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## **Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) Recap 2025**

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**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Receive and discuss.

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### **Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Presentation

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** The Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) program offers an engaging learning experience for incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The S@CH program hosted in-person at the City of Sacramento's City Hall where participants are immersed in local government firsthand and gain valuable insights on how to become an active citizen in their community.

The City of Sacramento Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment has partnered with Natomas Unified, Twin Rivers Unified and Sacramento City Unified School Districts for over 12 years to bring this program to life.

Throughout the program, students are supported by city staff, credentials teachers, and Peer Mentors. The instructional team delivers a comprehensive daily curriculum grounded in youth development principles and covers topics such as civic engagement, activism, government structure, and much more.

At the conclusion of the program, students present an advocacy project (Project City Hall) which is developed in smaller peer cohorts and presented to the Mayor and City Council. In addition, each

participant completes an internship where they are assigned to work with various city departments, charter offices, local non-profits, other government agencies, or youth programs. Upon successful completion of each component, students receive five elective credits, a letter of community service, and a monetary stipend.

The 2025 summer cohort had 81 new students joining the S@CH alumni roster as graduates of the annual program. Another 28 alumni members returned as Peer Mentors supporting the program in a greater leadership role. The grand total for the summer cohort was 109 youths representing 15 high schools throughout the area.

For more information about the Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) program, please email [summeratcityhall@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:summeratcityhall@cityofsacramento.org).

**Policy Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Economic Impacts:** Not applicable.

**Environmental Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Sustainability:** Not applicable.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Not applicable.

**Financial Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable.

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SUMMER @ CITY HALL  
**RECAP 2025**

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# WHAT IS SUMMER @ CITY HALL (S@CH)?

- S@CH is a six-week summer learning experience that provides high school students the opportunity to learn how to become an active citizen in their community.
- Founded in 2011 as a partnership between the City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD), WayUp Sacramento, & Bina Lefkowitz.
- Expanded in 2015 to include Natomas Unified School District (NUSD) & Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD).
- Credentialed teachers deliver a daily curriculum enriched with youth development principles focusing on civic engagement & local level governmental structure.
- Upon completion of the program, students receive five high school elective credits or community service hours & a stipend of \$500.



# PROGRAM COMPONENTS & DETAILS

## Program Location:

- Historic City Hall and New City Hall

## Program Dates:

- June 23 – July 24, 2025

## Cohort Breakdown & Support:

- Nine Link Crews created
- 28 Peer Mentors assigned to support

## Internship Assignment:

- 20 hours completed by each student at various City Departments & local Community Based Organizations (CBO)

## Guest Speakers:

- City Clerk
- City Mayor & Council
- Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections
- Golden 1 Credit Union
- Cal Center



# PROGRAM COMPONENTS & DETAILS CONTINUED....

## Field Trips

- State Capitol
- Metro Television Station
- Sacramento Central Library
- Community Service Day

## Peer Mentors

- Young people that are graduates from prior S@CH cohorts selected to return the following year in a leadership role to mentor and be positive role models to the current student cohort.



# PROJECT CITY HALL

Culminating presentation at Sacramento City Council centered around an issue most important to youth.

- Supports young people in learning how to express their opinions, ideas, & concerns.
- Assist young people in identifying different levels of government.
- Provide youth with the opportunity to influence policy/program decisions within Sacramento city limits & their community.
- Creates awareness about an issue or concern youth have in their communities.



# 2025 S@CH DATA @ A GLANCE

Applications Received – **236**

Students Invited – **85**

Students Graduated – **81**

Peer Mentors – **20**

Senior Peer Mentors – **8**

2025 Student Representation

SCUSD – **33**    NUSD – **30**    TRUSD – **7**

At-Large (Sacramento city limits) – **11**



# 2025 S@CH DATA @ A GLANCE CONTINUED...

Identity	
Female	65.52%
Male	24.14%
Non-binary	0.00%
Prefer not to answer	6.90%
Prefer to self-describe:	3.45%

Race	
Native American or Alaska Native	0.00%
Asian	37.93%
Black or African American	13.79%
Latino/x or Hispanic	17.24%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%
White (Not Hispanic Origin)	6.90%
Filipino (Not Hispanic Origin)	0.00%
Middle Eastern or North African	6.90%
Prefer not to answer	3.45%
Two or more OR Other (please describe)	13.79%

Grade	Responses
9th grade	51.72%
10th grade	34.48%
11th grade	13.79%
12th grade	0.00%
Other (please write in)	0.00%



# 2026 SUMMER PIVOT SEMESTER @ CITY HALL: SUMMER EDITION (SEM@CH)

- Online registration opened Friday, April 17, 2026
  - Two Cohorts – M/W/F or T/Th/F 9am-12pm
    - Hosted at New City Hall, 915 I St, 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Interactive learning experience providing participants foundational understanding of local government operations.
- Friday workshops focus on professional skills & workforce development
  - 17 Peer Mentors currently in training to facilitate orientation
    - Upon completion monetary stipend received

# THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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