products, and toys to support the shelter’s daily needs. Through these hands-on experiences and outreach efforts, the committee raised awareness about adoption, responsible pet care, and the importance of supporting local shelters—fostering compassion and a spirit of service among youth in our district. Their work not only improved the well-being of sheltered animals but also helped strengthen the connection between young people and their role in creating a more caring and humane community.

- **Public Health and Mental Wellness**

The Public Health & Mental Wellness Committee focused on addressing critical health challenges facing today’s youth, with an emphasis on mental well-being, self-care, and substance abuse prevention. This year, the committee collaborated with Riverside University Health System (RUHS) to participate in trainings on drug overdose prevention, suicide awareness, and youth leadership. These trainings empowered members to advocate for mental health at community events and high schools, helping educate peers on the importance of these issues. The committee also launched interactive campaigns on stress management, emotional regulation, and self-love—including a partnership with the International Food Festival where they hosted a “Write Something Nice, Take Something Nice” station to promote kindness and positivity. By creating safe, inclusive spaces and connecting youth to vital resources, this committee played a key role in reducing stigma and encouraging a healthier, more supportive environment for teens across the First District.

- **Minority Advocacy**

The Minority Advocacy & Cultural Awareness Committee worked to amplify the voices of underrepresented communities and foster greater inclusivity throughout the First District. Focused on celebrating diversity and addressing inequities, members partnered with RivCo DCSS to volunteer at community resource fairs, where they helped distribute free backpacks, school supplies, and assisted with services like free haircuts. They also supported events honoring parents, such as the Moms Resource Fair and the upcoming Father’s Day Resource Fair. The committee further extended its impact by volunteering at food distribution drives with organizations like Citrus Palace and participating in toy drives and holiday events with the Highgrove Community Center. By addressing challenges like language barriers and limited access to resources, the committee not only supported families in need but also cultivated cultural pride, community unity, and a deeper understanding of the importance of representation across all walks of life.

First District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2024-2025 First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year:

Jamil Dada Character Excellence Youth Awards – July 12, 2024

Our YAC members had the honor of supporting an event that celebrates youth who exemplify integrity, leadership, and resilience. This annual ceremony recognizes students from the county’s Youth Opportunity Centers, making it a meaningful opportunity to uplift and honor local changemakers. Our team assisted with event registration, greeted guests, and guided attendees to their seats, helping the evening run smoothly while also networking and connecting with community leaders throughout the room.

Summer Mixer/ 1st YAC meeting – July 12, 2024

Our first official meeting of the 2024–2025 term welcomed both new and returning members to the First District Youth Advisory Council. This summer mixer served as an introductory gathering focused on building community and setting the tone for the year. Members had the chance to

introduce themselves, connect with peers, and learn more about the mission and expectations of the council. During the meeting, we reviewed the core values of responsibility, respect, communication, and dedication—principles that guide our work as youth representatives. We also went over council requirements, service expectations, and the importance of active participation in committees and community events. The mixer was a great way to establish relationships and get energized for the impactful year ahead.

Family Support Resource Fair – August 8, 2025

First District Youth Advisory Council proudly volunteered at the Family Support Resource Fair, an event dedicated to providing essential supplies and support to families in need. Council members assisted in distributing free backpacks, school supplies, and informational resources to help students start the school year prepared and confident. In addition to helping maintain a clean and welcoming environment, members also offered face painting to bring joy and engagement to younger children attending the event. This fair played a vital role in supporting low-income and underserved families by removing financial barriers and ensuring children had the tools they needed to succeed in school.

Tree Planting – August 24, 2025

The First District Youth Advisory Council partnered with TreePeople to support a tree planting and neighborhood beautification project in the Eastside community of Riverside. Council members worked alongside volunteers to clean up the area, rewater existing trees, and plant new ones throughout the neighborhood. This hands-on effort not only enhanced the local environment but also promoted long-term sustainability and improved the overall quality of life for residents. By participating in this initiative, YAC members contributed to creating greener, healthier spaces while learning the importance of environmental stewardship and community care.

Bryant Park Beautification Project – September 7, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council partnered with Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful for a beautification project at Bryant Park to enhance the safety and appearance of this valued community space. Council members helped remove dead plants, clear out hazardous waste, and pick up litter throughout the park. This joint effort not only improved the park's cleanliness and visual appeal

but also promoted environmental responsibility and public health, creating a safer and more welcoming space for families and residents to enjoy.

ReachOut Violence Prevention workshop – September 7, 2025

YAC members participated in a workshop hosted by ReachOut focused on violence prevention and youth empowerment. During this event, students learned how to identify the signs of healthy versus unhealthy relationships, the importance of practicing kindness, and how violence can take many forms—both visible and invisible. The workshop emphasized the value of making positive choices and understanding the long-term impact of actions. It was an important learning experience that gave students tools to advocate for themselves and others, while fostering a culture of respect and safety within their communities.

Mead Valley Town Hall Meeting – September 13, 2024

At the Mead Valley Town Hall Meeting, YAC members had the opportunity to represent the District 1 Supervisor, engaging with community members and discussing important local issues. This event provided a valuable platform to connect with various county agencies in Riverside and learn about the services they offer. YAC members participated in meaningful conversations about public safety, education, and community development, helping ensure that the concerns of residents were heard and addressed. By being part of this meeting, YAC members gained firsthand insight into the work of county agencies and the impact of local governance on their community.

Moon Festival – September 17, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Moon Festival held at the Riverside Museum to celebrate Asian culture and heritage. YAC members assisted with decorating the venue, helping direct guests, and ensuring the event ran smoothly. Additionally, they supported children by guiding them through craft activities, allowing them to create and take home their own cultural keepsakes. This event was a great opportunity for YAC members to engage with the community while celebrating diversity and fostering cultural awareness.

River back in Riverside – September 21, 2024

This event brought together community members, Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful, TreePeople,

and the Youth Advisory Council for a day of environmental service at Ryan Bonaminio Park. YAC members helped clean up hazardous waste, pick up litter, and plant trees throughout the park to enhance its beauty and promote a healthier ecosystem. This collaborative effort not only improved the appearance and safety of the park but also encouraged environmental responsibility and community pride.

Special Games – September 21, 2024

YAC District 1 teamed up with District 3 to support the Special Games, an inclusive event for athletes of all ages with developmental disabilities to enjoy non-competitive games and an awards ceremony. Each athlete was paired with a volunteer buddy who supported and participated alongside them, and all athletes received a medal in recognition of their participation.

