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## Attachment 01 – Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The development of the Parks Master Plan 2040 as a guiding document for the planning and prioritization of park amenities, investment in land acquisition, maintenance of existing inventory and recreation programming for all over the next 20 years. This initiative has required extensive outreach to the diverse communities of Sacramento. In the second phase of the Outreach and Engagement task of the Master Plan update, the project team had a goal to connect with underserved and hard-to-reach communities and ask for input on the existing parks and recreation programs and what their needs are for the next 20 years. The second phase of outreach also targeted the effort on connecting with youth community groups, through collaboration with the Sacramento Youth Commission and the Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment (YPCE) Youth Division. The project team reached out to youth and community groups with an intentional strategy to seek out communities of color and youth. The project team asked to connect with them through their existing standing meetings or special meetings held by the project team. The outreach was named, “Community Connections.”

The community groups were invited to discuss park and program needs through first-hand experiences to represent their specific needs for parks, facilities, programs, and community services in the Parks Master Plan. The team also intended to strengthen and build direct connections between youth and community groups and YPCE. Each “Community Connections” consisted of a short presentation with an overview of the Parks Master Plan and purpose, a brief poll about park concerns and participant demographics, and a discussion prompted by the following questions: How do parks and recreation programs impact your community group or organization? What stories can you share? What are the key needs for you? For this group?

Over 40 separate organizations, participated in the “virtual” community connections between February and July of 2021 with an estimated 350 participants. A briefing of the Community Connections key findings, poll results, and ideas are provided in Attachment 03, Community Connections Summary.

Concurrent with the “Community Connections,” the project team wanted to connect and empower youth, ages 14 through 24, to in order to express their opinions on the Master Plan Update through an interactive format. The project team launched the “Youth Art Expo and Contest: Your Parks, Your Future!” to encourage youth to use creative expressions to share impactful personal stories about parks and recreation experiences, with the potential to win a prize. The art contest allowed the project team to ask specific questions, such as: Why are parks and recreation programs meaningful to you? What about parks really works well? What do you want to see changed at parks?

Youth participants included school children and high school children, young adult programs, and Youth Ambassadors. The activity was focused on youth and underrepresented youth and were students from 19 different schools throughout Sacramento and two colleges. The youth participants identified several key themes, experiences, and amenities that they enjoy. They also shared with the project team their key concerns for Sacramento’s parks. A summary of the demographics represented, key findings, and concerns are provided in Attachment 04, Youth Art Activity Summary.

The findings from the community outreach and engagement task have been summarized within the draft Master Plan’s chapter called, “Community Voices.” This chapter is a vignette of the unique voices that make up the various communities and organizations within the city, in addition to summarizing the qualitative needs for parks, facilities, trails, programs, and open space for diverse residents. A briefing on the Community Voices: Themes is in Attachment 05.

The Outreach and Engagement Task for the Master Plan Update has resulted in an impressive 227 direct connections made over the course of almost a complete year during an unprecedented time. The project team reached out and connected with the diverse communities and organizations that represent underrepresented or under-served communities, including older adult groups, youth groups and agencies, and persons with disabilities. The consolidated outreach efforts from Fall of 2020 through Summer of 2021 have been provided in Attachment 06.

In conjunction with the outreach efforts, the project team has been thoroughly analyzing existing data on the city's parks, amenities, facility inventory, recreation programs and services. The city's existing parks, amenities and facilities inventory were reviewed through current Master Plan classifications, including: 1) existing parks, acreage, recreation amenities, and associated facilities; 2) proposed parks locations, type, and acreage; 3) major community serving facility. Based on this data, each of the park classification terms have been defined; parks and facilities were analyzed for their specific purpose and function; and park status was further defined.

In order to be consistent with current research conducted for the General Plan 2040, GIS information shared with the project team provided park data regarding access and walkability. This information informed the Master Plan's park analysis to identify parks that are within a 10-minute walk from a nearby residential neighborhood. In combination with the General Plan's analysis on Environmental Justice and the Master Plan's reliance on SMUD's Sustainable Communities data helped identify areas that are defined as Disadvantaged Communities. The analysis of the existing data and the input from the community voices will be used to inform the upcoming Needs Assessment task in the Master Plan update. The Needs Assessment task will help form priorities for equitable investment of resources for park amenities, investment in land acquisition, maintenance of existing inventory, and recreation programming.

**Policy Considerations:** Updating the Parks Master Plan is an implementation task of YPCE's Strategic Plan, the Citywide Youth Development Plan, and the City's General Plan. Per the 2018 Strategic Plan, staff have been instructed to increase outreach to engage community members in park planning and design and increase youth participation to meet the needs of current and future residents. The updated Parks Master Plan 2040 will incorporate those supporting goals and policies as well as community input from community outreach and engagement into a comprehensive Parks Master Plan policy document to guide department programs and investments for the next 20 years.

**Economic Impacts:** Not Applicable

**Environmental Considerations:** No project is being proposed at this time. Staff is presenting information and seeking Commission input. Environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be conducted prior to the adoption of the Parks Master Plan 2040.

**Sustainability:** The City's Sustainability Master Plan (December 2007) and the Department's Sustainability Plan (August 2008) were incorporated into the current Master Plan policies. These policies are reviewed for incorporation into the update of the Parks Master Plan. Additional policies pertaining to sustainability will also be considered from the City's 2040 General Plan during the update process.

**Commission/Committee Action:** The Parks Master Plan team has met with the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission on April 4, 2019, August 6, 2020, and December 7, 2020, and a joint meeting with the Sacramento Youth Commission on June 4, 2020, for informational presentations regarding Parks Master Plan 2040 progress.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Not Applicable

**Financial Considerations:** The Parks Master Plan 2040 update will include information about a range of funding options and an overview of funding needs to implement the Parks Master Plan, which may be considered when providing additional resources necessary to implement it. Approval of the Parks Master Plan update does not include approval of any major new financing initiatives; rather, it may provide guidance for development of estimated costs, feasibility analysis and work plans to develop the mechanisms to finance implementation of the Parks Master Plan, subject to City review and approval.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not Applicable



## Parks Master Plan 2040 Update

### **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING | OCTOBER 4, 2021**

**20 min.**

#### **Presentation: Parks Master Plan Update**

- Planning Process
- Outreach Findings
- Preliminary Park System Analysis
- Next Steps

**50 min.**

#### **Discussion: Preliminary Park System Analysis**

- Several of the "Community Voices" heard during the planning process spoke to needs for quality parks, facilities and programs. Of the key themes discussed, what resonates most with you?
- In the park system analysis, the City counts "access to parks, parkways, and open space" equally, even though different parts of the community have different needs, and parks are not equal in terms of different levels of development, quality, condition and programming. Should "equity" guide new policies for providing parks?

**5 min.**

#### **Wrap-Up**

- Next steps in the plan process



# Community Connections Summary

## INTRODUCTION

The City of Sacramento is updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2005-2010) to guide improvements to parks, trails, recreation facilities, and programs over the next 20 years. To inform the development of the new Parks Master Plan 2040, the City of Sacramento, and its consultant team, MIG Inc., reached out to the community groups serving Sacramento to “virtually connect” with them via existing standing meetings or special meetings. The project team named these “Community Connections.”

**Purpose** – The project team introduced the planning process to 43 community organizations to discuss and understand park and program needs through the first-hand experiences and preferences of residents from diverse backgrounds and demographics. There was an intentional strategy to seek out communities of color and youth to understand and represent their specific needs for parks, facilities, programs, and services in the Parks Master Plan. The team also intended to strengthen and build new connections between community groups and the Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department (YPCE).

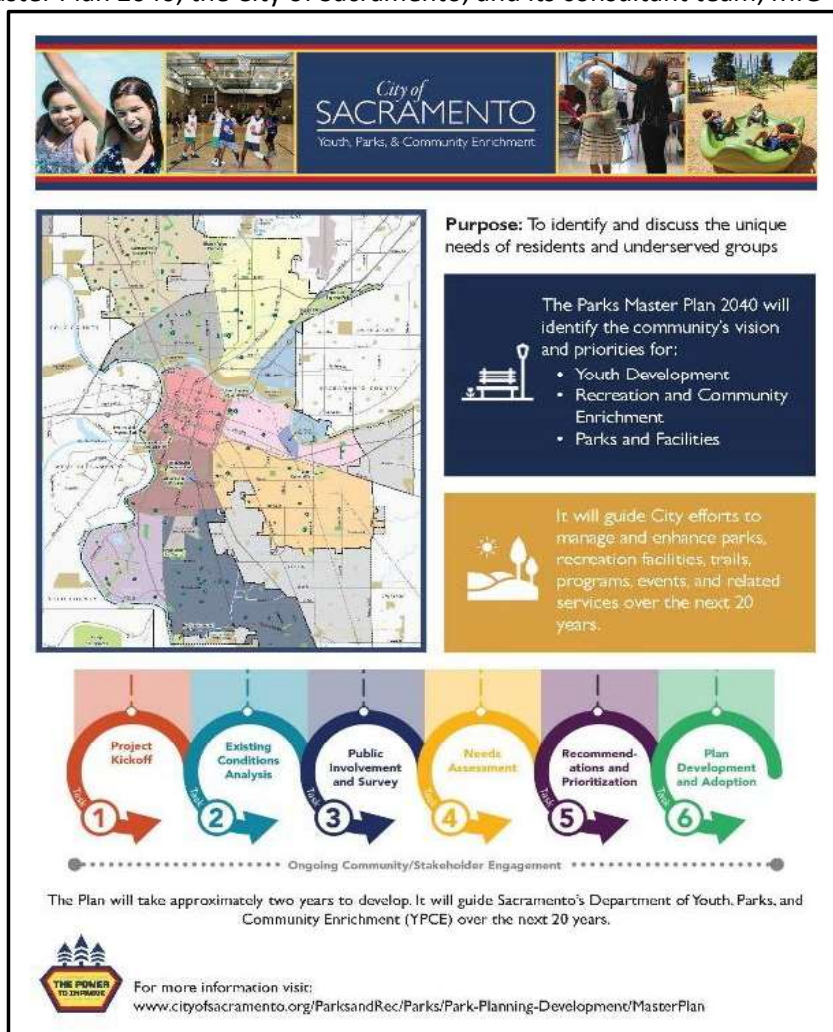


Figure 1: Project factsheet developed for the connections.

