

**CITY OF OCEANSIDE
YOUTH COMMISSION
2025-2027 WORK PLAN**

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Commission is to provide input to City Council on youth-related issues and provide a youth perspective on the ongoing work of the City, allowing youth from the City to feel empowered to engage and participate with local government, as well as provide City officials with the opportunity to hear and address youth concerns.

INTRODUCTION

The Youth Commission was originally formed in 1999, dissolved in 2010 and reestablished by the City Council on March 19, 2025. At this time, it was recognized that youth are actively engaged and their input is a critical perspective to informing the work of the City.

COMPOSITION

The Commission is composed of nine regular voting members and two alternate members. Commission members are in grades 9 to 12 upon appointment and are representative of the demographics, diversity and culture of the City, and the Oceanside City Council Districts. Upon completion of grade 12, Commissioners may finish their term of appointment. The initial terms of membership for regular members shall be staggered, with the effective date of the Resolution establishing the Commission being the official date on which each term begins. Initially, five (5) commissioners will serve a one (1) year. Thereafter, members shall serve terms of two (2) years.

The Commission meets bi-monthly on the third Thursday in June, August, October and December, February and April at 5:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Present Commissioners: Chloe Bell
 Lanae Branch
 Guinness Flachmeier
 Richard Higuera
 Anika Lugo
 David Muñoz
 Joseph Muro
 Italia Ramos
 Adriana Solorio
Alternates: Simon Garcia
 Fernando Pacheco Pastrana

City Council Liaison: Deputy Mayor Eric Joyce

Staff Support: Marie Town, Library Division Manager
 Erin Nakasone, Senior Librarian

GENERAL GOALS

The Commission shall:

1. Provide input on youth-related issues to the City Council.
2. Empower youth to engage and participate with local government.
3. Provide City Councilmembers with the opportunity to hear and address youth concerns.

SPECIFIC GOALS AND TASKS

The Youth Commission will discuss, review and complete the following projects and work tasks:

1. Focus on four community topics that affect youth, brought forward by Youth Commissioners:
 1. At-risk neighborhoods
 2. Youth public health
 3. Safe Streets for All
 4. Property development and how it affects youth
2. Learn more about these topics from City staff, other Commissions and/or community partners, through invited guest speakers at Commission meetings and by attending other relevant City or Commission meetings.
3. Create an action plan around these topics, in coordination with City staff.
4. Implement related actions or services from the plan, such as making formal recommendations to City staff, other Commissions and/or City Council, gathering additional youth input, or coordinating educational workshops and resource sharing with the larger youth population.
5. Report on the work implemented to applicable City staff, other Commissions and/or City Council.
6. Respond to requests on community issues relating to youth from City staff, other Commissions and/or City Council.