

**National Forum on Youth
Violence Prevention Update
&
Youth Voice Initiative
MGPTF Policy Team Meeting
Friday, October 25, 2013**

3rd Annual National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention October 10 – 11, 2013

Attendees:

Chris Funk, Superintendent, ESUHSD

Sheila Mitchell, Chief of Probation

**Amy Reedy, Division Director, Santa Clara County
Public Health**

Jose Salcido, Senior Policy Advisor

Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager

Jeffery Marozick, Deputy Chief, SJPD

Oswaldo Ruelas-Gomez, Lead, Youth Voice Initiative

Rebecca Ezparza, Co-lead, Youth Voice Initiative



Youth Voice Initiative



**Youth Representatives:
Osvaldo Ruelas-Gomez
Rebecca Esparza**

Background

- **National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention**
- **\$10,000 grant from Target**
- **Partnership with CreaTv**

Strategic Work Plan

Purpose

- Ensure dialogue between youth and officials

Goals

1. Youth seat on policy committee
2. Creation of a youth task force
3. Utilize media to create awareness



Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force "Connecting Youth Initiative"

January 2012 – December 2012

Background

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) has been in existence since 1991 and has been the catalyst to engage community, schools, law enforcement and other government and faith based organizations in efforts to reduce gang violence throughout the City of San Jose. The effectiveness of the MGPTF has been a contributing factor in keeping San Jose one of the safest big cities in the country.

Despite its effectiveness in addressing issues of gang violence throughout the City, the MGPTF has continued to miss the mark in providing youth representation at the policy making level. Through continuous improvement, the City's selection for participation in the National Forum on Youth Violence and a grant from Target, the MGPTF can now move beyond concept and put into practice a model that provides a youth voice at local policy making levels.

Over the next 12 months, an intern will convene a youth committee in collaboration with key City staff and will partner with a local non profit agency to develop and deliver a youth public service announcement (PSA) that will demonstrate available resources as well as the benefits of civic engagement.

Outcomes:

1. Model and process that ensures an active youth voice at the policy making level.
2. Increased awareness of available resources.
3. Increased awareness of the benefits of civic engagement.

Products:

1. Youth membership and participation at the policy making level (MGPTF Policy Team and Community engagement subcommittee) playing an active role in the planning and implementation of youth violence and prevention strategies.
2. Youth Committee representative of current issues facing local youth.
3. Resource awareness PSA that will also demonstrate the benefits of civic engagement.

Youth Talk Show

- Live youth talk show at CreaTv
- Special Guests: Policy Makers
- Talk show developed and led by Youth Initiative Members

We Need Your Help!

Special Guest Stars Needed!

<http://vimeo.com/m/75041136>

Q&A