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## APPROACH

**Outreach** – The project team identified a list of organizations through research and existing contacts to participate in Community Connections. Many groups were invited to be involved. There was a total of 43 groups participated in the community connections between February and July of 2021. Five meetings were targeting groups that work with young people. Throughout the process, a PowerPoint, flyer, and factsheet were developed to inform community groups about the planning process. These documents were used in a variety of outreach methods, including direct emails, social media campaigns, City’s blog posts, hard copy fliers, and website links. The project team also promoted a youth art contest during the four presentations that targeted youth organizations and activities.

**Connection Format** - The connections were launched during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure compliance with health and safety protocols, all meetings were conducted virtually. A couple of meetings were hybrids, where the group was in-person, but the presenters met with the group via videoconference. One meeting was held in Spanish.

Each community connection consisted of a short presentation with an overview of the Parks Master Plan and purpose, a brief Mentimeter poll about park concerns and participant demographics, and a discussion prompted by the following questions:

- How do parks and recreation programs impact your community group or organization? What stories can you share?
- What are the key needs for you? For this group?

There were an estimated 350 participants based on room counts and polling responses. YPCE and/or MIG staff took notes at each Community Connection to identify the needs and opportunities of parks and recreational programs and personal stories. The findings from this engagement opportunity will be combined and considered with the other community input conducted for the Parks Master Plan 2040.



Figure 2: Screenshot of the zoom presentation to the Northgate community.

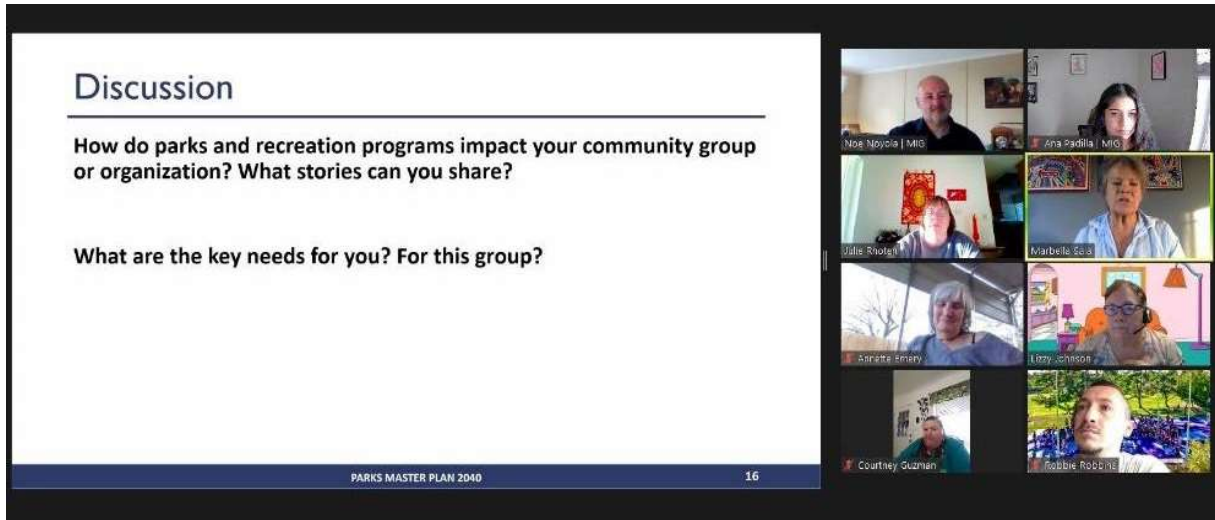


Figure 3: Screenshot of the discussion with the Northgate community.

## KEY FINDINGS

The following are the synthesized themes heard across the Community Connections.

- **Property Supervision and Activation** – There are concerns regarding personal safety and safe use of the park and recreational space. There were recommendations to activate the park through programs, events, additional supervision, and infrastructure to “have eyes at the park” while not increasing tension.
- **Unhoused People in Parks** – There has been an increase in the number of people without homes settling in parks. Several participants described feeling unsafe. Some observed a depreciation of park amenities in specific areas.
- **Physical Barriers in Access to Parks** - Participants cited physical barriers to their local or even regional parks because of major roadways as barriers, gaps in pedestrian or bike paths, and safe routes from their home which ultimately limit their use.
- **Funding** - There are concerns regarding how to financially support the identified park and program needs. There was strong support for creative solutions by collaborating and partnering with local organizations and groups.
- **Infrastructure Upkeep and Updates** - Participants identified infrastructure issues and maintenance challenges within parks.
- **Park Features and Opportunities** - Participants shared ideas for new or adapted park hours, features, desired amenities, and facilities in parks.
- **Community Ownership and Stewardship** - Participants shared ideas for nurturing a relationship between community members, their parks, and the City.
- **Community Communication** - Participants emphasized the need to have consistent reliable communication and engagement with the city and program coordinators for indoor and outdoor activities for all communities.
- **Park Activities, Events, and Programs** - There is a desire to better advertise and support the wealth of diverse and accessible programs, activities, and events throughout the city.



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### POLL

Each presentation was concluded with an optional five question poll. Staff asked three demographic questions and two park quality questions using an online polling tool called Mentimeter. Participants took the poll through an online link distributed through the chat and/or a QR code that was embedded in the presentation.

For each poll question, a number “n” is provided for the number of respondents to the individual question. This number is the basis of the percentages shown. The value for “n” varies for each question since respondents could skip questions when taking the survey. Also, some questions allowed participants to select two or more answer choices, resulting in total counts greater than the number of respondents and total percentages greater than 100%.

Figure 4: Chart displaying the most pressing concerns for parks in Sacramento. (n:290)

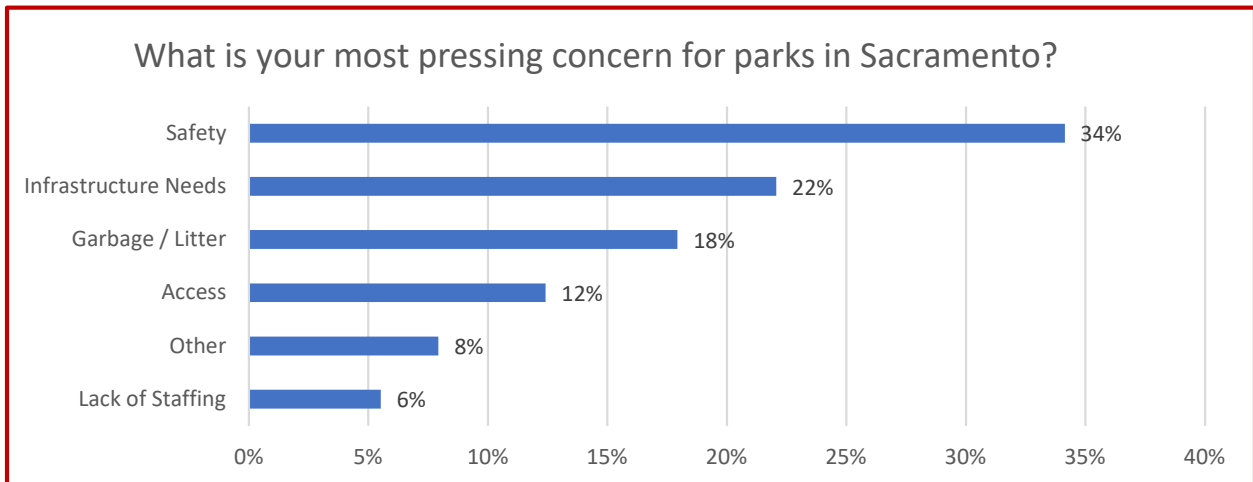


Figure 5: Mentimeter poll graphic for "How would you rate the quality of parks and recreation in Sacramento?"