Highgrove City Meeting – September 25, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council attended the Highgrove City Meeting to represent District 1 staff during Supervisor Jeffries' visit. Council members had the opportunity to connect with other departments within the district, build relationships, and engage in discussions about local community issues.

National Night Out – October 01, 2024

YAC members volunteered at a local community recreation center to support National Night Out, a nationwide event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. They helped bring the community together by assisting with event activities and engaging with families throughout the night.

Bordwell Park Fall festival – October 12, 2024

At the Bordwell Park Fall Festival, YAC members helped set up and tear down vendor booths and assisted with decorating the event space. They also supported community engagement by handing out candy and raffle prizes, contributing to a festive and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Highgrove Fall Festival – October 12, 2024

YAC members participated in the Highgrove Fall Festival by running mini games for children and

distributing candy as prizes. They also assisted with cleanup and teardown efforts, helping ensure the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

Love Riverside Garden Event – October 13, 2024

YAC volunteers attended the Love Riverside Garden Event at the Tequesquite Community Garden to help clean and maintain the kids' garden area. Their efforts supported environmental sustainability and created a more welcoming space for families and children to enjoy.

Mead Valley Halloween Carnival – October 24, 2024

YAC members supported the Mead Valley Halloween Carnival by assisting with booth setup and teardown, passing out candy to children, and engaging with the community throughout the event. Their participation helped ensure a fun, safe, and festive environment for families to enjoy.

Mary S. Roberts Animal Workshops

Dates volunteered: October 25, 2024 - November 16, 2024 - December 14, 2024 – February 15, 2025 - March 22, 2025

The Mary S. Roberts Animal Workshops provided community members with meaningful, hands-on experiences that supported animal welfare and sustainability. Participants had the opportunity to engage with animals at the shelter while creating toys from recycled and scrap materials—promoting the values of reducing, reusing, and recycling. These workshops were especially valuable to YAC's Animal Awareness Committee, as they fostered a deeper connection between youth and shelter animals. By offering enrichment and playtime, the events helped reduce stress and improve the overall well-being of the animals, while also raising awareness about the importance of compassion, creativity, and responsible pet care in our community.

Hunt Park Halloween Festival – October 25, 2024

At the Hunt Park Halloween Festival, YAC members handed out candy, operated game booths, and helped create a fun, festive atmosphere for families. Our team actively engaged with community members, encouraging youth participation, promoting a safe trick-or-treating experience, and contributing to a memorable evening filled with laughter, costumes, and Halloween cheer.

951 Market County Night festival – November 09, 2024

At the event, we helped direct attendees around the festival grounds, including guiding them to attractions like the mechanical bull. We also assisted in running several game booths, engaging with families and children to ensure they had a fun, interactive experience.

Purple Boat Float – November 10, 2024

At the Purple Boat Float event, YAC members played a key role in event preparation by creating vibrant signs to attract more participants, assisting with the setup of vendor booths, and guiding attendees. They also helped organize and lead a paper boat-making activity, which added a fun, hands-on element for children and families while supporting the event’s overall mission of community engagement.

Casa Blanca Service Food Drive – November 13, 2024

The Minority Issues Committee partnered with Casa Blanca Neighborly Home of Service for a community food drive. YAC members helped collect canned food donations and distributed them to individuals and families in need, providing essential support during the holiday season.

RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration

The Youth Commission has partnered with the RUHS Department to participate in the recently expanded SOAR Program (Suicide, Overdose, Awareness to Resilience, Underage Drinking Prevention), which consists of four targeted trainings addressing critical issues youth face today.

These trainings include:

- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) – December 2, 2024
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP) – March 24, 2025
- Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) – April 30, 2025
- RUHS zoom Underage Drinking Prevention Presentation training – April 24, 2025

After completing these workshops, Youth Advisory Councils launched two awareness campaigns to share what they learned and inform their communities. Councils had the freedom to get creative with their approach—some developed social media campaigns, while others hosted resource

tables, workshops, or events at schools and local centers. This initiative not only provided valuable education on youth-centered issues but also empowered council members to lead, organize, and implement their own outreach efforts from start to finish.

Ryan Bonaminio Park Clean-up

Dates volunteered: December 07, 2024 – January 18, 2025 – March 01, 2025 – April 26, 2025 – May 03, 2025

The Youth Advisory Council participated in clean-up days at Ryan Bonaminio Park to maintain and preserve the space they proudly adopted earlier in the year. Council members worked together to pick up litter, sort recyclable materials, and identify hazardous items that required removal by local clean-up services. This effort helped beautify the park, improved public safety, and demonstrated the council's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and community pride. By taking ownership of a public space, the YAC continues to set an example of youth-led civic engagement and responsibility.

Wreath Placement event – December 14, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Riverside National Cemetery to honor and remember the sacrifices of fallen heroes. Council members joined hundreds of volunteers in placing wreaths on the graves of veterans, taking time to read the names aloud to ensure that each individual was remembered and honored. This powerful event served as a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom and allowed youth to express their gratitude and respect for those who served. By participating, the YAC helped preserve the memory of veterans and promoted the importance of civic responsibility, patriotism, and community service.

Norton Younglove Gift Giveaway – December 14, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the annual Norton Younglove Gift Giveaway; an event dedicated to bringing holiday cheer to families in need. Council members helped package toys into gift bags for children ranging in age from infancy to 16 years old, ensuring every family received age-appropriate presents. In addition to gift preparation, YAC members assisted vendors with setting up their booths, managed interactive game stations for children, and supported event

logistics to help the day run smoothly. This event not only spread joy and provided essential holiday support to local families but also gave youth volunteers the chance to engage with the community and learn the value of giving back during the holiday season.

Supper with Santa – December 14, 2024

At the Supper with Santa event, Youth Advisory Council members played an active role in spreading holiday cheer to local families. They helped distribute toys, assisted families in taking festive photos with Santa, and supported various activity stations. YAC members also helped children decorate cookies with icing, passed out hot chocolate and chili, and ensured the event space remained clean and welcoming. Their efforts helped create a warm, joyful experience for families and made the holiday season a little brighter for everyone in attendance.

