

Sunnyvale Youth Advisory

4/8 City Council Presentation

Who are we?

- **High-school students**
- Bi-weekly meetings
- Work on...
 - Community-based projects
 - Advise on City Council issues from a youth perspective



Under the
guidance of
Councilmember
Srinivasan!

1.

Native Plant Initiative

Working to remove invasive species

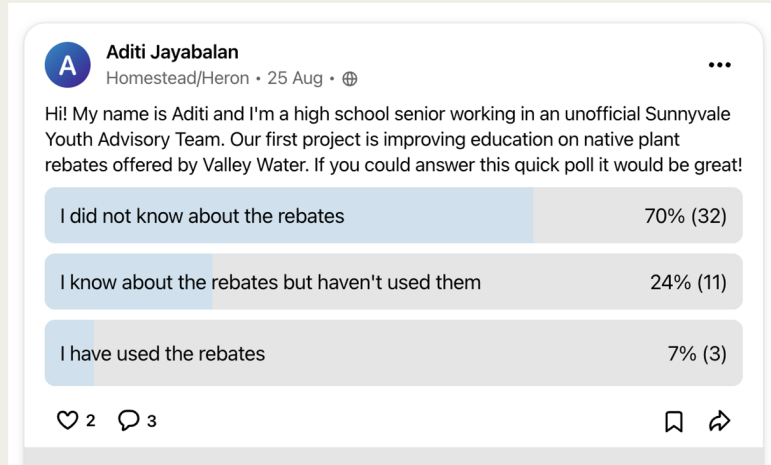
1. Converted previous areas at Fremont High School to from invasive → native
2. Worked with FUHSD gardeners to develop budget, list of plants
3. Worked with Valley Water Youth commission to receive \$200 grant
4. Coordinated with district for bamboo removal

5. Collaborated with clubs for volunteers

6. Developing a “handbook” of steps for other schools to follow the process we took



7. Created and presented assessment of Valley Water rebate programs



- Rebates may not be appealing enough or well-reached

Feedback from Citizens:

- Received flyers/ads on Instagram
- Limited email communication (unless subscribed)
- Lack of in-person booths/articles
- Desire for news coverage
- Suggestion: Email campaign to households' utility emails
- Limited Instagram users, prefer alternative promotions

2.

Sunnyvale

Website Updates



Introduction

- Adding features to help people get involved
- Easy to access volunteer / internship database
- Updates on projects that we are currently working on
- Mailing list for initiatives people sign up for
- Adding login credentials for volunteering database



Planned Features



Engagement + Accessibility

Translate government documents, initiatives, and event details into commonly spoken languages in the Bay Area.

Provide easy-to-read summaries with key takeaways in bullet point format

Provide audio summaries and infographics

Users can follow specific policies or initiatives and get updates when there are changes, votes, or meetings

Can see recently passed bills/legislations/policies



Planned Features



Connection

Platform for requesting city officials to speak at schools, clubs, events, etc

Provide login credentials for easy access to features

- Login with google, microsoft, etc.



Internships & Volunteering

Connect officials with high school interns

Provide collection of local volunteering opportunities hosted at government events





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and Property

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PARKS AND TRAILS



CITY SERVICES



CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

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[City Council and Board and Commission meetings and agendas](#)

(All Categories)

New category: volunteering

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 11:00 AM Family Storytime 12:00 PM Teen Resource Fair 2:00 PM

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and Property****News Center and
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Summaries**

- + Sustainability
- + Equity, Access and Inclusion

Charter Review Committee

Redistricting

Housing Strategy

Unhoused Community
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Sunnyvale Top 30 Project Summaries

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Sunnyvale Project Summaries

Project List

All Projects

Transportation

Parks & Facilities

Land Use

Miscellaneous

Search by keyword

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Mary Avenue Overpass



Ways to get
involved

Join our mailing
list

Internships

Volunteering

Redirects to
events page

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3.

High School Internship Database

Accessible, centralized resource

1. Utilize existing Sunnyvale resources
2. Added different categories of opportunities
3. Centralized all existing FUHSD resources onto one platform
4. Coordinated with superintendent for implementation

