



Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 4, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall Complex, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Parks and Community Enrichment Commission

Jeanine Gaines, Chair
Robbie Robbins, Vice Chair
Joe Flores
Morgan Flourney
Lindsey King

Colin Lang
Monique Langer
Marc Laver
Anthony Uribe
Victoria Vasquez

Open Session

Roll Call

Land Acknowledgement

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one Motion.

1. Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00127

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2026.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Attachments: [2026-00127 STAFF REPORT](#)

2. Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log

File ID: 2026-00265

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving the Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department

Attachments: [2026-00265 STAFF REPORT](#)

Discussion Calendar

3. César Chávez Plaza Renaming Kickoff

File ID: 2026-01124

Location: District 4 & Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Jason Wiesemann, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, (916) 808-7634, jwiesemann@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Attachments: [2026-01124 STAFF REPORT](#)

4. 916 Day Updates

File ID: 2026-00945

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment

Attachments: [2026-00945 STAFF REPORT](#)

5. Civic Engagement Unit 2025 Overview

File ID: 2026-00610

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

Contact: Sjon Swanson, Recreation Manager, (916) 808-6049, sswanson@cityofsacramento.org; Kris Wimberly, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-6172, kwimberly@cityofsacramento.org; Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment

Attachments: [2026-00610 STAFF REPORT](#)

6. Community Centers Overview

File ID: 2026-01120

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Anthony Munoz, Recreation Manager, (916) 808-6251, amunoz@cityofsacramento.org; Samantha Vu, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-1572, svu@cityofsacramento.org; Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment

Attachments: [2026-01120 STAFF REPORT](#)

Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Highlights

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

Adjournment

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Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

File ID: 2026-00127

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2026.

Contact: Cecelia Ventress, Deputy City Clerk, (916) 808-5928, cventress@cityofsacramento.org, Office of the City Clerk

Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-April 16, 2026, Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: It is best practice for the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission to approve the minutes for each meeting.

Policy Considerations: The City Clerk keeps a permanent record of the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission proceedings, showing all actions considered and taken and the vote of each member on matters before the Commission.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: After each Parks and Community Enrichment Commission meeting, the City Clerk composes the DRAFT Minutes noting the action taken by the Commission.

The attached DRAFT Minutes are presented to the Commission for its approval as a permanent record of the meeting actions.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None.



DRAFT Minutes

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Open Session

Regular meeting called to order by Chair Gaines at 5:34 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026, at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chamber.

Commissioners Present: Cyera Boone (until 6:20 p.m.), Morgan Flourney, Lindsey King, Colin Lang, Monique Langer, Marc Laver, Robbie Robbins, and Chair Jeanine Gaines.

Commissioners Absent: Joe Flores, Anthony Uribe and Victoria Vasquez

Land Acknowledgement – Led by Chair Gaines.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Chair Gaines.

Consent Calendar

Action: Moved/Seconded: Commissioner Robbins / Commissioner King.

Yes: Commissioners Cyera Boone, Morgan Flourney, Lindsey King, Colin Lang, Monique Langer, Marc Laver, Robbie Robbins, Anthony Uribe, Victoria Vasquez, and Chair Jeanine Gaines.

Absent: Commissioners Joe Flores, Anthony Uribe, and Victoria Vasquez.

A motion **passed** to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. **Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes**

File ID: 2026-00126

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 5, 2026.

Contact: Rosanna Montesinos, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-7171, rmontesinos@cityofsacramento.org; Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5441, mcuppy@cityofsacramento.org; Office of the City Clerk

2. **Approval of Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log**

File ID: 2026-00264

Location: Citywide

Action: Passed a **Motion** approving the Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department

Discussion Calendar

3. Early Budget Work Session Update - Review of Reduction Strategies and Potential Impacts

File ID: 2026-00607

Location: Citywide

Action: Received and discussed.

Contact: Raymond Rodriguez, Support Services Manager, 916-690-3180, rrodriguez@cityofsacramento.org, Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

4. Cemetery Update

File ID: 2026-00754

Location: District 7

Action: Received and commented.

