CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2025

TO: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Julia Tsuei, Chair, Youth Commission

SUBJECT: Youth Commission Update

The Youth Commission is proud to provide an update on recent activities. Below is a summary of projects underway and the latest accomplishments. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions. Thank you.

Subcommittee Assignments

At the August 2025 meeting, we finalized our subcommittee assignments. The rosters are copied below.

- **Community Engagement**
  - Sania Gulati, Yunn Lee, Saoirse Price, Nataly Quinteros, Alejandra Ramirez
- **Civic Engagement**
  - Vivek Narattom, Edward Tian, Lorraine Yin
- **Social Media**
  - Jon Liangco, Vivek Narratom, Saoirse Price, Alejandra Ramirez, Ally Tunque

Childhood Cancer Awareness Tree Lighting

Commissioner Sania Gulati, along with her Brain Explorations colleagues, delivered remarks at the City's annual Childhood Cancer Awareness Tree Lighting on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at the Library.

Brain Exploration's Toy Drive

Commissioner Sania Gulati co-leads a regular workshop at the library on neuroscience for grade school kids called "Brain Explorations". On Saturday, July 26th, Commissioner Gulati and her colleagues hosted a toy drive to benefit the children of UCSF's Pediatric Neurology Department and to promote compassion, community

engagement, and increased visibility for pediatric neurological health. Councilmember Mark Nagales was in attendance and provided remarks, as did two Councilmembers from Daly City - Juslyn C. Manalo and Pamela DiGiovanni.

Toy and Pet Supply Drive for Peninsula Humane Society

Commissioner Alejandra Ramirez is leading a project, with library staff, to host a toy and pet supply drive to benefit Peninsula Humane Society, currently planned for January. This project will benefit local youth by providing a meaningful volunteer opportunity. The members of the Community Engagement subcommittee are supporting this event and will be reaching out with invitations to Council.

Call To Action Statement

Commissioner Lorraine Yin is spearheading an effort, as part of the Civic Engagement subcommittee, to draft and distribute a letter asking the Trump Administration to “Stop the Raids” and expressing concerns about the constitutionality of the administration’s actions around immigration, civil rights, and legal dissent.

STEMsters and Mathivist programs

Commissioner Yunn Li leads the STEMsters club at the library, providing regular workshops for school aged kids to explore science concepts. This winter and spring, Commissioner Li will be partnering with the library to plan a new series of workshops focusing on mathematics called “Math Explorations”. These workshops are tentatively planned for the following dates:

- Saturday, December 20th at 3:00pm
- Saturday, January 17th at 3:00pm
- Saturday, February 28th at 3:00pm
- Saturday, March 21st at 3:00pm
- Saturday, April 11th at 3:00pm

The Math Explorations group will explore the following topics: Sudoku, Math and Art, Math in Nature, Fun with Logic Puzzles and Math & Magic Tricks.

Health Outreach at the Library

Co-Chair Ally Tunque performed outreach at the library to increase representation of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) individuals in health

research, part of a project with UCSF called the CARE registry. In addition to signing up community members for the CARE registry, Co-Chair Tunque provided informational flyers and coloring sheets for kids. Co-Chair Tunque is also the lead for another science club at the library called “STEM & Buds”.

Representation on National League of Cities’ Council on Youth, Education, and Families

Commissioner Jon Liangco submitted a successful competitive application to become a member of the YEF Council of the National League of Cities. Jon will be travelling out of state to participate in this initiative, representing the South San Francisco Youth Commission, with plans to share all he learns with his colleagues back home.

Feedback provided on Park at Linden & Pine

In the Fall and Spring, the Commissioners provided feedback to City staff on the design of the new park at Linden and Pine.

Youth Poet-in-Residence

Several Youth Commissioners have volunteered to serve as judges for the Library’s annual Youth Poet-in-Residence competition beginning in December.

Career Panel and Homework Club

Commissioner Yunn Lee is planning to hold a career panel and start a homework help club at the Library in December. We will continue to provide updates to Council on these activities.