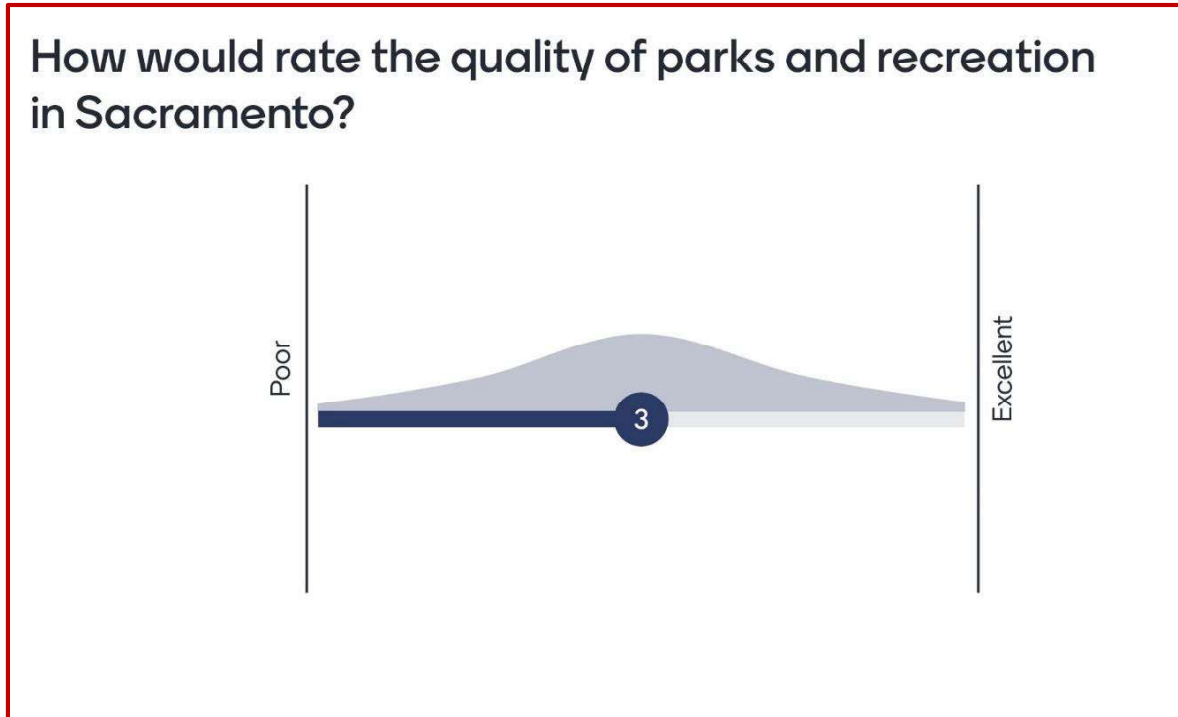


Figure 6: Table displaying the average rating of the quality of parks and recreation in Sacramento. (1 is the lowest to 5 is highest) (n:291)

Weighted average	1 (Lowest)	2	3	4	5 (Highest)
3.03202847	12	58	135	61	15

**Participants**

Participants represented a diversity in race/ethnicity, age, interest, and level of community involvement. Many of the participants have lived in Sacramento for over 25 years (29%). The poll showed that most participants were 18 years old or younger (31%). This was due to targeted engagement with youth organizations for the Youth Art Contest.

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Figure 7: Chart displaying the amount of time participants have lived in Sacramento. (n:300)

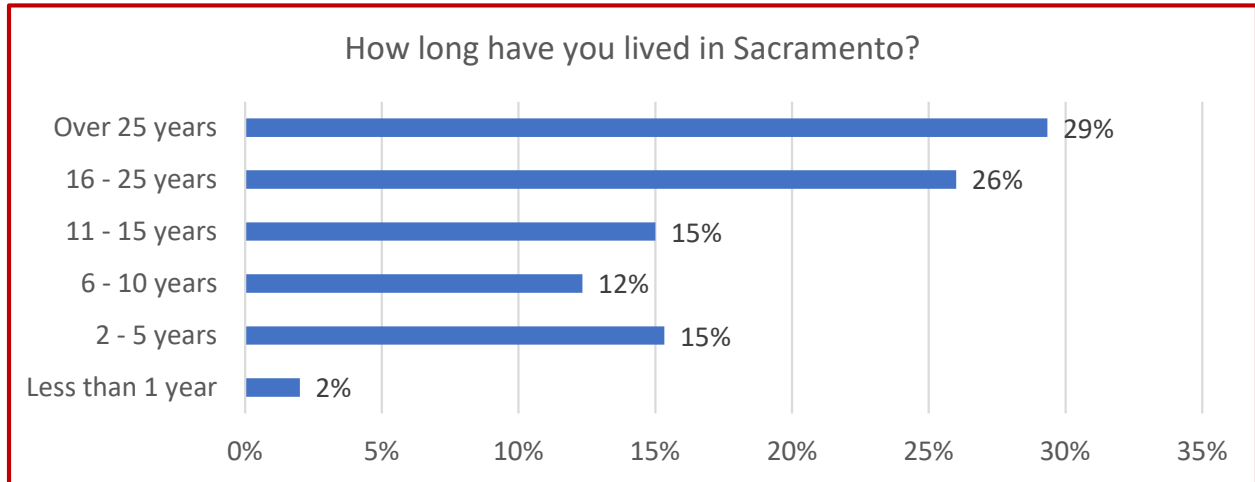


Figure 8: Chart displaying the age of the participants. (n:287)

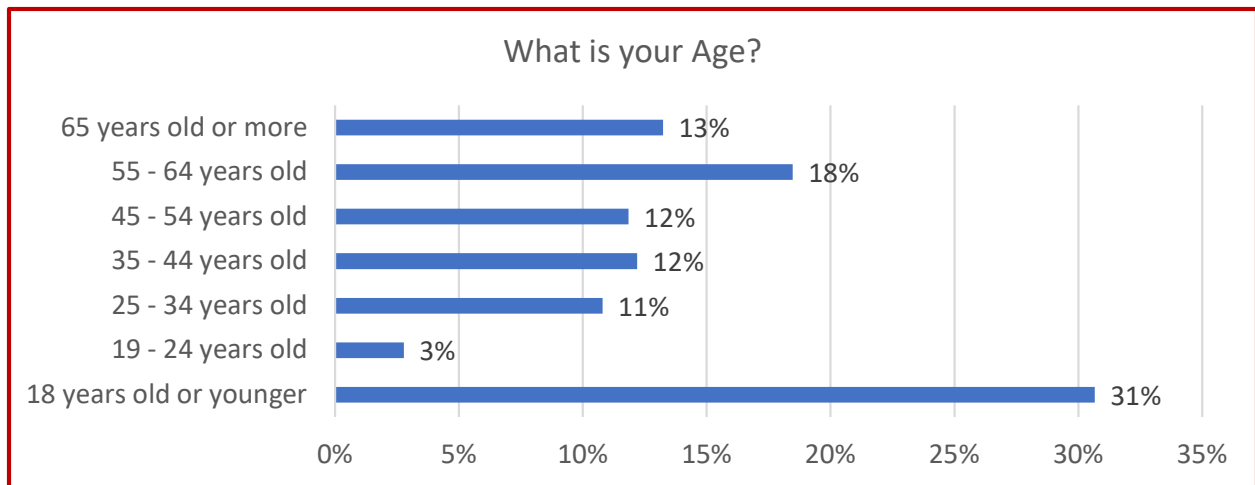
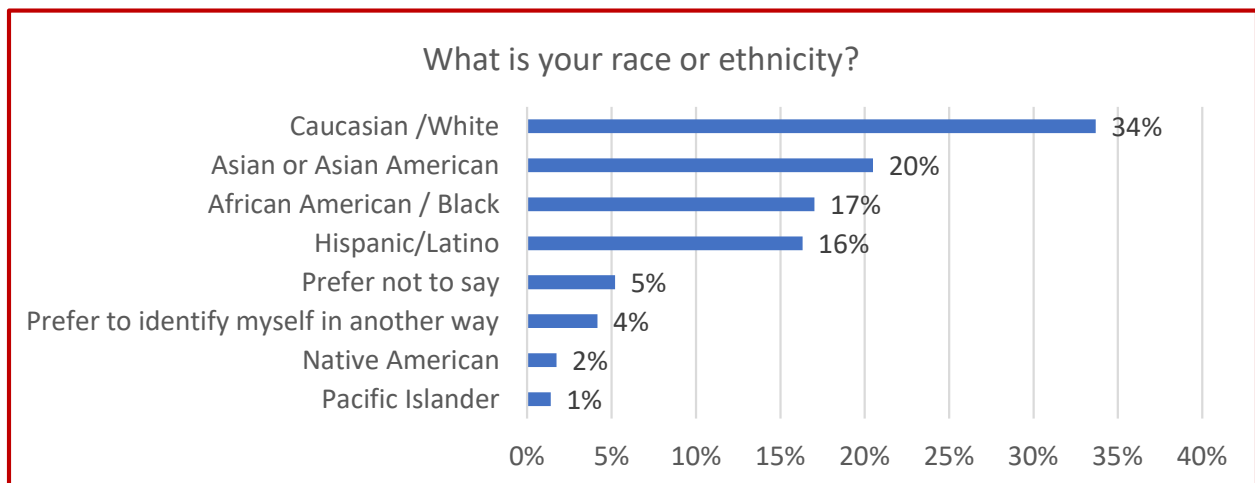