Contact: Sarah Musser, Park Maintenance Superintendent, (916) 808-8830, smusser@cityofsacramento.org; Shawn Aylesworth, Park Maintenance Manager, scaylesworth@cityofsacramento.org; Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment

5. 916 Day Updates

File ID: 2026-00806

Location: Citywide

Action: Received and discussed.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment

Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Highlights

Shannon Brown, Assistant Director of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment, provided a report.

Commissioner Comments-Ideas and Questions

Commissioners provided comments.

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Adjourned - 6:46 p.m.

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving the Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department

Presenter: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org, Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Parks and Community Enrichment Follow Up Log

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Like other City commissions and committees, the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission will implement and maintain a follow-up log to organize and track items that will be considered in the future. The follow-up log will detail each item and give an estimate of when staff expects to provide more information to the Commission. Commission members are welcome to add items to the log during “Commissioner Comments - Ideas and Questions,” as long as the items are within the scope of the Commission.

At the following meeting, the updated log will be presented for approval as part of the consent calendar, reflecting the item suggested at the prior meeting. If a requested item is outside the scope of the Commission’s powers and duties, the staff report provided at the next meeting will include an explanation regarding why the item could not be added to the log. The approval of the log can be pulled from the consent calendar if a Commissioner feels that a discussion is necessary.

Policy Considerations: The City Clerk keeps a permanent record of the Parks and Community Enrichment Commission proceedings, showing all action considered and taken and the vote of each member on matters before the Commission.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The current proposed log is attached for consideration and approval. Additional items can be suggested for inclusion on the log during “Commissioner Comments - Ideas and Questions.” Proposed items that are consistent with scope of the Commission will be added to the log as requested and tracked for completion. The Commission will consider the log as part of the consent agenda at each Commission meeting.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Follow Up Log 5/7/2026

Purpose and duties of the commission.

A. To provide recommendations and advice to the city council and the Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department on policies, projects, programs, and other matters pertaining to parks and community enrichment affecting the city of Sacramento. The matters upon which the Commission will provide recommendations and advice may be referred to the Commission by the city council, the director of the Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department, the community, or members of the Commission.

B. To review and provide recommendations on the development and implementation of the parks and recreation master plan as an element of the city's general plan.

C. To review complaints and other matters pertaining to parks and community enrichment issues as requested by the director of the Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department or the city council.

D. To conduct an annual workshop to review the department's annual operating budget and capital improvement plan.

E. To meet with neighborhood associations and park user groups to discuss parks and community enrichment issues and needs.

F. To encourage individuals, businesses, and community groups to contribute funds, property, and volunteer services for the development and operation of parks and community enrichment facilities and programs. (Ord. 2019-0011 § 2; Ord. 2013-0001 § 2)

#	Request Date	Requestor	Lead Dept	Description	Status	Action Taken/Details
				Standardizing community engagement process for community meetings. Metric from PCEC Workplan- Support Equity and transparency in park improvements. Commissioners will work on the creation of draft policy standardizing community engagement to present to staff.		At Chairs discretion, may be included in future agenda as discussion item as time allows.
18	12/4/25	Vasquez	YPCE		Ongoing	
19	12/4/24	Vasquez	YPCE	Park Bond	Ongoing	City Attorney Office to prepare a memo.

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César Chávez Plaza Renaming Kickoff

File ID: 2026-01124

Location: District 4 & Citywide

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Jason Wiesemann, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, (916) 808-7634, jwiesemann@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Presenter: Jason Wiesemann, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, (916) 808-7634, jwiesemann@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Cesar Chavez Park Location Map
- 3-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The City is launching a community led process to rename César Chávez Plaza, reflecting Sacramento's commitment to transparency, inclusion, and culturally representative public spaces. YPCE has developed a process that aligns with the City's naming policy, and an engagement framework that centers community voice and leads to a final decision by City Council.

César Chávez Plaza is an existing 2.5-acre special use community park located at 910 I Street (District 4).

Goals:

- Ensure the new name reflects Sacramento's values, history, and cultural diversity.
- Conduct a transparent, accessible, inclusive engagement process.
- Engage diverse communities, including multilingual and underserved groups.