Citrus Food Pantry –

Dates volunteered: December 27, 2025 – February 16, 2025 – February 22, 2025 – March 08, 2025 – March 15, 2025 – March 28, 2-025 – March 30, 2025 – April 13, 2025 – March 29, 2025

YAC members volunteered at the Citrus Food Pantry to support individuals and families in need by distributing free groceries and essentials. They assisted with restocking shelves, ringing up items, and maintaining a clean and organized space. By creating a safe and welcoming environment, council members helped ensure community members felt comfortable returning for continued support and resources.

Keep riverside Clean and Beautiful – January 18, 2025

YAC members partnered with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful to help enhance the area around the Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers cleaned monuments, light poles, plaques, and ensured trash cans were emptied and maintained. This effort contributed to preserving the beauty and pride of the local community.

Challen Park – January 19, 2025

YAC members participated in a beautification project near Challen Park, planting bushes throughout the surrounding neighborhood. This initiative supported local wildlife and enhanced

the natural beauty of the area, promoting a cleaner and greener environment for the community.

Tree Planting – February 01, 2025

We collaborated with TreePeople to care for previously planted trees by watering them and clearing the surrounding areas of debris to support healthy growth and maintain a clean environment.

Hearts & Flower Festival – February 15, 2025

We set up a booth to welcome attendees at the festival held in White Park. Our team also assisted vendors with setting up and tearing down their booths and helped maintain cleanliness throughout the event.

A Day in her Shoes – March 07, 2025

Eight members of the D1 Youth Advisory Council attended the *A Day in Her Shoes* event in Murrieta, where they had the opportunity to hear from a panel of inspiring female entrepreneurs and leaders. The event focused on empowering young women by sharing personal stories of resilience, success, and overcoming challenges in professional spaces. Council members engaged in meaningful conversations, networked with professionals from various industries, and gained valuable insight into what it takes to become a strong leader and changemaker. It was an uplifting and empowering experience that encouraged youth to dream big and build connections for their future.

Raising the Future – March 22, 2025

This event at Riverside Community College was designed to empower youth, providing opportunities to connect with vendors and resources aimed at supporting high school and college success. Participants had the chance to win raffle prizes while learning about valuable tools to help them succeed academically and personally.

Health n Hoops – April 13, 2025

At Ryan Bonaminio Park, the Public Health Committee hosted "Health n Hoops," a fun and educational event promoting physical activity. The event featured a friendly competition between adults and kids, sponsored by Raising Cane's, to encourage community engagement in balancing

physical health and fitness.

Great American Clean up – May 10, 2025

On May 10, 2025, the YAC District 1 participated in the Great American Clean Up alongside Riverside residents and various community members. This event provided an excellent opportunity for the council members to build connections while working together to clean up local areas, making Riverside a more beautiful and sustainable place for everyone.

MOMs resource fair – May 17, 2025

The YAC District 1 Council partnered with the Riverside County Department of Child Support Services (RivCoDCSS) to assist with the M.O.M.S. Resource Fair on May 17, 2025. The council members provided various volunteer duties, including event setup, customer check-in, vendor assistance, hydration, and supporting the Kid Zone and salon services.

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

Goals for the 2024–2025 YAC Term:

- Public Mental Health & Wellness
- Animal Awareness & Shelter Volunteering
- Environmental Sustainability
- Minority Advocacy

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members participated in over 45 events, including community service projects, workshops, webinars, and training collectively contributing over 2,072.50 volunteer hours to Riverside County’s First District. From mental health advocacy to environmental clean-ups and cultural outreach, YAC members demonstrated outstanding commitment to their goals and made a lasting impact in their communities.

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

Second District Youth Advisory Council:
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The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body composed of members who attend high school within Riverside County Second District. The Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, Highgrove, as well as the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake. As a team we are dedicated and motivated to give back to our community by participating in community service projects within our district.

Second District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2024-2025

In order to achieve our 2024-2025 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events related to their goals.

- **Low-Income Support**

The Low-Income Committee felt compelled to help alleviate the economic burden faced by underprivileged families and planned a district-wide clothing drive. The collected items would be donated to a local clothing closet. They also intended to collaborate with schools to support the drive's success.

- **Recognizing the Elderly**

This committee wanted to uplift the spirits of our community's oldest members by spending meaningful time with seniors who may feel alone or overlooked. In collaboration with Malama, a nonprofit organization, the committee planned a Hawaiian Day at the Corona Senior Center. The event featured traditional Hawaiian dances and a craft activity, which the Youth Advisory Council helped lead, creating joyful moments and heartfelt conversations with the seniors.

- **Promoting Inclusion throughout the Community**

This committee aimed to unite community members by organizing a fun-filled day at American Heroes Park. Each high school student was paired with a child in grades K–8 or an individual with disabilities for an interactive experience. The event featured a variety of outdoor games, face painting, and inflatable activities for everyone to enjoy.

- **Hospice Outreach**

To uplift the spirits of hospice patients, this committee collaborated with schools in Jurupa Valley and Corona-Norco to create Valentine's Day cards. Each school hosted a two-day lunch event where students could sit down and write heartfelt messages.

Second District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2024-2025 Second District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

National Night Out – August 1, 2024

In partnership with Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District, our YAC students participated in the National Night Out alongside representatives from the cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco local businesses, community organizations, and the Riverside County Sheriff Department. This event promotes police awareness in the community. Students set up a district booth to inform community members about the YAC and county resources.

Wellness & Resource Fair – August 24, 2024

This informative event was hosted by the local nonprofit ABC Hopes, with the goal of informing the community about available resources. Students assisted by preparing the location, greeting vendors and guests, checking in attendees, picking up trash, supporting vendors during the event, and helping with cleanup afterward.

Violence Prevention Bootcamp – September 9, 2024

Through this event presented by Reach Out, students received a certificate for completing training focused on identifying healthy and unhealthy relationships, choosing peace and kindness, and recognizing signs of violence. The training equipped students with practical tools to build respectful relationships and become advocates for nonviolence in their communities.

Inspire Life Skills Make a Difference Dinner – September 14, 2024

Students met the CEO and Youth Council at the Marriott Hotel and got straight to work. One student helped set up the program's banner to be used as a photo backdrop. Another student assisted with decorating and preparing the raffle room. The rest of the students worked on setting up the table centerpieces.

