

**San Mateo County
Youth Leadership Opportunities in Local Government**

Youth-Specific Advisory Groups

Jurisdiction	Group and Website Link	Description of Group	Who Can Apply*
Belmont	Youth Advisory Committee	The Youth Advisory Committee serves as the teen perspective on real life issues facing the City of Belmont. The YAC allows teens to work directly with adults while remaining focused on increasing civic engagement in Belmont. The YAC is for students who want to get involved in local government, socialize and debate hot topics, and who want to better prepare themselves for college and life beyond.	Open to Belmont residents, grades 7th-12th.
Brisbane	Youth Advisory Committee	The Brisbane Parks & Recreation department is seeking dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated teens to join the Youth Advisory Committee. Committee members have the important duty of advising the Parks & Recreation Commission and Recreation staff as to the concerns and interests of the youth and teens in the Brisbane community. YAC members can also help plan special events, field trips, dances, and enrichment programs & classes for teens.	Must be a Brisbane resident between the ages of 12-18.
Burlingame	Youth Advisory Committee	Youth Advisory Committee members have the important duty of advising the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Recreation program staff as to the concerns and interests of youth and teens in the Burlingame Community. This may include programs	7 th -12 th graders who live or go to school in Burlingame.

		relating to safety, recreation, alcohol & drug awareness, education, special interests, sports, community involvement, socialization, politics and policy, community development, and environmental concerns.	
City of San Mateo	Youth Activity Council	The Youth Activity Council, established originally as Youth Advisory Council in 2003, provides experiences and opportunities for the youth population by providing safe and enjoyable activities; creating community through special events; enhancing leadership and decision-making skills; providing service learning experiences; practicing civic participation and empowering our youth's voice with our decision makers.	Contact City for information.
County of San Mateo	Youth Commission	The San Mateo County Youth Commission is an advisory commission to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, established in 1993 to address youth need in the county and provide youth voice in local government.	Youth ages 13-20, who reside and attend school in San Mateo County
Daly City	Youth Advisory Committee	The Daly City Youth Advisory Committee is an advisory board of the Daly City Recreation Services.	Must be a resident of Daly City.
Foster City	Youth Advisory Council	The Foster City Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) shall exist as a citizens' group to advise and respond to the City Council in all matters related to the needs of the youth in Foster City and to promote teen involvement in the community.	Any resident of Foster City who will be of middle school and/or high school age during the next committee term following his or her appointment is eligible.

Menlo Park	Youth Advisory Committee	The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) advises the Parks and Recreation Commission on activities, events and programs for Menlo Park youth.	Students enrolling in grades 9 -12 and who live in Menlo Park city limits are eligible.
Millbrae	Youth Advisory Committee	A forum for discussion and resolution of issues affecting youth and facilitate communication between youth and City Government. The Committee will advise the City Council on matters affecting youth which do not involve or pertain to proposals on capital spending programs and provide input to other City Commissions and Committees with respect to matters pertaining to youth as may affect the City of Millbrae.	Middle school and high school students residing in Millbrae. (Do not need to attend school there.)
Pacifica	Youth Advisory Board	The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is made up of volunteer High School students that want to make a difference in our community. They are a dedicated group of young leaders who will plan special events and also participate in Parks, Beaches & Recreation events and activities.	Any Pacifica resident entering grades 9-12 in the fall is eligible for membership
Peninsula Health Care District (PHCD)	Youth Advisory Group	The Youth Advisory Group will ensure that youth is at the forefront of PHCD initiatives related to youth and young adults.	Youth 16-25 living in San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, or Foster City.
Redwood City	Youth & Teen Advisory Boards	Redwood City's Youth and Teen Advisory Boards offer teens a chance to speak up on issues that concern them and their peers. Youth Advisory Board members	Youth Advisory Board: Any resident of the City of Redwood City who will be entering 6th

		are 6th, 7th and 8th graders; the Teen Advisory Board is for high school students.	through 8th during the committee term. Teen Advisory Board: Any resident of the City of Redwood City who will be entering 9th through 12th during the committee term.
South San Francisco	Youth Advisory Council	This is an opportunity for students and youth to engage in local government while learning about how decisions made affect daily life and how Boards and Commissions are involved in the process. You'll have the chance to express a youth voice on pressing issues in South San Francisco.	SSF residents between the ages 14-21; must be at least in 9th grade.
San Carlos	Youth Advisory Council	The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of volunteer middle school and high school students appointed by the City Council. The YAC's role is to advise the Parks & Recreation Department and the Youth Center staff on activities, events, and programs to meet the needs of our students. The YAC strengthens the image of community for our young people in San Carlos.	Any resident of San Carlos who will be 12 to 18 years of age during the committee term will be eligible for membership.

Youth Seats on City and County Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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Half Moon Bay	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)	The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) consists of seven Half Moon Bay citizens who advise the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. As part of implementation of the City's General Plan Complete Streets Policy, BPAC provides advice about circulation system improvements and programs to encourage cycling and walking as a means of transportation and recreation.	1	Must be must age 17 or younger to be eligible.
County of San Mateo	Various Boards and Commissions via the Youth Commission	Members of the San Mateo County Youth Commission have the optional opportunity to apply to serve as a youth liaison to another advisory board or commission to the Board of Supervisors, such as the Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Recovery Commission, Parks Commission, First 5 Commission, etc.		Youth seats on County Commissions are only open to members of the Youth Commission. Youth ages 13-20, who reside and attend school in San Mateo County may apply for the Youth Commission.

***Please consult the websites for most current and accurate information.**

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