Parks & Community Enrichment Commission Role:

- Public kickoff venue for announcing the renaming process.
- Charged with helping promote community participation in survey and outreach process.
- Reviews engagement summary and recommended name.
- Forwards the final recommended name to City Council.

Timeline (subject to change):

- Online Survey will open on Friday, June 12th and close on Friday, July 24th.
- Staff Review & Subcommittee Alignment - *August - September 2026*
- Commission Recommendation - *October 2026*
- Council Consideration & Adoption - *October - November 2026*

Policy Considerations: On February 26, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 2008-112, establishing a Facility Naming Policy. The policy contains guidance when naming facilities or portions of facilities. The proposed name shall be consistent with the City Facility Naming Policy.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Renaming César Chávez Plaza shall be consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

Background:

César Chávez Plaza is important in the records of Sacramento Valley's human habitation, as the general location of Native American settlement that has been documented as a long as 8,000 years ago.

The site, historically called *City Plaza* or *Plaza Park*, was dedicated in 1848-1849, by John Sutter Jr. during his designation of 12 public squares as part of Sacramento's original urban plan. It is one of the oldest parks in Sacramento. The park site occupies a full city block (2.5 acres) in downtown Sacramento (between I & J Streets and 9th & 10th Streets). It was intended as a central civic space

for the growing Gold Rush-era city.

In the 1850s, there was a proposal to construct the California State Capitol on the site, but the plan was ultimately abandoned as it was proven to be unconstitutional (deed restrictions). During its earliest years, the Plaza Park remained largely undeveloped and was described as an informal gathering space rather than a landscaped park. It became a visual focal point for the downtown area. The plaza functioned as a gathering place for community activities and development. Notably, it served as a place where emigrants were dropped off, and a settlement for circus workers and their wagons during performances in Sacramento.

The first formal design plan was introduced in 1872 to shape the informal plaza into a landscaped park. The park site was raised to match the high-raised street borders to bypass flood concerns. The Street Commissioner at the time, John Rider, who worked on the redevelopment of Plaza Park hired developer and landscaper John Keating to create the park design plans, which became the framework for the park's overall appearance. The landscape plan was the first introduction of structured walkways and prominent features; the establishment of the plaza as a civic and social hub; and increasing the use for public gatherings, markets, and events. Notable features of the park included circular and cross-axial walkways, large trees and grassy open areas, the Coleman Fountain, the A.J. Stevens Statue, a 1932 marker by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, a bandstand, a comfort station, and a flagpole (removed). By the mid-19th to early 20th centuries, the park had become a central gathering place for Sacramento residents (including livestock auctions and farmers markets), reinforcing its role as the city's "front yard" and an important setting for the city's major civic building.

In 1966, Landscape Architect Philip Schaff, Jr., designed and worked on the redevelopment of Plaza Park. The design and look of the park were altered to add support amenities and infrastructure improvements, but a majority of its plaza has remained unchanged. A small building was constructed in 1991-92 to house public restrooms and a restaurant/café, which is visible today. Another feature/marker added to the plaza was a historical marker commemorating the Pony Express' centennial and significance in Sacramento history. Sacramento was one of many U.S. cities used as stops along the Pony Express.