District 3 Special Games – September 21, 2024

Students helped set up outdoor games across the field, along with a D3 booth. Each student was assigned one of two roles. Some students were paired with a buddy, spending two hours playing games and dancing with them. They enjoyed activities like cornhole, badminton, volleyball, bounce houses, and more. Buddies also had a dance-off and decorated capes together. Students who were not paired with a buddy were assigned to manage a game station—demonstrating how to play, setting up equipment, and encouraging participation from the buddy pairs.

ABC Hopes Cornhole – October 5, 2024

At the start of the event, two students were tasked with directing cars to the event parking lot. As the event began, each student was assigned to a lane and placed in charge of scoring. Their

responsibilities included keeping track of points, tallying scores, and informing the event coordinator of the winners.

Lake Elsinore Trunk-or-Treat – October 12, 2024

YAC had the opportunity to participate in a Trunk-or-Treat event in Lake Elsinore. Council members provided information to residents about community resources and assisted in preparation for the haunted house and crafts for the youth.

Dia De Los Muertos – October 19, 2024

The Dia de Los Muertos is a Mexican Holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes a celebration involving food, drinks, and music. The event was coordinated by We-Reach Out in the City of Jurupa Valley. This event involved many other organizations and vendors within the community. The council was assigned to help keep the cleanliness of the location by picking up any trash left behind by attendees.

Eek Vale – October 19, 2024

Students helped set up Supervisor Karen Spiegel’s booth and assisted in managing it throughout the event. They handed out informational materials to the public and recruited high school students to join the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Additionally, they distributed candy and helped take down the booth at the end of the event.

Trunk-of-Treat – October 19, 2024

At the start of the event, Youth Advisory Council students assisted the coordinator in decorating a tent with Wild West-themed decorations, including banners and streamers, just in time for the trunk-or-treating festivities. During the event, some students handed out candy to attendees, while others helped manage the pumpkin patch and monitored the line for the haunted house. Students rotated out for lunch—generously provided by the event coordinators—and returned to help distribute the remaining candy. At the end of the event, students helped clean up the area and assisted in packing up supplies into the coordinators’ vehicles.

Spooktacular – October 26, 2024

This annual event hosted Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District started off with a pumpkin race that allowed families to decorate pumpkins and compete with one another. The community offered several booths with fun activities, games, and candy for the children. The event included vendors and performances for the community to enjoy. YAC was responsible for managing game booths and keeping the event clean by picking up trash.

Dia De Los Muertos – November 1, 2024

In collaboration with the City of Norco, students helped decorate the park for Día de los Muertos by hanging *papel picado* from light posts, threading felt decorations onto string, and tying lanterns to trees.

Veterans Celebration & Parade – November 11, 2024

YAC volunteered at the Veterans Celebration and Festival hosted by the City of Jurupa Valley. Council members helped to direct incoming traffic as well as clean up trash. We had the opportunity to interact with the community and show our appreciation to our veterans for their courage, strength, and dedication to our country.

World Kindness Carnival – November 9, 2024

Students were in charge of setting up the game booths. They helped build tents, placed tables and chairs, set up trash bins, and administered games once the event started.

Norco Christmas Ste Up – November 26, 2024

In preparation for all the Christmas festivities in Norco, the YAC council helped decorate and clean Norco's event center. Half of the students were hanging Christmas lights outside the building, while others were making candy for the Candyland area.

RUHS Festival of Trees – November 25, 2023

This event provided the perfect opportunity for our students to create a meaningful impact in the lives of children. Dressed as Santa's Helpers, YAC helped to direct families to the activity booths and assist at the craft booth.

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Winter Fest at Lake Elsinore – December 7th, 2024

Although attendance was low, your YAC students still made a significant impact. They were tasked with organizing and directing the Christmas Parade, ensuring that all participants were in their designated locations. Afterward, they had the privilege of walking in the parade alongside the Baseball Resource Group!

Breakfast with Santa Clause – December 14th, 2024

Breakfast with Santa was held in the City of Norco to kick off the holiday season. YAC members were invited to help bring the event to life by setting up tables, chairs, and festive decorations. They spread holiday cheer with every meal they served and stayed to help clean up the venue afterward.

Winter Festival at Temescal Valley – December 14th, 2024

At the start of the event, the council helped set up Supervisor Spiegel's booth, arranging flyers and information that would be of interest to attendees. During the event, students managed the sled line, ensuring each child waited patiently for their turn, while others oversaw the cookie decorating station, helping kids create festive treats.

Rose Parade – December 26, 2024

The Council was ecstatic to be invited to help decorate One Legacy's float for the Rose Parade. Some students took this opportunity to practice their driving skills, while others received a ride from the Youth Coordinator. Upon arrival, students chose whether they wanted to stay on the ground to help prepare floral water tubes for the roses or take on the role of a "scalper." Scalpers climbed the scaffolding to assist in decorating the top of the float, contributing to the stunning final display. This year's float theme was "Let Your Life Soar," and YAC members were proud to be part of bringing that vision to life.

Norco Animal Shelter – January 11, 2025

To kick off the new calendar year, the YAC volunteered at the Norco Animal Shelter. We began with a tour of the facility and then got straight to work. Half of the group helped clean up the exterior of the shelter by pulling weeds and tidying the sidewalks. Meanwhile, the others cleaned and washed dog kennels, water bowls, and food bowls.

Family Night – January 18, 2025

In partnership with the Riverside County Library System, our YAC students participated in Family Night in Jurupa Valley. They were responsible for setting up games and crafts for attendees and ensuring the area was clean and ready for the next guest.

Corona Community Clean Up – January 25, 2025

The City of Corona welcomed all volunteers with donuts upon arrival, along with gloves, trash bags, and trash pickers. The council, along with community members, walked along River Road and picked up any trash they came across.

Ortega High School Outreach – February 3, 2025

To support our recruitment efforts in Lake Elsinore, the Youth Coordinator, along with several YAC council members, set up a lunch booth at Ortega High School. Council members were responsible for explaining the purpose of the council to passing students and encouraging them to sign up.

Hearts for Hospice – February 4 - 6, 2025

As part of one of our committee goals, students from Rubidoux High School and Patriot High School organized a lunchtime event for students seeking community service hours by creating cards for hospice patients. YAC members decorated a classroom in pink and red and played music to make the event fun and enjoyable for attendees. The council collected over 150 cards for patients, helping spread love and appreciation—including to staff at RUHS.