Figure 9: Chart displaying the race/ethnicity of the participants. (n:288)



## LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND STANDING MEETINGS

1. Deerfield Neighborhood Association
2. Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission
3. Urban Strategies, Inc.
4. South Pocket Homeowners Association
5. Franklin Neighborhood Development Corporation (FNDC)
6. Detroit Neighborhood Association
7. Colonial Village Neighborhood Association
8. AARP
9. Jonnie and Friends
10. A Community of Caring Senior Services (ACC Senior Services)
11. Del Paso Heights Community Association
12. Resources for Independent Living
13. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
14. Sac Kids First Neighborhood Meeting
15. North Laguna Creek/Valley Hi Neighborhood Association
16. Rancho Del Paso Neighborhood Association
17. The Renaissance Society
18. North City Farms
19. Asian Community Center Senior Community Service Employment Program
20. Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association (GNNA)/Stanford Settlement
21. Live Well Valley Hi
22. Warmline Family Resource Center
23. Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association
24. Hagginwood Community Association
25. Ben Ali Community Association
26. City of Sacramento's ADA Commission
27. Noralto-Neighbors United/All Eyes on Deck District 2
28. Asian Community Center Town Hall Meeting
29. Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
30. Stockton Blvd Partnership Board
31. PRO Youth and Families - High School Seniors
32. Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association
33. La Familia
34. Senior Center at Sierra 2 Center/Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association
35. Sacramento Tree Foundation
36. Landscape and Learning (YPCE Program)
37. Robla Park Community Association
38. Golf Terrace Estates/Chorley Park Neighborhood
39. Meadowview Neighborhood Association
40. Summer @ City Hall Afternoon Session (YPCE Program)
41. Liberty Towers Community Connection/Impact Sac
42. District 1 Youth Action Corps.
43. Sacramento Youth Center

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# IDEAS AND STORIES

The following are the synthesized themes, ideas, and first-hand accounts from the connections.

### *Property Supervision and Activation*

- There are concerns regarding the presence of drugs, alcohol, kidnapping, smoking, violence, noise, loitering, crime, and general disregard of rules. (Mask mandates, etc.)
- There is interest in providing park supervision or security and invention to “have an eye on the park” without law enforcement.
  - Install fake cameras, community officers, signs.
  - Place first aid kits at parks, especially those with activity spaces (sports fields, skate parks, playgrounds, etc.).
  - District 2, Hagginwood Park, Tahoe Park, Auburn Blvd parking area, Woodlake, and Chorley Park were identified as areas where additional supervision and activities are needed.
  - Activate the parks through positive events, programs, facilities and gathering spaces, and Community ownership.

#### **In Their Own Words: Property Supervision and Activation**

“The Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association wanted to revive their community and park. They found out that the Sacramento Kings were in the process of looking for a park to sponsor. The GNNA made it difficult to say no to their bid... (GNNA & Sacramento Kings) Together they started to develop events and improved facilities; BBQ lunches, movie nights, holiday parties & parades, a new solar parking station, a camera, splash pads, etc.”

### *Unhoused people in parks*

- The emergence of people camping and living in parks influences whether people use the parks, how people use the parks and how comfortable people are at parks.
  - Provide support and resources for people living in encampments.
  - The northern area, City parks, Susan B. Anthony Park, Chorley Park, McClatchy park, Hagginwood in Arcade Creek were identified as areas where people without homes are located.
- There are concerns regarding territorial behavior, ignoring rules, impacting the natural environment, and sanitizing facilities, specifically restrooms.

#### **In Their Own Words: Unhoused people in parks**

- “Unhoused population is adding more garbage than usual to parks”
- “Homeless have been around awhile, more visible with covid. It takes a lot of money to fix but it needs to be addressed.”

### *Physical Connections to the Parks*

- There are needs for physical connections to parks through driving, biking, walking, equine, and or other forms of transportation to make local parks and programs more accessible and convenient for people of all physical abilities.
  - Safe and accessible routes at high speed intersections and accessible routes for seniors and youth.

- Make riding a bike safer.
- Make Public transportation more connective for youth and families.
- Continue the “Active Streets” program.
- Areas that were identified as needing a local park or better access were Deerfield Neighborhood and Delta Shores Regional Park, Franklin Neighborhood, Natomas and Northgate, Detroit Community, Gardenland, 29th Avenue area, and Mackey Park.
  - No connection from North and South using Franklin Boulevard – challenging for people who live South of the school (North City Farm area).
- Maintain the roads, sidewalks, public transportation infrastructure.
  - Walkways are cracked, uneven walkways make older residents feel unwelcome in parks.
- There is interest to connect existing bike paths and trails to destinations creating a larger park and recreation network.
  - Connections from Del Rio Trail to Pocket Road, Indiana Ave to Steelhead Creek to Gardenland Park, Hagginwood to the golf course, Sutterville Road to Curtis Park, Hagginwood and Del Paso area to the Sacramento Northern bike trail.
  - Connect older neighborhoods with walkways, greenways, or parkways – people want long walks rather than walking in the same loop multiple times.

### In Their Own Words: Physical Connections to the Parks

- ““There are no barriers from speeding cars and bicyclists on the sidewalks making pedestrians feel unsafe.”
- “Youth looking to attend events, youth will go to their local park but have issues with transportation to farther parks. Need smaller events in more parks.”
- “Gardenland Park is tucked away so wayfinding is really difficult, didn’t know it was there till I joined [Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association]. Everyone drives because there is no other way to access it.”
- “The Detroit community relies on Sacramento Unified for access to parks”

### Funding

- There are concerns about funding the maintenance and updating that would be required for parks and programs.
- There is an interest to seek and apply for other revenue streams to improve parks through grants, Measure U, joint-use agreement, PBIDs to financially support the community.
  - Apply for the Cal Fire grant for urban forestry.
  - Find sponsorships with private and nonprofit groups.
  - Involve stakeholders that will be able to incorporate more resources.
  - Use Park Development Impact Fees that are generated by building permits.
- There is an interest to collaborate and support community events with partnership opportunities and financial support.

### Infrastructure Upkeep

- There is a need to provide constant maintenance and updates of all facilities and amenities such as restrooms, trash cans, picnic areas, lighting, water refill stations, exercise equipment, play

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- equipment, landscaping and greening, tree irrigation, etc.
  - Ensure parks and open spaces throughout the City are maintained and kept clean.
  - Irrigation is an issue.
  - Ensure amenities throughout the City are maintained and kept clean.
- There is a need to ensure facilities are safe from any kind of hazards (flooding, fire, trash, etc.) around and in the parks.
  - Provide lighting for safety.
  - Prevent hazards in open space areas.
  - Some areas that were identified as needing more maintenance and updated equipment were Del Paso Slash Pad, William Land Park, Chorley Park, Johnston Park, Niño’s Parkway, Curtis Park, McClatchy Park, John Muir Park, Freeport Park, South Sacramento parks, Susan B. Anthony, Gardenland Park, Laguna Creek Park, Robertson Park, Earl Warren Park, Shasta Park, Valley Hi Park, LeVar Burton Park, Willie Caston park, North Laguna Creek Preserve, Bannon Creek Parkway, Marriot Park, Meadowview park, Mae Fong Park, Council District 2 area parks, Council District 8 area parks, Mama Marks Park, Curtis Park, Oak Park, etc.
- There is an assumption that the disadvantaged areas are going to tolerate neglected and mismanaged parks.
  - Ensure all communities are managed equitably.

### In Their Own Words: Infrastructure Upkeep

- “Not all parks are kept up equally”
- “Communities should not have to leave their neighborhood to recreate.”
- “Equipment is older and breaking down. Not the same in other areas.”
- “Los Niño’s Parkway goes through the Northgate neighborhood and many people use it, but it is not maintained. It is mostly weeds, no parking in the parkway nodes, very limited access to exercise equipment. It could be an amazing asset.”
- “John Mackey Park has the oldest grove of blue oaks, and we want to protect and fill in with native plants and trees. City never put in irrigation after Sac Tree Foundation planted trees and the trees died. Would like new ones and to have them adequately maintained by the Urban Forestry Department.”
- “Bathrooms don’t have soap; make sure there is proper sanitation, especially on the weekends. Bathrooms are a necessity but there is a big cleanliness issue.”
- “Trash cans are only in one part of the park – encouraging people to litter if there is not one near them – multiple trash receptacles all around the park might encourage people not to litter.”

### Park Design

- There is a desire to design parks to be intergenerational, cultural, and universally accessible to inspire an active and safe use of parks.
  - Provide basic accommodations and amenities for visually impaired, hearing impaired, people with disabilities, and older adults.