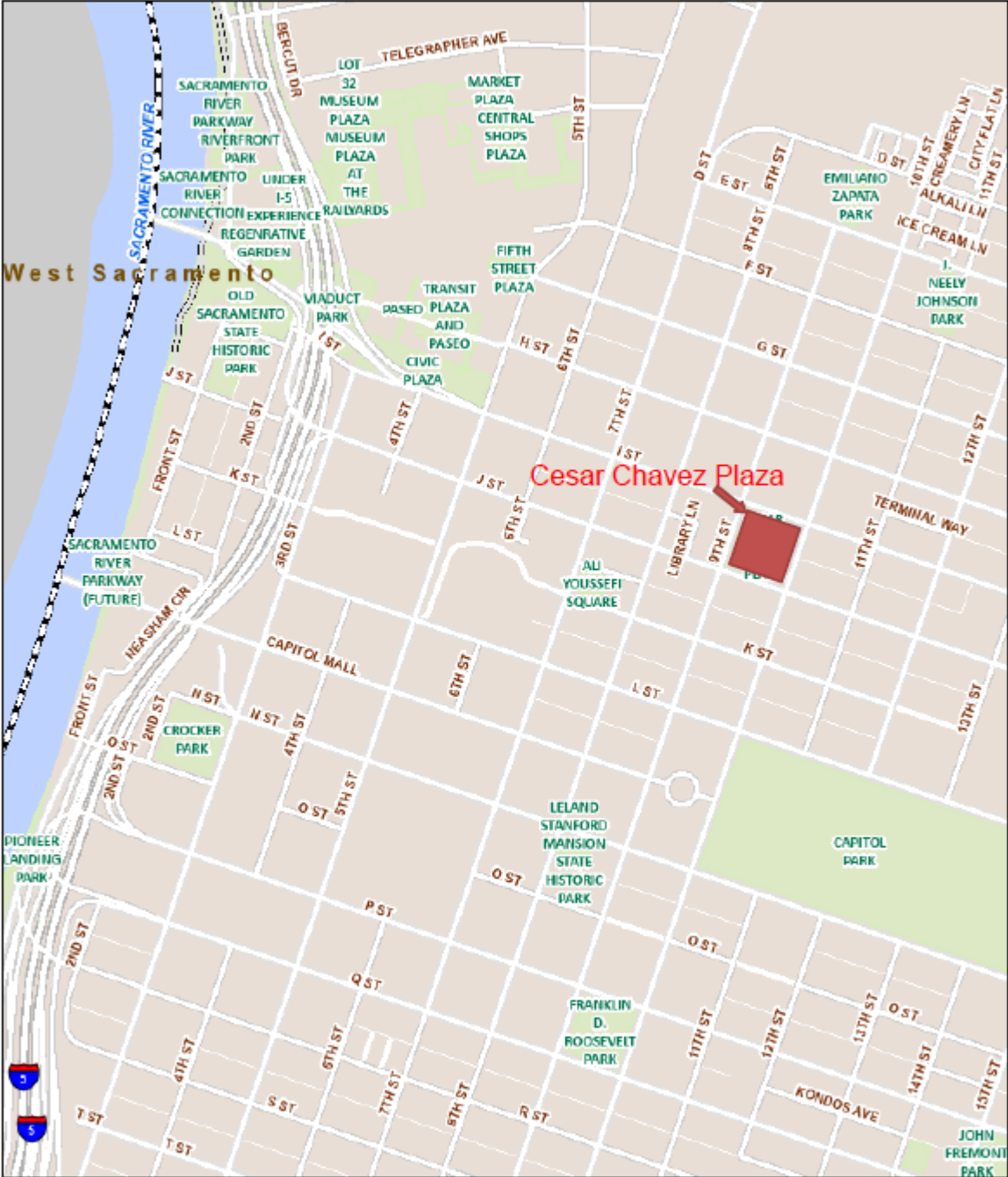
Recent improvements to the park reflect downtown revitalization efforts of the 1980s: Comprehensive redesign based on the park's historic layout; fountain restoration, cafe and seating areas, performance stage and event infrastructure, and the introduction of public-private partnerships to help fund improvements and programming. These efforts restored the park's role as an active urban space.

In the 1990s, the park was renamed César Chávez Plaza in honor of labor leader César Chávez. A statue commemorating César E. Chávez was erected in the early 2000s on the plaza grounds and small renovations were made. A concrete stage was built on the north lawn to serve as a concert

venue and a continued site for a farmer's market. Trees were planted to replace older trees and follow an almost circular design of trees at the center of the plaza.

The park continues to play an important, even central, role in Sacramento's downtown business community. Today the park occupies an adopted historic district, called [César Chávez] Plaza Park/Central Business District. The historic district includes such structures as the Central Public Library, City Hall, and the United States Postal Service building. Many of the buildings within the district reflect the early twentieth century period of Sacramento's history. Other structures within the district were constructed prior to the twentieth century. Some structures have their original foundations from the era Sacramento's streets were raised. Currently, there is an effort to revise the name of the Plaza Park/Central Business Historic District. During Sacramento's touchstone historical markers, the park continues to function as what it was intended for, a symbolic central civic space reflecting Sacramento's cultural and political life.