Eastvale Lantern Festival – February 15, 2025

This cultural event pays homage to the Lunar New Year with traditional dances, delicious food, vendors, and activities. It was an amazing experience for our students to learn about different

cultures and traditions. The council assisted the festival by maintaining cleanliness at the location, directing dignitaries to the event, and helping children at the craft booth.

Fire N Ice Chili Cookoff – February 22, 2025

Our council members had the privilege of assisting the Corona Rotary with their annual Chili Cook-Off in Dos Lagos. Bright and early in the morning, students helped chili competitors unload and find their designated areas, while others assisted with setting up workstations for the cooks. Before getting to enjoy some delicious chili, students also set up standing tables where attendees could take a break from the sun and relax during the event.

Woman’s Conference – March 7, 2025

Five students from our council had the incredible opportunity to attend the Day In Her Shoes Women’s Conference. These young ladies heard from exceptional female business owners who shared how they launched their professional careers, as well as discussed urgent topics that have inspired action within their communities.

Inspire’s St Patrick’s Bingo – March 15, 2025

Council members had the opportunity to see behind the scenes and experience the hard work that goes into nonprofit fundraising. They helped decorate the venue by blowing up balloons, setting up centerpieces and the dessert table, and preparing the nachos. During the event, students served nachos and chili to attendees. One of our council members even got to spread a little extra luck by dressing up as the event’s leprechaun!

Arbor Day – March 22, 2025

This event took place in Promenade Park, located in the city of Corona. The council members had the opportunity to plant trees in the surrounding parkway, helping to dig holes, transport dirt, and distribute equipment.

Clothing Drive – March 24, 2025

One of our committees focused on supporting low-income families. To help alleviate some financial burdens, the committee organized a clothing drive to collect gently used clothing and donate it to local clothing banks. Each student was responsible for bringing in clothes from home and promoting the drive at their high school. We’re proud to share that we donated two car trunks full of clothing!

Hawaiian Day with Corona Seniors – March 31, 2025

YAC students helped decorate the senior center with Hawaiian-themed decorations to bring in the hula spirit and set up the craft area. After the dance performance by Malama, students assisted seniors in making decorative hair clips.

Spring Festival – April 5, 2025

This event was hosted in partnership with the Temescal Valley community at Deleo Regional Park. YAC members had the opportunity to assist with the Easter egg hunt, crafts, activities, and clean-up. Students also helped advertise the upcoming Unity Games and Youth Summit by sharing information with attendees. At the cupcake station, YAC members served kids candy, frosting, and sprinkles so they could decorate their own cupcakes. One student acted as the Easter Bunny’s helper, while others supported the craft section, helping children with hands-on activities.

Unity Games – April 12, 2025

A few students met with the Youth Coordinator at the CAC to help load the van with games and snacks. Once at the park, YAC members were responsible for assembling the games and setting up the registration and snack booths. The committee leader ensured that everything—including the DJ—was set up on time and that the games were evenly spaced across the field. During the event, students checked in participants, paired them up for games, assisted with face painting, and managed the snack booth, while others served as mentors. At the end of the event, every member pitched in to help pack up and clean the park.

Underage Drinking and Prevention Presentation – April 24, 2025

This online presentation, hosted by RUHS, educated students on the dangers of drunk driving and underage drinking. Students also learned about alcohol poisoning and the Good Samaritan Law, which protects individuals who seek help during an alcohol-related emergency. While the presentation was highly informative, students had the opportunity to provide feedback to the presenters to help improve future versions tailored for school audiences.

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

Goals for the 2024-2025 YAC Term:

- Resource Awareness to Low-Income Families
 - Senior Citizen Recognition
 - Promoting Inclusion throughout the Community
 - Hospice Outreach
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Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members delivered 40 projects, webinars, workshops and training as well as dedicated 2348.50 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.

Third District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2024-2025

The Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Third District of Riverside County. Communities within the Third District include the unincorporated communities of Aguanga, Anza Valley, De Luz, East Hemet, French Valley, Green Acres, Homeland, La Cresta, Lake Riverside, Romoland, Sage, Tenaja and Winchester, parts of Valle Vista and the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee and Wildomar.

Third District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2024-2025

In order to achieve our 2024-2025 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Mental Health Committee**

The Mental Health Committee in collaboration with Riverside University Health System, agreed to focus on the mental health of students. The goal was to inform and educate youth about different ways to manage mental health, stress and anxiety. In order to meet this goal, our council hosted booths at various events advocating for mental health awareness amongst the youth. Our Mental Health committee also hosted a positive affirmation campaign at the French Valley Community Fair to offer a different method to alleviate stress.

- **Environmental Health Committee**

The Environmental Committee agreed to focus on the environmental health of our community. The goal was to inform and educate youth about different ways they can contribute to improve our environment. In order to meet this goal, the committee launched a social media campaign. Our committee created a social media post that included our YAC members explaining ways students can use everyday items and recycle them to reduce environmental waste to help protect our planet and lead the way to a brighter, greener future.

- **Youth Empowerment Committee**

The Outreach Committee was inspired to help other youth within the community. The goal of this committee was to educate and provide resources that are available to youth. Our Youth Outreach committee was able to partner with a local non-profit Project TOUCH to achieve these goals. The committee was able to volunteer at the shelter located in Murrieta and help maintain the facilities for the residents. The Committee was also able to raise funds for Project TOUCH at the Veterans Park Opening Ceremony.

Third District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2024-2025 Third District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

College & Vocational Fair – September 21, 2024

The Third District Youth Advisory Council hosted an outreach table at Temecula's Annual College and Vocational Fair, held at the Temecula Promenade. This dynamic event brought together over 200 colleges, trade schools, branches of the U.S. military, and local organizations to share educational and career opportunities with the community. The Youth Advisory Council engaged with more than 500 attendees, successfully promoting the Third District Youth Commission and its mission. As a result, over 20 students expressed interest in learning more and potentially joining the Council. Overall, it was a highly successful and impactful event.

District 3 Special Games – September 21, 2024

Students from the Third District joined forces with fellow YAC District to support the first annual Third District Special Games held at Veterans Park in Menifee. Each student was paired up with a buddy and helped guide them through the series of outdoor games laid out throughout the park. At the end of the day students and buddies had a danced together and shared a heartwarming memory.

