



Sunnyvale

Survey of Board and Commission Members Under 18 Years Old

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Agenda



City Clerk List Serve Results



Cities in Santa Clara County

B/C Members Under 18 Years Old

Requested Information From Cities Across the State

- Received 7 responses from League of California Cities' City Clerk List Serve.
- Multiple cities have something akin to a Youth Council, similar to Sunnyvale's [Teen Advisory Committee \(TAC\)](#).
- Institute for Local Government maintains a list of [California Youth Commissions and Councils](#).
- The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has confirmed Sunnyvale can verify if someone is pre-registered to vote.

Responses: B/C Members Under 18 Years Old

Berkeley

- Most Boards and Commissions are open to those under 18 years old.
- Appointed by either individual district Councilmembers or the City Council.
- Agency relies on the application as proof of residency.

Kingsburg

- Community Service Commission has a student member from the local high school.
- Appointed by the high school.
- Residency not required; must attend the high school.

Responses: B/C Members Under 18 Years Old

Lafayette

- Youth Services Commission advises the City Council on issues pertaining to teenagers.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Agency relies on the application as proof of residency.

Los Gatos

- Youth Commission fosters civic pride and involvement in the town.
- One member + alternate serve on other boards and commissions.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Agency relies on the application as proof of residency.

Responses: B/C Members Under 18 Years Old

Oakley

- Oakley Youth Advisory Council (OYAC) helps with events for youth and advises the city on policies that pertain to youth.
- Appointed by existing OYAC Members.
- Residency or attending a local school is required. Interview invitations mailed to residence.

Sierra Madre

- Community Services Commission has one youth member who must be under 18 years old.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Agency relies on the application as proof of residency.

Responses: B/C Members Under 18 Years Old

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission

- Youth Advisory Commission youth involvement in the Livermore community between the Livermore Area Recreation & Park District and the City of Livermore.
- Agencies rely on the application as proof of residency.
- 15 members are 12 – 20 years old; 3 members are a minimum of 21 years old.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Campbell

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 7 – 12.
- Appointed by staff.
- Residency is required.

Cupertino

- Teen Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 8 – 11.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency is required.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Gilroy

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Ages 13 – 19.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency in Gilroy Unified School District is required.

Los Altos

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 7 – 12.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency is required.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Los Altos Hills

- Youth Commission members must attend middle or high school in the Town.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Council did appoint someone under 18 years old to the Emergency Communications Committee.
- Residency is required.

Los Gatos*

- Youth Commission fosters civic pride and involvement in the town.
- One member + alternate serve on other boards and commissions.
- Appointed by City Council
- Agency relies on the application as proof of residency.

*Also included on Slide 5.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Milpitas

- Youth Advisory Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 7 – 12.
- Appointed by Mayor with concurrence of City Council.
- Residency is required.

Monte Sereno

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 7 – 12.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency is required.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Morgan Hill

- Youth Action Council members are under 18 years old.
- Ages 13 – 18.
- Appointed by Mayor with concurrence of City Council.
- Morgan Hill or San Martin residency or attending a Morgan Hill Unified School District school is required.

Mountain View

- Youth Advisory Committee members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Grades 7 – 12.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency is required.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Palo Alto

- Board and Commission membership requirements do not address member age.
- Board and Commission appointment by City Council.
- Residency is required for many Board and Commission positions.

San José

- Youth Commission members are under 18 years old.
- Ages 14 – 20.
- Appointed by Mayor or City Council.
- Residency is required.
- Some other Boards and Commissions do not require members to be at least 18 years old.

Cities/Towns in Santa Clara County

Santa Clara

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Ages 12 – 19.
- Appointed by staff.
- Residency is required.

Saratoga

- Youth Commission members are the only members under 18 years old.
- Attend middle or high school in the Town.
- Appointed by City Council.
- Residency is required.



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Thank You