- Integrate more walking paths and trails weaving through parkland.
- Integrate more sitting areas, picnic tables, and covered picnic areas, especially for older adults who need to rest.
- Add more little libraries, info centers or kiosks, and community gardens.
- South Sacramento was identified as an area that needed a more functional and well-designed park.
- Integrate creative and inclusive play areas for people of all ages and abilities.
  - Integrate more sensory play elements and amenities for children and people with disabilities, i.e., tactile, sound-oriented play features like the musical harp (Southside Community Park), accessible suspension bridge, sand play, water play, bucket swings, zip line with bucket chair, teeter-totter with a ramp to walk up.
  - Integrate outdoor classrooms, tables for board games, skate parks.
- The community wants access to clean and safe amenities such as restrooms, water fountains, picnic areas, splash pads, volleyball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, rugby fields, disc golf, softball diamond, Wi-Fi, aquatic center, skate parks, water sports for cooling kids in the summer, multi-purpose courts, stocked pond for fishing, dirt bike parks, concession stands, etc.
  - Make amenities and facilities available throughout the city.
  - Integrate interesting amenities such as art, different types of walkways, native plants, butterfly/hummingbird gardens.
- The community wants to see parks designed to be sensitive to the natural setting.
  - Integrate more pollinator gardens, demonstration gardens, educational native gardens.
  - Integrate more trees into parks in neighborhoods and parks where they are lacking like Bannon Creek Parkway, the playground at Tahoe Park, Meadowview Park.
  - Enhance and protect the existing natural assets and features.
- The community wants to see parks designed to

### ***In Their Own Words: Park Design***

- “Concrete walkways are better for older adults with assistive equipment.”
- “Would like a community garden closer to them – empty lot at the entrance to the neighborhood when you come in from Meadowview, by the levee.”
- “New play area that is handicap accessible – sign says “accessible” playground, but this is just a ramp that runs into bark”
- “Playgrounds that include differently-abled and able-bodied kids together. Play is important for socialization.”
- “Support community garden efforts, like the community gardens in Oak Park. The city’s current requirements for community gardens need to be more relaxed and less expensive.”
- “Enhanced playground with more lighting so you can run around the park at night.”
- “Wi-Fi-hotspots for places to do homework.”
- “Use boulders for fencing instead of post and cable fencing – keeps the wildlife in the area”
- “Have art in the park that represents the cultural base in the park – Like the mural boards in McClatchy Park – Community garden with an art mural.”
- “Allow space for Native American programming like basket weaving and planting native plants.”
- “Dog leash law is not being followed – more signage about leash violation and cleaning up after pets”



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- include cultural spaces and programs.
  - Signage and park plaques should be in multiple languages to support the following: the Hispanic/Latinx community, the Chinese community, the Vietnamese community, etc.
  - Integrate art and cultural events into the park designs.
- The community wants more gathering or event spaces.
  - Integrate large indoor sports complexes, older adult friendly community centers, and programming space.
- The community wants to have safe spaces for active dog use, to make sure humans, and dogs can interact in the park.
  - Integrate more separate off-leash area and dog sanitation/trash areas.

## ***Community Ownership and Stewardship***

- There is a call to encourage residents to go to their local parks.
  - Take inventory of community parks that are accessible or have accessible features on the City's website.
- The community wants to inspire neighborhood ownership by coordinating with neighborhood associations and groups to collaborate and manage maintenance.
- The community wants the city to have continuous outreach and be held accountable for maintenance.
- There is support to build and nurture relationships partner with other organizations to provide programs, host events, and leave a legacy.
  - Continue partnering with community centers and Public Library events to feed off each other in terms of participants.
  - Continue summer camp under the Summer OASIS program.
  - City investment in staffing to build capacity as a joint effort.
  - Collaborate with local artists for public art.
- There are concerns regarding the impact of increased multi-unit housing around parks.
  - Increase the ratio of residents to parks.

### ***In Their Own Words: Community Ownership and Stewardship***

- "People going to their own neighborhood parks creates community, but the neighborhood parks must be just as desirable as those in richer neighborhoods for people to do this."
- "Youth services are a way to maintain parks and give youth jobs."
- "When we sub-contract park maintenance, we make sure residents know what is happening and can provide feedback to the council member, so they know who to contact if maintenance is not doing their job."
- "People want to help. Get people involved in trash cleanup by giving them the resources, providing trash grabbers during festivals or presentations."
- "Farmer's market could help with food desert and community building. Need to get fresh fruits and vegetables."
- "Nonprofits tend to take on the role of engaging the community, especially the underserved areas."

### ***Community Communication***

- The community wants people of all walks of life, ages, and ability is to be included and communicate about parks and programs.
  - Remove cultural and language barriers in programs and communications.
  - Advertise activities and parks to make the community aware of how to engage and participate.
  - Have a point person to engage and answer questions in underserved communities.
  - Communicate with underserved communities, educational institutions, neighborhood associations, monolingual individuals, families, people with disabilities, ADA Commission, Youth Commission, affinity groups, etc., early on in any type of planning (new project, event, programs, etc.).
  - Residents are not sure what programming is still happening – the variety of programs has changed over the years.
- The community is open to authentic, frequent, transparent, and creative communication.
  - Use City bills to promote events.
  - Use social media to get the word out about meetings and activity times and locations.
  - Use multiple languages when engaging the community.
  - Hold the City responsible and accountable to maintain the parks, coordinate events, and take care of existing assets.
  - Increase awareness of recreation opportunities. Outreach through schools and encouraging word of mouth.
  - Identify and communicate the channel of who to contact about maintenance issues in the park.
- The community wants to prioritize understanding and engaging underserved communities as an ongoing effort.
  - Make sure the naming of the parks is representative of the community and the history of each neighborhood to engage residents.
  - Connect with the community and support them in taking ownership of the park by going to trusted community partners at parks, churches, and schools.
  - Understand which amenities each neighborhood wants before it is built.
- The community wants to target engagement for older adults and youth to share what programs and events are available to them and to encourage involvement.

## Community Connections Summary

***In Their Own Words: Community Communication***

- "Youth services are a way to maintain parks and give youth jobs."
- "When we sub-contract park maintenance, we make sure residents know what is happening and can provide feedback to the council member, so they know who to contact if maintenance is not doing their job."
- "People want to help. Get people involved in trash cleanup by giving them the resources, providing trash grabbers during festivals or presentations."
- "Farmer's market could help with food desert and community building. Need to get fresh fruits and vegetables."
- "Nonprofits tend to take on the role of engaging the community, especially the underserved areas."
- "Infographics, flyers, posters good for reaching kids – Too many steps to sign up or too much text on the flyer is discouraging to them."
- "Suggestion to provide signage on who maintains the park and how to get a hold of maintenance staff. Provide contact info on signs, maybe create a media campaign on who maintains the park and how to contact them for problems."
- "Help people understand when their new park is coming – particularly involving new developments – improving public understanding of park development fees and how they influence when a park is being built, etc."

***Park Activities, Events, and Programs***

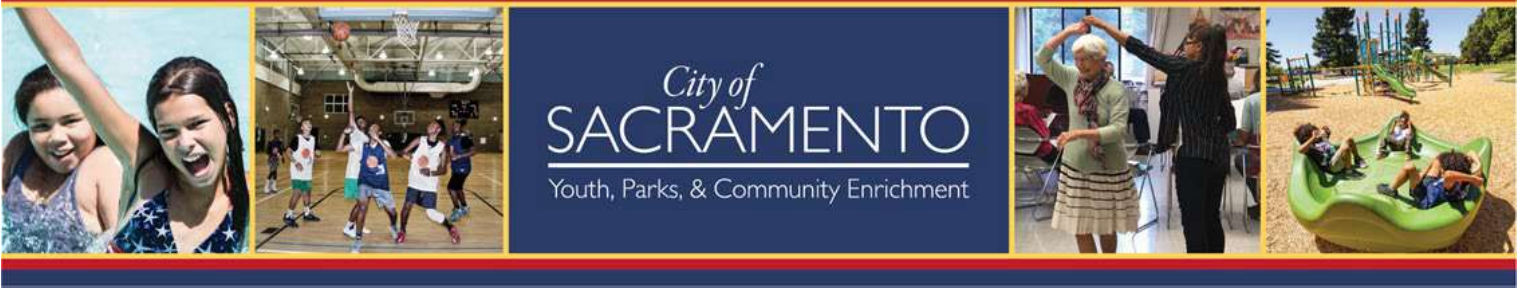
- There is a desire to offer various financially accessible and physically convenient programs for people of all abilities, ages, cultures, interests, and neighborhoods.
  - Inventory programs, events, and activities.
  - Programs: Mentoring program between youth and older adults, sports programs for older adults, music, dance, drama, art classes, indoor activities, formal and leisure sports teams throughout the city (Volleyball, Pickleball, Soccer, Power wheelchair soccer, Basketball, Bocce, Softball, football, Frisbee golf, Futsal), START afterschool program (Susan B. Anthony Park), educational opportunities, yoga classes, fishing club or class, tutoring opportunities, professional workshops, trade training, finance classes, cooking classes, sewing classes, Camp Sacramento, Landscape and Learning, Impact Sacramento.
  - Activities: Ice cream social gatherings, Vegetable swap, Stress puppy petting, Community bike rides, Intergenerational activities, gardening activities.
- There is a need to support activities and programs by supplying them with safe and the correct equipment as well as the appropriate staffing for the activity.
  - Coordinate and organize activities and programs schedule, availability, having the staff infrastructure to keep programs running smoothly.
  - Coordinate and communicate park information so that it is more visible (website, social media, flyers, etc.).
  - Have park rangers do rounds more frequently to enforce park rules.