Organization	Description	Requirements	Schedule	How to Apply	Status
City of Sunnyvale Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)	Join a group of dedicated high school students working to make Sunnyvale an even better place for teens! TAC meets monthly to brainstorm and plan teen recreation activities. This is your chance to get hands-on leadership experience while making a difference.	• Sunnyvale Resident	Monthly meetings start in August	Download the application at Sunnyvale.ca.gov (search "TAC") and submit by Friday, March 7th.	Closed
Friends of Sunnyvale Public Library/Book Sale Volunteers	If you love books (or just enjoy helping out), this is for you! Volunteer at the library's book sales to help out while gaining experience in event planning and customer service.	• Minimum age 14	Flexible	Complete the volunteer application online at www.fospl.org/volunteeroppo-runies .	
Animal Assisted Happiness Youth Volunteers	Ready to make a difference while connecting with animals and people? At Animal Assisted Happiness we give you the chance to grow as a leader, have fun and give back to your community.	• High School Student • Signed parent consent	Flexible	Apply online at www.animalassistedhappiness.org/volunteer . Email: jouruth@animalassistedhappiness.org	
Family Giving Tree: Volunteers	Give back to the Bay Area by helping provide essential supplies to families in need. Volunteer for their Back-to-School Drive or Holiday Wish Drive - an awesome way to make a big difference in your community!	• Open to all ages	• Back-to-school Drive: Mid-July to August • Holiday Wish Drive: November • Opportunities available in the Sunnyvale warehouse	Complete our Volunteer Interest form online at www.familygivingtree.org/get-involved/volunteer-today . Question? Call 650-945-2111 or email info@familygivingtree.org	
Internship with Elected Officials: State Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens	Internship with Patrick Ahrens at 2011 Stevens Creek Blvd Suite 220, Cupertino, CA 95014	• High School Student		Email Victoria Low at victoria.low@asm.ca.gov	
Internship with Elected Officials: State Assemblymember Ash Kalra	Internship with Ash Kalra at 111 W. St. John Street Suite 1150 San Jose, CA 95113. Responsibilities include engaging with constituents, data entry, and casework. Additional information: https://a170.asmdc.org/a-assembly-membership-opportunities	• 10 hours/week minimum		Email Tuan Nguyen at Tuan.Nguyen@asm.ca.gov .	
Internship with Elected Officials: State Assemblymember Alex Lee	Internship with Alex Lee at 1313 N. Milpitas Blvd Suite 255. Responsibilities include engaging with constituents and performing outreach. Additional information:			Complete the internship Application at https://a170.asmdc.org/sites/a-24.asmdc.org/files/2023/05/A170%20assembly%20internship%20application.pdf . Email Matthew Jorgens at Matthew.Jorgens@asm.ca.gov	

Government Internships Leadership Opportunities Miscellaneous Groups

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Davis Youth Fellowship	Take part and engage yourself into community problem solving, learn more information at https://vision.davis.org/get-involved/students/ . This program has no costs, \$1000 stipend for completion of program, and a free trip to Washington DC.		• Year-long zoom meetings • bi-weekly meetings	Apply at https://vision.davis.org/get-involved/students/	
Davis Unplugged	Find more information at https://www.davisunplugged.org/programs . There will be an in-person experience at Georgetown University, which has workshops led by Congress members and CEOs.	Have completed a prior Davis Unplugged Program	• week-long	Application at https://www.davisunplugged.org/apply-to-the-civic-innovator-program	Closed
Yelluride Association Summer Seminars	This experience has no costs, find more information at https://yellurideassociation.org/our-programs/high-school-students/	• Rising Juniors/Seniors	• Attend three-hour college classes daily	Application at https://yellurideassociation.org/our-programs/high-school-students/	Closed
Imre Dame Leadership Seminars	A 10-day program which teaches students leadership skills and only 150 students are selected to join this program. No cost needed, find more information at https://seccollege.net.edu/leadership-seminar/		• July 19 - 30, 2025	Application at https://seccollege.net.edu/leadership-seminar/	Closed
UCLU National Advocacy Institute	3 sessions available each round year, hosted at Washington D.C or New York City. High School students (15-18) are eligible, find more information at https://www.uclu.org/2024-uclu-national-advocacy-institute/		• July 13 - July 19 • July 20 - July 26 • July 27 - August 2	Fill out this Application form https://action.uclu.org/local-in-action/2024-national-advocacy-institute/2024	

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Sierra Valley Youth Climate Action	A youth-led nonprofit that empowers teens and young adults to combat climate change now through repeated policy and education initiatives. Find more information at https://www.sierravalleyclimateaction.org			Apply at https://www.sierravalleyclimateaction.org	Open
San Jose District Youth Advisory Councils	Let's hear your voice in our community and make a difference! Find more information at https://www.sjdcyac.org/		• Ages 13-19	Apply at https://www.sjdcyac.org/	Open
Cupertino Youth Commission	Find information at https://cityofcupertino.org/		• monthly • September-May • second Wednesday at 6 p.m. • Term length: 2 years	Apply at https://cityofcupertino.org/	
Cupertino Youth Advisory Board	A leadership group of 13 dedicated students who plan and lead community events for local teens. Find more information at https://cityofcupertino.org/		• Grades 9-11	Apply at https://cityofcupertino.org/	
Sunnyvale Youth Advisory Committee	A committee consisting of 12 teens selected by community events and decisions, find more information at https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/committees-and-commissions/youth-advisory-committee	• Sunnyvale Resident	• Two year term • Meetings are once per month	Apply at https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/government/committees-and-commissions/youth-advisory-committee	Closed
Santa Clara County Youth Task Force (YTF)	Youth Task Force advises the Board and OGP on matters pertaining to youth and cross-collaborate with other youth committees across the county. Find more information at https://www.santacalarcounty.gov/committees-and-commissions/youth-task-force		• Meeting every second Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 • Board of Charities Room in County Government Building	Apply at https://www.santacalarcounty.gov/committees-and-commissions/youth-task-force	Seas Full



Government Internships

Leadership Opportunities

Miscellaneous Groups

4.

Literacy Intervention Program

Working to expand, potentially throughout
Sunnyvale District

1. Weekly sessions with students at Bishop Elementary, three members currently working on this
2. Emphasis on phonics-based curriculum
3. In collaboration with teachers at the school

List of people we've worked with:

- Mayor Larry Klein
- FUHSD Board members Rosa Kim, Stanley Kou, Danny Choi
- Supervisor Otto Lee
- Supervisor Otto Lee's staff members
- Valley Water Chair of Directors (Nai Hsueh), CEO (Rick Callender), and the Executive team

Additional Projects:

- Carpooling app with Supervisor Lee's Office
- Seedbank proposal at Sunnyvale Library