Winchester Days – October 5, 2024

The Third District Youth Advisory Council hosted an informational booth at the Winchester Days Community Event, offering a great opportunity to connect with residents and raise awareness about the Council's mission. Council members shared their goals for the year, highlighted upcoming initiatives, and introduced the role of the Youth Advisory Council to community members who were unfamiliar with its purpose. It was a meaningful day of outreach, as students proudly represented the youth of District 3 and shared their vision for a more engaged and empowered community.

Fall Family Fun Fair – October 19, 2024

The District 3 Youth Advisory Council participated in the Southwest Healthcare Fall Family Fun Fair, assisting in various key areas to help ensure a successful event. Council members contributed to event setup, managed large crowds, and supervised the inflatable play areas for children. They helped maintain a safe and organized environment, ensuring a steady flow of participants and prioritizing the safety of all children enjoying the activities. It was a valuable opportunity for students to support their community while demonstrating leadership and responsibility.

Spooktacular Trunk or Treat – October 22, 2024

Our Third District Youth Advisory Council was invited by Riverside County PAL to participate in their annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat in Old Town Temecula. At this event, our council was able to host a booth and handout candy to the local youth. This event also gave us a chance to advocate for the Youth Advisory Council and inform families and high school aged youth on what we do.

District 3 Fall Festival – November 16, 2024

The Third District hosted an amazing Fall Festival for the local community to come out and celebrate at the French Valley Library. At this event, our Council was able to assist in many different areas. Students handed out hot cocoa and cider to attendees, monitored the haystack maze and games area, and collected fall leaves those attendees wrote their name on and placed them around the library.

Temecula Library Snow Globes – December 12, 2024

Students from the Third District volunteered at the Temecula Public Library for their Mason Jar Snow globes event. Our students assisted in the setup and takedown of this event by distributing supplies to participants in attendance at the event, and by cleaning up afterwards. Our council also had the chance to market the Youth Advisory Council to students in attendance.

Project T.O.U.C.H. Thrift Shop Opening – March 1, 2025

Our Youth Advisory Council had the rewarding opportunity to volunteer with Project T.O.U.C.H. at one of the organization's thrift shops. During this event, council members assisted with counting and recording inventory in preparation for the day's opening. Students carefully cataloged a wide range of items, including clothing, furniture, and electronics, and reported their findings to the store manager. After inventory was complete, they helped organize merchandise and tidy the shop, ensuring it was ready to welcome customers.

Temecula Special Games – March 8, 2025

At the Temecula Special Games, the Third District Youth Advisory Council assisted athletes with disabilities in non-competitive games and activities. Each YAC student was paired with a buddy, participating alongside them in the fun. The event concluded with an awards ceremony, where all athletes were presented with medals to celebrate their achievements.

Family Resource Center Opening – March 15, 2025

The Third District Youth Advisory Council had the opportunity to volunteer with First 5 at the grand opening of the Family Resource Center in Temecula. Students assisted in the registration table, checking in attendees and handing out meal vouchers. Students also assisted in parking by navigating cars to the designated parking areas.

Temecula Spring Festival – April 12, 2025

At the Spring Festival, our council members had the opportunity to help regulate numerous fun and interactive stations for the attendees. Each station had different activities for the kids, and the members present were split evenly between three booths. Students helped kids with their activities, made sure supplies were stocked, and ensured each booth stayed organized. The Spring Festival was another great chance for the Youth Advisory Council to serve the community.

French Valley Airport Open House – April 26, 2025

The Third District Youth Advisory Council had the chance to Volunteer and host a booth at the French Valley Airport Open House. At this event, our mental health committee hosted a booth

promoting mental health awareness to the community. Students had a posterboard of positive affirmations and encouraged attendees to write positive notes for others to see and be encouraged. Students also assisted in handing out merchandise at the 3rd District vendor table.

French Valley Budget Townhall Meeting – April 30, 2025

At this event, students from the Third District Youth Advisory Council were able to get a first-hand look at local government in action. Third District Supervisor and County CEO Jeff Van Wagenen held a Community Townhall Meeting to provide a series of community budget workshops to learn about the county's budget process and provide important feedback on county services and budget priorities.

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

Goals for the 2024-2025 YAC Term:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Environmental Wellness
- Youth Empowerment

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members participated in 25 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated over 747 hours of community service to the Third District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2023-2024

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high schools within the Fourth District of Riverside County represented by Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. The Fourth District comprises the beautiful cities of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and surrounding unincorporated communities. Our Youth Advisory Council is composed of students from high schools across the Fourth District. As a team we strive to give back to our community by participating in outreach and community service projects within our district.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2024-2025 goals, the council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Helping children of farm workers:**

This committee was designed to assist students from unincorporated areas in finding an educational support system through their peers in the Coachella Valley. The Fourth District YAC launched a homework assistance program at the Boys and Girls Club in Mecca, providing support to students with their homework.

- **Homeless Drug Committee**

The goal of this committee was to assist homeless individuals, particularly those struggling with drug addiction, in finding essential resources such as shelter, food, and other necessities. The committee developed directory flyers containing vital information, helping homeless and food-insecure individuals locate services like soup kitchens and shelters. These flyers have been distributed at various locations, and efforts are ongoing to expand their reach by posting them in additional areas to increase visibility.

- **Public Health Initiative:**

The committee's primary goals were to raise awareness about the importance of both physical and mental health, and to provide accessible resources for individuals and families who may face barriers to care—whether due to affordability, accessibility, or fear of seeking help.

In addition to promoting health and wellness, the committee expanded its focus to include environmental factors that contribute to health disparities in the Coachella Valley. To address this, the group compiled and shared educational resources highlighting the impact of environmental issues on community health. Outreach efforts

included social media campaigns and an upcoming presentation that will be shared with representatives across the district.

Fourth District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2024-2025 Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

Summer Cooling Event – August 20, 2024

The Fourth District YAC students participated in the Youth Leadership Institute’s Summer Cooling Event, hosted at the Coachella Branch Library. This outreach event targeted individuals who were 14-25, and their families, for a fund day of free food, DIY activities, movies, and back to school raffles. The YAC students led many of the activities and engaged the attending community members.

Special Games – September 21, 2024

YAC District 4 teamed up with District 3 to support the Special Games, an inclusive event for athletes of all ages with developmental disabilities to enjoy non-competitive games and an awards ceremony. Each athlete was paired with a volunteer buddy who supported and participated alongside them, and all athletes received a medal in recognition of their participation.