## Community Connections Summary

- The community wants opportunities for individuals and groups to host activities and gatherings at parks.
  - Allow and support: family gatherings; reunions, birthdays, BBQs, cultural events, cultural holiday celebrations, cultural group meetings.
  - Explore partnership activities with YPCE and ACC Senior Services.
- There is a need to provide a variety of programs for underrepresented groups at various locations and times.
  - Create more opportunities to gather for cultural purposes.
  - Identify and provide access to services to combat health and food disparities.
- There is a desire to offer and engage in events at various parks.
  - Have continuous and rotating events.
  - Events: Picnics, sports practices, Valley Hi Safety Day, Sponsored events, sports practices, Flea markets, Concerts, movie nights, Older Adult-friendly day, Earth Day art festival, “Walk on the Wild Side”, “Local wildlife and nature festivals,” Halloween Parties, National night out events, multi-cultural events, Potluck, fairs, markets, food truck events, street vendors, parades.
  - Fix rates for events at a lower rate to help out lower-income residents in putting on events.

### ***In Their Own Words: Park Activities, Events, and Programs***

- “Would like farm and garden area (on Sacramento Horsemen’s Association property) – exposing inner-city children to farming and gardening – since this area is a traditionally rural/farming area.”
- “Locate areas with larger populations of older adults and focus programs there.”
- “Host events in parks so that residents know they are welcome and safe.”
- “Would like weekly concerts in South Sacramento – things that bring the community together – food trucks in parks – sees these types of events in the Central City but not in other areas of the city.”



# Youth Art Activity Summary

## INTRODUCTION

The City of Sacramento is updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2005-2010) to guide improvements to parks, trails, recreation facilities, and programs over the next 20 years. To inform the development of the new Parks Master Plan 2040, the City of Sacramento, and its consultant team, led by MIG Inc., launched the “Youth Art Expo and Contest: Your Parks, Your Future!” through the summer of 2021 with the City of Sacramento Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department (YPCE) to help inform priorities for the Master Plan Update.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the contest was to engage youth in Sacramento creatively (through writing, poetry, videos, photos, and drawings) to help uncover impactful personal stories and family stories about parks and recreation experiences, to gain a sense of the types of places, activities, and programs that Sacramento should continue to prioritize, and to promote youth involvement in civic life. This activity was intended to collect input from Sacramento youth (including underrepresented youth) to understand their needs.



**Artist Statement: Geneva Tovar**

*My art is inspired by the art surrounding Sacramento.*

## METHODOLOGY

**Activity Description** – Posted on June 1, 2021, through July 31, 2021, submissions were accepted through YPCE. Youth ages 14-24 (with parental permission for those under 18) were invited to document and reflect their lived reality involving parks and recreation programs by photographing, exhibiting, or verbalizing scenes that respond to the following key questions:

- Why are parks and recreation programs meaningful to you?
- What about parks really works well?
- What do you want to see changed at parks?

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There were opportunities to team up or to submit independently. Selected winners received \$300 in prize money (one award each for ages 19-24, 16-18, and 14-15), and \$600 worth of honorable mention prizes which were divided into twelve (12) \$50 awards. Demographic information was also collected.

A separate Youth Advisory Committee was created from 7 participants from Summer @ City Hall and SYC to help share the contest within their networks and judge the art submissions. The committee reviewed the art pieces under four criteria; creativity, relevance, originality, opportunity for Impact.

**Participants** – The targeted audience included youth up to 24 years old, including school children, Summer @ Virtual City Hall participants, young adult program participants, and Youth Ambassadors. There were approximately 61 submissions (including some group submissions) from the following age groups:

- Age 14-15: 19 submissions
- Age 16-18: 35 submissions
- Age 19-24: 7 submissions

This activity was focused on youth, including underrepresented youth of refugee and immigrant populations, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) youth. The following racial and ethnic groups of youth were represented:

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|--|--------------------------------|
| • Asian or Asian American: 23          | • Native American: 1           |
| • Hispanic / Latino: 18                | • Pacific Islander: 1          |
| • Caucasian / White (not Hispanic): 13 | • Prefer not to say: 1         |
| • African American / Black: 9          | • Prefer to self-identify: 21* |

\* Self-identities included Mixed, Italian, Hmong, Chinese and Chinese American, Sacramento, Hapa, Mexican, Filipino, Black and White, Vietnamese.

The following schools were represented:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| • C.K. McClatchy High School: 3     | • Natomas Charter Virtual Learning Academy: 1  |
| • Capital City School: 1            | • Natomas High School: 1                       |
| • Christian Brothers High School: 2 | • Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep High School: 2 |
| • Grant Union High School: 1        | • Rio Linda High School: 1                     |
| • Hiram Johnson High School: 4      | • Rosemont High School: 1                      |
| • Inderkum High School: 7           | • Sacramento City College: 1                   |
| • Jefferson Elementary: 1           | • Sacramento Country Day School: 1             |
| • John F. Kennedy High School: 7    | • Smythe Academy: 1                            |
| • Luther Burbank High School: 2     | • UC Berkeley: 1                               |
| • Mira Loma High School: 1          | • UC San Diego: 1                              |
| • Natomas Charter School: 1         |  |

### Jennifer Chan: Why Parks are Meaningful to Me

Parks are meaningful to me because they are a space for everyone and in most cases have various activities to try and interest the majority. I have found that parks are something that can be enjoyed in all of the seasons of the year and most importantly it costs nothing to attend a park. The best thing about Sacramento parks is how each park is different and while some may look similar, none of them are replicas. I would like to see courts in a better condition at parks and for bathrooms to be more well maintained.

## KEY FINDINGS

Youth participants identified several key themes, experiences, and amenities that they enjoy in Sacramento Parks, which they hope will be continued and/or enhanced.

**Community Building** – Participants clearly defined the importance of parks to their communities, in creating unity by bringing people together of all ages and backgrounds. Parks are a place to enjoy and create opportunities, safely, through a shared responsibility and connectedness. Parks have also been described by youth as places that have played a significant role in their childhood and young adulthood, helped them to grow into better people, and to learn critical social skills. A recurring comment was the importance of memory-making in parks, as children and as young adults. Events and celebrations such as birthdays, picnics, sporting events, and BBQs are particularly important to youth to share time with their family, friends (old and new), and greater community. Youth also greatly appreciate hardworking park maintenance employees for keeping parks safe and clean.

**Mental Health** – Participants highlighted their use of parks for mental health, as places where they can enjoy fresh air, nature, and wildlife (such as squirrels, fish, and ducks) to step away from the computer screen, de-stress, meditate, relax, and find peace and joy. Trails, rivers, and duck ponds were listed as great examples of nature features in parks. Trees are particularly important to youth, and several highlighted that Sacramento is “the city of trees.”

**Physical Health** – Participants listed many park amenities and activities that they enjoy including running, walking, bike rides, soccer, tennis, volleyball, flag football, softball, baseball, whiffle ball, swimming in the river, rock climbing walls, kite flying, board games, dog parks, skate parks, and water parks which were all listed as particular favorites. Additionally, playgrounds and structures (such as swings, slides, jungle gyms, and monkey bars) were highlighted as important parts of childhood play for youth in their past and for their younger siblings who currently use them.

**Geographic Priorities** – Participants listed several parks in particular – throughout Sacramento – that they enjoyed as a child, still enjoy today, and/or wish to enjoy into the future. Some parks are considered in great condition (“perfect as-is”), while others have been listed as “desiring improvement.” There was also a recognition by some youth that there are existing disparities in the parks between different districts. Generally, the youth expressed love for the diversity of parks.



**Artist Statement: Bisrat Millen**

*This was a group project done by the Castaways team in the Summer @ Virtual City Hall program. The video was a PSA made to raise awareness of the importance of parks and their updates, and to encourage more youth to provide their input on parks! The image was a billboard that encapsulated our idea and could catch the eye of passing youth.*

*\*This submission was accompanied by a video.*

## Youth Art Activity Summary

- Bill Conlin Sports Complex
- Blackbird Park
- Blue Oak Park
- Cabrillo Park
- Fairytale Town (William Land Park)
- Frank Seymour Park
- Garcia Bend Park
- Kokomo Park
- Lincoln Village Community Park
- McClatchy Park
- Miller Regional Park
- North Natomas Regional Park
- Portuguese Community Park
- River Bend Park
- Robert Brookins Park
- Southside Park and Community Garden
- Strawberry Manor Park
- Sutter Health Ballpark
- William Land Regional Park
- William McKinley Park
- WPA Rock Garden (William Land Park)
- California State Capitol Park \*
- Discovery Park\*
- Folsom Lake State Recreation Area\*
- Foothill Community Park\*

### Bisrat Millen: Why Parks are Meaningful to Me

Parks and recreation programs provide a way for community members to bond and create connections with each other. Togetherness is important in a community, and parks and recreation programs help community members achieve this. Whether it be through gatherings in parks, or shared experiences in recreation programs, parks and recreation programs are meaningful to all communities. The best thing about Sacramento parks is their ability to bring people together. In District 1, there are plenty of beautiful and engaging parks to meet new people, have fun with my friends and family, and get to know my community. There are dog parks, stages, shaded areas for activities like concerts and farmer's markets, bike paths, walking trails, beautiful ponds, and so much more. But not all districts in Sacramento are able to experience this. One thing I would like to see changed at parks is equality in all parks across Sacramento City. No littering, non-maintained, and unsafe parks for communities.

