

Agency Survey Teen Engagement

The following survey was created through Survey Monkey, an online survey service, and links of the survey were emailed to 241 agencies through the California Parks and Recreation Society Administration email list on April 25, 2014. A total of 14 agencies responded online.

In alphabetical order: Beverly Hills, Burlingame, Cupertino, Dublin, Foster City, Gilroy, Lathrop, Los Altos Hills, Monterey, Poway, San Leandro, San Mateo, San Ramon and Torrance.

Pages 10 through 11 were eliminated because these pages contained contact information for the respondents.





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1. Population of your city:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 49,000		64.3%	9
50,000-150,000		35.7%	5
151,000-300,000		0.0%	0
Above 301,000		0.0%	0
answered question			14
skipped question			0

2. In what way does your city engage teens in local government? Check all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Formal Teen Commission or Teen Council: A group of teens appointed by a government body to perform a function on behalf of a larger group of teens. The group is created as a result of by-laws, statutes or policy.		57.1%	8
Teen Advisory Committee: An on-going work group made up of teen volunteers and a staff liaison, with hands-on responsibility for performing a function on behalf of a larger group of teens.		35.7%	5
Informal Ad hoc Committee: The members are brought together on an as needed basis to solve a specific objective. The group dissolves once the objective has been completed. This group is facilitated by staff.		14.3%	2
Ad hoc Committee Appointed by City Council: The members are appointed by council with a well-defined charge and deadline, after which the committee will cease to exist.		0.0%	0
Youth Summit: A one or more day event where teens create and recommend solutions to City staff and other decision makers on challenges currently facing teens.		35.7%	5
	Other (please specify)		3
answered question			14
skipped question			0

3. What is the source and annual funding for these activities?

	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	0

4. General comments regarding your city's model of youth engagement:

	Response Count
	14
answered question	14
skipped question	0

5. Please check all boxes that apply:

	Teen Commission or Council	Teen Advisory Committee	Informal Ad hoc Committee	Ad hoc Committee Appointed by Council	Youth Summit	Other	Rating Count
Teens plan & implement events for teens	50.0% (7)	42.9% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	21.4% (3)	14.3% (2)	1
Teens advise department staff	58.3% (7)	33.3% (4)	16.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	8.3% (1)	1
Teens advise policy makers	66.7% (6)	22.2% (2)	11.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	11.1% (1)	
Meetings governed by Brown Act	75.0% (6)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	
Formal meetings following parliamentary procedures, such as Robert's Rule of Order	66.7% (6)	22.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (1)	
Create adult & youth teams to work on a specific problem	50.0% (4)	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	
Attend National League of Cities Conference and/or utilize the League's Institute for Youth, Education & Families	50.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	50.0% (1)	
Teens solicit and receive input from peers regarding teen interests	53.8% (7)	46.2% (6)	15.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	15.4% (2)	7.7% (1)	1
Involves younger students (11-12 year olds)	50.0% (4)	37.5% (3)	12.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	12.5% (1)	25.0% (2)	
Teens identify issues of concern and/or set their own agendas	63.6% (7)	36.4% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9.1% (1)	1
Teens respond to issues/agenda set by staff	58.3% (7)	33.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	16.7% (2)	8.3% (1)	1
Teens respond to issues/agendas set by policy makers	71.4% (5)	14.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (1)	
answered question							1
skipped question							

6. Please list the agency you work for, your name, job title and email address. We will send you a copy of the results.

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Q2. In what way does your city engage teens in local government? Check all that apply.

1	Teen Volunteer Program	May 6, 2014 9:50 AM
2	A Formal Teen Committee: A group of teens appointed by the City Council. This group is created and has a formal set of by-laws. (Fits between one and two. Marked number two because of the name.)	May 5, 2014 10:41 AM
3	Leadership Classes, Art and SPARC Academies at local high school	May 2, 2014 5:53 PM

Q3. What is the source and annual funding for these activities?

1	Operating Budget - \$34,500	May 12, 2014 5:34 PM
2	Budget is from general fund and approved by City Council	May 7, 2014 1:24 PM
3	#2 DID NOT HAVE BOX FOR OTHER - We do not hold a youth summit, but do have a teen volunteer program. Funding for our Teen Program comes from the General Fund, with some additional fund raising by teen volunteers to support additional activities	May 6, 2014 9:50 AM
4	Their budget comes out of the general fund.	May 5, 2014 1:41 PM
5	Fundraising. There is no budget.	May 5, 2014 1:01 PM
6	Self supported by sponsoring middle school dances and fundraisers, staff time is budgeted in.	May 5, 2014 12:59 PM
7	city budget; \$3500	May 5, 2014 12:37 PM
8	General Fund: \$2,000 annually	May 5, 2014 10:41 AM
9	General Fund	May 5, 2014 10:27 AM
10	General Fund	May 5, 2014 9:57 AM
11	Less than \$3,000 in the General Fund.	May 5, 2014 8:21 AM
12	General Fund and program fees Youth and Teen activities are one fund	May 2, 2014 5:53 PM
13	General Fund and the YAC has their own city account	May 2, 2014 11:04 AM
14	General fund	May 2, 2014 11:03 AM

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Q4. General comments regarding your city's model of youth engagement:

1	Teen Council consists of 23 teens who serve a 1 year term	May 12, 2014 5:34 PM
2	██████ leadership feels strongly about including the voice of youth/teens in local government.	May 7, 2014 1:24 PM
3	The ██████ does not currently engage teens in local government through the means listed above, and is currently planning a teen volunteer program for teen's to assist with City functions and plan events for teen's in the community.	May 6, 2014 9:50 AM
4	We have a Youth Commission that reports under our Community Relations Committee who reports to City Council. We have 20 members (which is A LOT) 6th grade-12grade. Their meetings are not governed by the Brown Act. They primarily volunteer for existing ██████ events and have 3 events themselves.	May 5, 2014 1:41 PM
5	We have a formal Youth Commission appointed by Council. Our City Council is very supportive of youth and teen issues and utilizes the group to be the voice of youth for the city.	May 5, 2014 1:01 PM
6	It is completely led by the youth advisory committee. They decide what activities to do and bring them to our Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.	May 5, 2014 12:59 PM
7	We have a City Council member that attends our meetings and serves as a liaison to Council. YAC presents a Year End Report each year.	May 5, 2014 12:37 PM
8	Youth Advisory Committee responsibilities/ youth are engaged: • Provide input on youth services and programming to the Parks and Community Services Commission, City Council and City Staff. • Address issues that affect youth in the community. • Assist with the promotion and implementation of youth activities. Committee Members are expected to attend all regular monthly meetings and subcommittee meeting; attend activities planned by YAC and promote and support youth activities offered in the community.	May 5, 2014 10:41 AM
9	We have a teen coordinator responsible for implementing all teen programming. We focus on Service Learning and Summer programs.	May 5, 2014 10:27 AM
10	We have 21 High School age Commission members and 10 or more Associate members, who can participate but not vote.	May 5, 2014 9:57 AM
11	The Teen Advisory Committee is about 6 years new and newer Recreation staff overseeing it that have been tasked with getting the Committee to engage more teens in the community in activity and interest. We're interested to hear what other communities do.	May 5, 2014 8:21 AM
12	Working with students at our local High School and middle school works for us. We hold activities on campus and at our community center.	May 2, 2014 5:53 PM
13	Excellent- we are in final construction of a \$6million teen facility	May 2, 2014 11:04 AM
14	Very engaging and productive	May 2, 2014 11:03 AM