FIND Food Bank – October 5, 2024

The Fourth District YAC students volunteered at FIND Food Bank to help pack boxes for the senior citizens in the Coachella Valley. We began the day by making the boxes that the food was going to go into with a goal of 4 pallets. Each student oversaw a specific section in the boxes and a specific item of food. We packaged beans, cereal, milk, and other canned goods. After two hours of hard work, we finished a total of 4 pallets, which was over 200 boxes of food going towards the senior citizens of the community. After two hours of hard work, we cleaned up all of the boxes and plastic waste and were grateful for the opportunity to help those in our community.

Mecca Spooktacular – October 18, 2024

The YAC students assisted with the setup of the Mecca Spooktacular, along with helping during the fames, costume contest, and other activities that were planned throughout the day.

Indio Fall Carnival and Resource Fair – October 19, 2024

Fourth District YAC students assisted with the heartwarming tradition that brings joy, inclusion, and seasonal fun to children and families across the Coachella Valley. Hosted by Variety Children’s Charity of the Desert, this festive event is designed especially for children with disabilities, serious illnesses, or who are underserved—ensuring every child can enjoy the magic of the season in a safe and welcoming environment. Families enjoyed an afternoon filled with adaptive games, sensory-friendly activities, treats, music, and more—all at no cost to those who were served.

Mecca Fall Resource Fair – October 22, 2024

The YAC students assisted with games and other activities at the Mecca Fall Resource Fair.

Desert Recreation District Halloween Carnival – October 26, 2024

YAC students assisted with the annual Halloween Carnival, doing various activities, tasks, assisting with games, passing out candy, snacks and more. The family fun event was enjoyed by all who attended.

Palm Springs Light Parade – December 7, 2024

The Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade kicked off in the early 1990's along Palm Canyon Drive and has been held every year since on the first Saturday in December — becoming a much-loved holiday tradition in downtown Palm Springs! The YAC students represented the Fourth District Office, by walking in the parade, and assisting as needed, with whatever event organizers need.

Mecca Light Parade – December 9, 2024

Many of our YAC students participated in the Mecca Light Parade, by either being in the parade, or assisting with setup teardown or other tasks as needed.

Bike Giveaway – December 14, 2025

We began our day bright and early at Acrisure Arena to help our friends from Variety- The Children's Charity of the Desert. The YAC students were there to help assist the crowd of third graders with their families from all over the Coachella Valley for four hours. The winning third graders were there to collect their brand-new bicycles due to their excellent schoolwork. Each student was hand chosen by their teachers. We finalized the day helping everyone gather the remaining supplies.

Toy Drive and Posada – December 19, 2024

On Thursday, December 19th, over 5000 children will arrive at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for their Annual Toy Giveaway, which began at 7am and runs while supplies last.

This event distributes about 15,000 toys to the needy children in the valley and included random giveaway of bicycles. Santa and Mrs. Claus once again agreed to take time out of their busy holiday schedule to greet the children at the door. They were assisted by Santa's elves (YAC Students), which will be busy handing out candy canes to the kids in line.

Variety- The Children's Charity of the Desert – January 14, 2025

The YAC students volunteered at a family event hosted by Variety. The students assisted in various activities, as assigned by the staff.

Tour de Palm Springs – February 8, 2025

The Tour de Palm Springs is one of the Coachella Valley’s most popular charity cycling and walking events, drawing thousands of participants each year to support local nonprofits—including Variety Children’s Charity of the Desert. The YAC students participated in a variety of ways, from directing foot traffic, providing information and directions to attendees, and assisting with setup and cleanup.

Riverside County Date Festival Parade – February 17, 2025

The YAC joined Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and staff walk the parade. Students enjoyed waving and saying hello to the crowd. It was a four-hour event, and students loved it.

High School Madness – February 21, 2025

The Fourth District office and YAC students co-hosted the return of High School Madness at the Indio Fairgrounds. This event featured multiple Fourth District high schools competing in a variety of events, that included tug-o-war, human pyramid, relay races, dance offs, and drum line competition. The school and students were all engaged and had a great time at the event and are looking forward to attending next year.

DCSS Resource Fair – March 8, 2025

YAC partnered with DCSS as they hosted a resource fair in the 4th District. The students assisted DCSS with passing out information about Child Support and other duties as needed.

Galilee Center – April 24, 2025

YAC students volunteered at the Galilee Center because they knew the importance of everyone deserving a warm meal, especially since the holidays were getting closer. This was an eye opener for students to learn that basic needs such as food and water isn’t easily accessible to everyone in the community. The 5 YAC students left grateful to give back to their community, especially those in need.

Mecca Neighborhood Park and Greening Project, Groundbreaking Ceremony – May 20, 2025

The Fourth District YAC students were in attendance to represent the Supervisor’s office, as they perform the ceremonial groundbreaking for a future park and greening project.

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

Goals for the 4th District 2024-2025 YAC Term:

1. Helping Children of Farm Workers
2. Homeless Drug Committee
3. Public Health Initiative



Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members delivered 21 projects, workshops, and collaborations as well as dedicated 1,148.5 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that even though they faced limitations through the year, they were able to become more involved in their community within person events towards the end of the year which helped them accomplish their goals.

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

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2024-2025

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Fifth District of Riverside County. Communities within the Fifth District include the cities of Moreno Valley, City of San Jacinto, City of Hemet, City of Calimesa, City of Beaumont, City of Banning and the unincorporated communities of Banning Bench, Cherry Valley, Community of Cabazon, Community of Nuevo, Community of Lakeview, Community of Reche Canyon, Potts Flats and Community of San Timoteo.

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2024-2025 goals, the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Youth for Climate Action Committee**
Organized Park cleanups throughout the district & created info graphics for the social media to promote environmental awareness in the community

- **Public Outreach Committee**
Promoted collaboration and strengthening bonds within the community. These outreach efforts aim to spark meaningful engagement and innovative services.

- **Public Health Committee**
An initiative created early in the year at Valley View High school, gathering students to make letters of encouragement, Valentine’s Cards, and Christmas Cards to distribute them to local senior centers.

Fifth District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2024-2025 Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

State of the District – August 14, 2024

Nine YAC students supported Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez’s State of the District event at the Morongo Resort. Their responsibilities included event setup, guest registration, guiding attendees to their seats, and assisting the District Office with various needs throughout the event.