*\*Locations that were identified but are not City-owned parks.*

**Resources** – Participants also identified resources, organizations, or groups they are members of, which could benefit park improvements, maintenance, community-building, and youth engagement. These included:

- Youth Action Corps (YAC)
- Youth Aides (Landscape & Learning YPCE Program)
- Hmong Youth and Parents United (HYPU - Sacramento Chapter)
- Flying Kites in the Heights (Facebook Group)
- Key Club

**Events and programs** – Participants also identified events and programs they have enjoyed and benefitted from, and which they feel – if implemented or continued – could benefit community-building, park use for all Sacramento residents, and youth engagement. These included:

- Summer @ Virtual City Hall YPCE Program
- North Natomas Farmers Market
- Aftershock Music Festival
- Movie nights
- Drive-thru events
- Archery classes



- School supply pop-ups
- Easter (and other holiday) events

## Key Concerns

**Cleanliness, Maintenance, and Safety** – By far, the participants’ greatest concerns were regarding park cleanliness and safety, as related to maintenance of facilities. Most participants highlighted the prevalence of litter at their local parks, and desire more trash and recycling receptacles to be installed to reduce litter and increase park use. They remarked that some parks are better maintained than others, and some parks are not very safe or enjoyable, particularly for children. For example, one youth commented that many parks have disposable masks littered about, while another expressed fear of using certain parks due to the presence of used needles.

**Safe and Clean Public Restrooms** – The participants also expressed a desire for safe, usable, and clean public restrooms in parks. Youth wish for new restrooms, with better maintenance and cleanliness. One youth remarked that one bathroom was missing doors, while another remarked that the restrooms are generally unusable and unsafe due to the prevalence of waste.

**Unhoused Populations** – Many participants expressed concerns about unhoused individuals in parks. There is a general desire to discover and share resources with unhoused individuals, to make sure that they find a better and safer place to live.



**Amenities and Programs** – Many participants expressed a desire for better park amenities and natural features including: more trees (and seasonal interest such as fall foliage and flowering in spring), better shade, safer habitats for animals, water fountains, benches, seating, tables, more sports facilities and a greater variety, community gardens, charging outlets (for devices and for cars), and Wi-Fi. In general, there is a desire for more accessible and inclusive park programs to increase park use, diversity, and equity. Youth also desire more opportunities for engagement and service, as they feel they lack voice in the parks and recreation programs. More entertainment, events, and engagement opportunities are also desired, to better activate parks.

### Artist Statement: Luz Vazquez

*This photo was inspired by my walks at the Lincoln Village Community Park. While walking at this park, I’ve noticed that everywhere I go, I see a disposable face mask laying on the ground. To see so many people litter on the grounds of this park saddens me because it takes away from the experience of a clean and safe park environment from the people of this community. The abundance of face masks thrown on the ground has plagued this park’s beauty. Which is why I want people to realize the importance of keeping our parks clean and safe through this photo that I took. A mask is meant to protect not destroy.*



# COMMUNITY VOICES: THEMES

## Key themes

Drawing from the community engagement process, the following eight key themes emerged from the unique voices of Sacramento's communities and organizations. These are the top themes that were heard across all the engagement and outreach activities. Each theme is briefly summarized with what was heard then further illuminated with direct quotes from outreach participants and supporting data from each of the activities. These are not intended to be recommendations but rather provide context to the key theme, drawing directly from the community voices in Sacramento who shared their ideas. These eight themes serve as the foundation for the Master Plan policy, programming and design recommendations.

### 1) SAFE AND WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS

Public Spaces should feel welcoming and safe through maintenance, operations, activation, amenities and basic infrastructure. The flat topography and the dry, warm and temperate climate of Sacramento provides many opportunities for outdoor and open space programming and facilities. However, there are challenges with the consistent management and operations of 4,829 acres of parks, parkways, and open space. Participants of the outreach activities have cited a visual difference on how parks in different districts are maintained and taken care of. Participants also voiced safety concerns around drugs, gangs, and the unhoused people, the lack of basic amenities such as bathrooms and lighting, the cleanliness of those amenities, and lack of shade trees which would provide protection against the elements. All of which has an impact on how often parks are used by residents. Many people saw a correlation between maintenance and activation of public and open spaces and the decrease in the presence of questionable activities.

### 2) SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

Many community members see a role for themselves as stewards. There are examples throughout Sacramento where communities have mobilized and volunteer to meet service gaps. However, there was the perception that this is determined by which district the parks are located in. Some participants recognized that it isn't always easy to partner with the city, and the City's roles and responsibilities aren't always clear to the broader community. People would like to see an easier path to contributing to Sacramento's parks and recreation system and for greater definition of the City's role, including alternatives for managing and enhancing the system that embrace community partners.

### 3) COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SHARING

There was a call for better communications and information sharing between the City departments, staff and community, in particular the youth. It was stated several times that it was not common knowledge among teens the department managed enrichment, skill building, and work force training programs is available to them. Community members suggested the department better

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publicized community wide events and there was a strong desire for an on-going communications and feedback loop to ensure accountability and transparency when implementing the Master Plan.

**4) HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

Public spaces should support and facilitate the overall health and well-being of the community. This includes both physical and mental health. There is a recognition that parks make us better as people and as a community and this should be applied to the design of parks, trails and open spaces and programs. Participants encouraging the support of healthy communities through community gardens and access to healthy foods, finding opportunities to collocate social services in communities that need them and continue to provide passive and active activities to provide an escape from day to day stressors and the negative impacts of the Covid pandemic.

**5) PERSONAL CONNECTIONS TO NATURE, PLACES AND PEOPLE**

Public spaces, parks, trails, and programs should reinforce an individual's relationship to nature, community and neighbors through connectivity, highlighting the social value of parks, and encouraging shared experiences. The physical design and programming provided can be improved to create genuine human connections. This includes providing park amenities to support multiple simultaneous group gatherings, such as BBQ pits and shelters and picnic benches, and upgraded courts and fields. Riverfront trails and connections were cited throughout the outreach activities as places that should be maintained to reenforce a person's connection with nature.

**6) CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND RELEVANT PUBLIC SPACES AND PROGRAMMING**

Public spaces and programs should be designed and include programs that reflect and celebrate the traditions, customs, art, and achievements of the people within the community in an authentic way, including integrating indigenous communities and voices through opportunities for land stewardship, ancestral activities, and education. Collaboration with the community should be priority and assumptions should not be made about what is needed or wanted in a community. Similar to "Personal Connections to Nature, Places and People" this theme would ultimately result in community ownership of their public spaces.

**7) PARK ACCESS AND INCLUSION, ACCESSIBLE, INCLUSIVE, AND UNIVERSAL**

Park facilities and programs should be managed and designed to serve people of all abilities and ages to interact and play with each other. Additionally, how people get to parks is as important as the park itself. Public Transit, alternative transportation infrastructure, completed streets, and trails should ensure free, safe and unobstructed movement to and from parks.

**8) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

Community members highly value opportunities for youth and see a significant role for YPCE and the City's Park system in contributing to youth development. There is particular interest in skills building, mentoring and career connections, introducing youth to new experiences and the outdoors, and other activities that youth would not otherwise be exposed to.

**9) EQUITABLE INVESTMENT**

Parks trails and facilities should be maintained and serviced equally, and investments to underserved parks with ongoing maintenance issues should be prioritized accordingly. Many participants explained that there was a very visual difference between parks in diverse communities, more recently developed communities, which has a direct impact on park use, feelings of community ownership over public spaces and widens the socio-economic gap between more affluent and organized communities and disadvantage communities.

## Attachment 06 – Consolidated Outreach Effort

### Fall 2020 – Initial Outreach 24 pop up events and meetings held

Event	Date	Platform
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (kickoff)	4/4/2019	In person
Master Plan Update presentation to Parks and Community Enrichment Commission	4/4/2019	In person
Master Plan Update presentation to Sacramento Youth Commission	5/6/2019	In person
Master Plan Update presentation to Summer @ City Hall	7/2/2019	In person
Outreach Advisory Committee #1	3/2/2020	In person
Master Plan Update “refresher” presentation to Sacramento Youth Commission	5/4/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Master Plan Update Memo to Parks and Community Enrichment Commission and the Sacramento Youth Commission	5/28/2020	Written memo
Outreach Advisory Committee #2	6/11/2020	Virtual via WebEx
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #2	6/18/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Master Plan Update introductory presentation to Summer @ City Hall	7/9/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Master Plan Update Maptionnaire Exercise to Summer @ City Hall	7/31/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Updates on YPCE Master Plan short presentation to PCEC	8/6/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Sacramento Park City Project team	9/15/2020	Phone Call
Pop-up with Rachel Rios and Alexa Basurto from La Familia	9/15/2020	Virtual via Teams
Pop-up with Sacramento Tree Foundation	9/16/2020	Phone Call
Pop-up with Alchemist CDC	9/16/2020	Phone Call
Pop-up with Mangan Park Neighborhood Association	9/30/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Robla Neighborhood Association	9/30/2020	In person
Pop-up with Hagginwood Neighborhood Association	10/6/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association	10/7/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Southside Park Neighborhood Association	10/12/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Midtown Neighborhood Association	10/14/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Meadowview Neighborhood Association	10/21/2020	Virtual via Zoom
Pop-up with Pocket/Greenhaven Neighborhood Association	11/18/2020	Virtual via Zoom

**Winter 2020 – Community Panel invitations to the following 98 groups**

1. Advance Peace Sacramento
2. Alliance for Education Solution
3. Arcade Creek Watershed
4. Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs – Sacramento Chapter
5. Asian Resources, Inc.
6. Black Child Legacy Campaign
7. Black Women United
8. Blacks Making a Difference
9. Boys & Girls Club of Sacramento
10. Bridge Network
11. CA Chapter 1 American Academy of Pediatrics
12. CalBike California Bicycle Coalition
13. California Coalition for Youth
14. California Urban Partnership
15. citiesRise
16. Convention Cultural and Leisure Dept.
17. Daughters of Zion Enterpryz
18. Del Paso Regional Park Stakeholders
19. Drowning Accident Rescue Team (DART)
20. East Sacramento Improvement Association
21. EBAYC
22. Filipino Fiesta of Sacramento
23. First Mother Farms
24. Franklin Neighborhood Development Corporation (FNDC)
25. Friends of Del Paso Park
26. Friends of East Sacramento
27. Friends of McKinley Park
28. Friends of Southgate
29. Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association
30. Gateway Community Charters
31. Gifts to Share
32. Greater Land Park Planning Lead
33. Greater Sacramento Urban League
34. Green Technical Education and Empowerment
35. Health Education Council
36. Healthy Foods for All Collaborative
37. Hmong Innovating Politics
38. Hmong Women Heritage Association
39. Hmong Youth and Parents United
40. Hui o Hawaii of Sacramento
41. ImpactSac
42. Improve Your Tomorrow
43. IQSquad
44. Jack and Jill, Sacramento Chapter
45. Juma Ventures Sacramento
46. La Familia
47. Land Park Volunteers Corps
48. Lao Family Community Empowerment, Inc.
49. Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
50. Lu Mien Community Services
51. Measure U Community Advisory Committee
52. Mutual Assistance Network
53. Mutual Housing
54. My Brother's Keeper Sacramento
55. Nailah Pope-Hardin
56. NAMI Sacramento
57. Natomas Community Association
58. PRO Youth and Families
59. Public Health Advocates
60. Race and Gender Equity Project
61. Resource for Independent Living
62. Roberts Family Development Center
63. Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center
64. Sac Youth Alliance Community Action Team

65. Sacramento Area Congregations Together (SacACT)
66. Sacramento Area Creek Council
67. Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
68. Sacramento City Teachers Association
69. Sacramento Community Cable Foundation, Inc.
70. Sacramento County Horsemen's Association
71. Sacramento County Parks Dept.
72. Sacramento Cultural and Linguistic Center
73. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA)
74. Sacramento Garden and Arts Center
75. Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee
76. Sacramento LGBT Community Center
77. Sacramento Native American Health Center
78. Sacramento Sirens Cheer Elite
79. Sacramento Tree Foundation
80. Sacramento Unified School District
81. Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition
82. SCUSD Student Advisory Council
83. Self-Awareness & Recovery
84. Slavic Assistance Center
85. Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum
86. Sol Collective
87. Target Excellence
88. The Center at Sierra Health
89. The GreenHouse
90. The Village Advocates of Sacramento
91. The Yisreal Family Urban Farm
92. United Latinos
93. Veritable Good
94. Voice of the Youth
95. WALKSacramento
96. Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC)
97. Youth Engagement Action Team
98. Youth Forward

**Spring 2021 – Community Connections with 42 organizations within 2 months**

1. Asian Community Center Senior Community Service Employment Program	3/31/2021
2. AARP	3/11/2021
3. ACC Senior Services	3/15/2021
4. Asian Community Center Senior Community Service Employment Program	3/31/2021
5. Asian Community Center Town Hall Meeting	4/12/2021
6. Ben Ali Community Association	4/7/2021
7. City of Sacramento's ADA Commission	4/7/2021
8. Colonial Heights NA	4/14/2021
9. Colonial Village Neighborhood Association	3/10/2021
10. Deerfield Neighborhood Association	2/24/2021
11. Del Paso Heights Community Association	3/15/2021
12. Detroit Neighborhood Association	3/3/2021
13. Elmhurst NA	4/12/2021
14. Franklin Neighborhood Development Corporation (FNDC)	3/2/2021
15. Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association (GNNA)	4/1/2021
16. Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association (GNNA) /Stanford Settlement	4/1/2021
17. Golf Course Terrace Estates Neighborhood Association	5/6/2021
18. Hagginwood Community Association	4/7/2021
19. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	3/18/2021
20. Jonnie and Friends	3/11/2021
21. La Familia	4/14/2021
22. Landscape and Learning	5/6/2021
23. Live Well Valley Hi	4/5/2021
24. Meadowview Neighborhood Association	5/19/2021

25. Noralto-Neighbors United/All Eyes on Deck D2	4/11/2021
26. North City Farms	3/30/2021
27. North Laguna Creek/ Valley Hi Neighborhood Association	3/25/2021
28. PRO Youth and Families - High School Seniors	4/13/2021
29. Rancho Del Paso Neighborhood Association	3/26/2021
30. Resources for Independent Living (RIL)	3/15/2021
31. Robla Park Community Association	5/5/2021
32. Sac Kids First Neighborhood Meeting	3/18/2021
33. Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission	2/24/2021
34. Sacramento Tree Foundation	4/21/2021
35. Senior Center at Sierra 2 Center/Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association	4/21/2021
36. South Pocket Homeowners Association	3/2/2021
37. Stanford Settlement	4/1/2021
38. Stockton Blvd Partnership Board	4/8/2021
39. Tahoe Park NA	4/5/2021
40. The Renaissance Society	3/30/2021
41. Urban Strategies, Inc.	3/2/2021
42. Warmline Family Resource Center	4/5/2021



**Summer 2021 - Youth Connections with 63 organizations within 2 months**

1. All Eyes on Deck D2
2. Always Knocking
3. Boys & Girls Club
4. Brother to Brother
5. Crossroads Diversified Services
6. District 1 Youth Action Corps
7. District 1 Youth Workforce Development Coordinator
8. District 2 Executive Assistant
9. District 3 Senior Council Representative
10. District 4 Senior Council Representative
11. District 5 Senior Council Representative
12. District 6 Senior Council Representative
13. District 7 Senior Council Representative
14. District 8 Communications Director
15. District 8 Parks and Community Enrichment Commissioner
16. District 8 Youth Engagement Coordinator
17. Florin Arts Center
18. Fruitridge Community Collaborative (Now Pro Youth and Families)
19. Greater Sacramento Urban League
20. Hmong Youth and Parents United
21. Impact SAC Liberty Towers
22. Improve Your Tomorrow
23. Juma Ventures
24. La Familia
25. Latino Leadership Council
26. Marconi Learning Academy
27. Mutual Assistance Network (MAN)
28. Natomas Unified School District
29. Neighbors in Action
30. Noralto- Neighbors United
31. PRO Youth and Families
32. Rancho Del Paso Neighborhood Association
33. ReIMAGINE Mack Road
34. Roberts Family Development
35. Sacramento ACT (Area Congregation Together)
36. Sacramento Area Youth Speaks
37. Sacramento Building Healthy Communities Hub
38. Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center
39. Sacramento Institute for Music and the Arts
40. Sacramento LGBT Community Center
41. Sacramento Police Department
42. Sacramento Public Library
43. Sacramento Regional Community Foundation
44. Sacramento Youth Center
45. Sacramento Youth Center
46. SCUSD
47. SCUSD Youth Development Dept and Men & Women's Leadership Academy
48. SETA Sacramento Works Youth Committee
49. Sierra Health Foundation
50. Sojourner Truth Museum
51. Sol Collective
52. Square Root Academy
53. Square Root Academy
54. Stanford Youth Center
55. The GreenHouse
56. TRUSD
57. Village Advocates
58. Waking The Village: Creation District Site
59. WayUp Sacramento

60. Wind Youth Services  
61. Yo! Disabled & Proud

62. Youth Development Network  
63. Youth Engagement Action Team