Beaumont High School Outreach – August 27, 2024

YAC students hosted an informational table during Beaumont High School’s Back to School Night to promote the Youth Commission. They engaged with students and families by answering questions, distributing materials, and sharing their personal experiences as council members to recruit new participants.

Beaumont Hispanic Heritage Day – September 21, 2024

YAC students contributed to the City of Beaumont’s inaugural Hispanic Heritage Day celebration. The event featured music, food, lucha libre, and cultural dancing to honor and educate the public about Hispanic heritage. Students assisted with event setup and breakdown, and also had the opportunity to engage in the festivities.

Power Speaks Louder- September 13, 27, October 11, November 25, 29, December 13, January 24, March 14

YAC students partnered with Power Speaks Louder (PSL), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, empowering, and transforming lives through the power of words and action. As part of this collaboration, students participated in several community service events, supporting PSL’s outreach preparation team by packaging food for drives, assembling hygiene kits, and engaging in various other activities aimed at helping those in need.

District 3 Special Games – September 21, 2024

Students from the Fifth District joined forces with all of the other YAC Districts to support the first annual Third District Special Games held at Veterans Park in Menifee. Each student was paired up with a buddy and helped guide them through the series of outdoor games laid out throughout the park. At the end of the day students and buddies had a danced together and shared a heartwarming memory.

Beaumont Hispanic Heritage Event- September 21, 2024

The Fifth District YAC students assisted with the City of Beaumont’s Parks and Recreation Department’s first annual Hispanic Heritage Day. This event was held at the Chatigny Center and featured live music, cultural vendors, food, and lucha libre wrestling. The students helped monitor vendors, emptied trash receptacles, and answered quests questions. The students had the opportunity to connect with community members, and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage.

Pumkin Festival/ Movie night- October 25, 2024

The Fifth District YAC students assisted the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Parks District with their annual movie night and pumpkin festival event that was held at Bogart Park. Students helped children decorate pumpkins, handed out popcorn bags, and supported the BCVPD with whatever needs arose during the event, while engaging with community members.

Nuevo Movie Night- November 22. 2024

Students assisted in the first ever Nuevo Movie Night, sponsored by Supervisor Gutierrez. The YAC students assisted by acting as Gate Attendees who scanned QR codes for guests, handed out popcorn voucher to other youth, and as site safety officers who observed the event to ensure everyone was participating in a safe manner.

Calimesa Literacy Course- November 25, 2024

Fifth District YAC students supported Supervisor Gutierrez's Senior Citizen Outreach initiative by developing and leading a computer literacy course at the Calimesa Senior Center. The program aimed to help senior adults improve their computer skills. Students provided individualized, one-on-one instruction, guiding participants through the basics of computer use and helping them gain confidence with technology.

UCB/UCLA Webinar- November 25, 2024

This was a student led webinar designed to answer questions from those who are interested in attending college. Students had the opportunity to ask the speakers questions about the college application process and their experience at college, including their hardships.

Winterfest- December 6, 2024

YAC students volunteered at the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District's 31st annual Winterfest at Noble Creek Regional Park. The event featured holiday-themed food, treats, crafts, live music and other winter themed activities. Our YAC students' responsibilities at the event varied from assisting with children's activities to cleanup. Our students helped create a festive experience for the District 5 community.

Hemet Parade- December 7, 2024

The Fifth District YAC students helped with the coordination and support at the Hemet Parade. Our students walked in the parade, carrying the Supervisor's banner, and passed out candy to the parade observers.

Blizzard Bash- December 14, 2024

The Fifth District YAC Students helped Beaumont Parks and Rec kick off the holiday season with Beaumont Nights at Towncenter transformed into a festive Holiday Market! This annual event features local vendors selling homemade crafts, local restaurants, and an artificial ice rink. The students participated in the Beaumont Light Parade, the ice rink, and children's activities.

San Jacinto Community Connect with DCSS- February 8, 2025

DCSS reached out the Fifth District YAC students for their support with this event. Our students supported the event by handing out wristbands to community members in need of free diapers for their children along with raffle tickets to various prizes given by DCSS.

A Day in her Shoes - March 07, 2025

Eight members of the D1 Youth Advisory Council attended the A Day in Her Shoes event in Murrieta, where they had the opportunity to hear from a panel of inspiring female entrepreneurs and leaders. The event focused on empowering young women by sharing personal stories of resilience, success, and overcoming challenges in professional spaces. Council members engaged in meaningful conversations, networked with professionals from various industries, and gained

valuable insight into what it takes to become a strong leader and changemaker. It was an uplifting and empowering experience that encouraged youth to dream big and build connections for their future.

Her Drive Packaging Event- March 19, 2025

Public Health Committee hosted their annual feminine hygiene product drive. Over the course of the school year, the YAC students held small hygiene collection events at their schools to donate those items to the local UCR Women’s Shelter. Once they collected the supplies, the students met up and packed up over 200 small bags to be donated to the shelter.

Park Clean Up Youth for Climate Action Committee- March 22, 2025

Helped pick up trash at local parks in District 5 to promote the cause of their committee.

RUHS Resilience Training- April 2, 2025

Students were given training on resilience and coping on mental health challenges and were given the resources and tools to tackle everyday stressors impacting the youth.

Nuevo Movie Night- April 4, 2025

Students assisted with Nuevo Movie Night, sponsored by Supervisor Gutierrez. The YAC students assisted by acting as Gate Attendees who scanned QR codes for guests, handed out popcorn voucher to other youth, and as site safety officers who observed the event to ensure everyone was participating in a safe manner.

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

Goals for the 2024-2025 YAC Term:

- Meaningful Community engagement and Outreach
- Climate Action and Awareness
- Promoting physical, mental, and emotional well being

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members participated in 27 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 901 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

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

Cumulatively, they volunteered for over 7,217.50 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California’s minimum wage of \$16.50/hour, they donated the equivalent of over \$119,088.75 in free services to their communities. The website “Independent Sector” places a value of over \$34.79 per hour for volunteer work and using this figure the YAC donated approximately \$251,096.82 this year. While 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.

Funding and Support

To support the launch and implementation of the Riverside County Youth Connect Summer Internship Program, which is scheduled to begin in June 2025 following the submission of this report, a \$10,250 grant was secured from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to fund internship stipends and related program expenses. Additionally, a \$5,000 grant from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians was awarded to support transportation assistance and marketing efforts for the Youth Commission, helping ensure the program is accessible and effectively promoted to eligible students throughout the county.