Cesar Chavez Plaza





Cesar Chavez Plaza Park Renaming Kickoff

Parks & Community Enrichment Commission
City of Sacramento
June 4, 2026

Renaming Overview

Process

- ▶ Parks & Community Enrichment Commission to serve as kick off and conduit for promotion
- ▶ Clear and transparent community led process
- ▶ Equitable outreach
- ▶ Clear path to City Council approval

Goals

- ▶ Ensure the new name reflects Sacramento's values, history, and cultural diversity.
- ▶ Conduct a transparent, accessible, and inclusive public engagement process.
- ▶ Engage diverse communities, including multilingual and underserved groups.

History of the park

Historically called City Plaza or Plaza Park, it was dedicated in 1848-1849 by John Sutter Jr. during his designation of 12 public squares as part of Sacramento's original urban plan. The park site occupies a full city block (2.5 acres) in downtown Sacramento.

Landscape designer John Keating created a plan for the park in 1872 to shape the informal plaza into a landscaped park.

In the 1980s, a comprehensive redesign involved fountain restoration, cafe and seating areas, performance stage and event infrastructure, and the introduction of public private partnerships to help fund improvements and programming.



Located between J and I Streets and 9th and 10th Streets

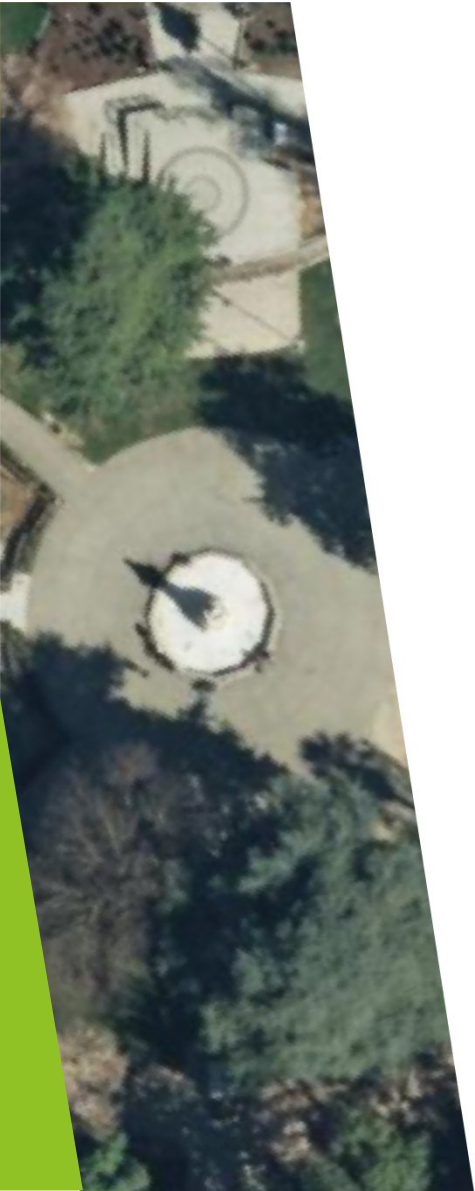
What the City hopes to achieve

A process that centers listening, learning, and community participation

A stronger connection between the park and the communities who use it daily.

A name that reflects Sacramento's culture, history, and shared values.



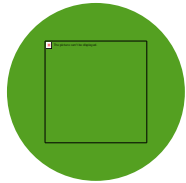


Engagement Plan

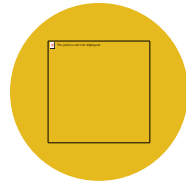
- ▶ Multi-phase engagement plan starting now:
 - Phase 1 – connect through multimedia formats, in person and online
 - Phase 2 – Survey with equitable outreach and promotion
 - Phase 3 – Staff and subcommittee analysis and seek input
 - Phase 4 – Commission review and forward recommendation to City Council
 - Phase 5 - City Council review and adopt new name
 - Phase 6 – Public announcement through engagement efforts and signage. Unveiling event.
- ▶ Focus on accessible materials throughout engagement
- ▶ Support from PCEC and City Council sub-committee



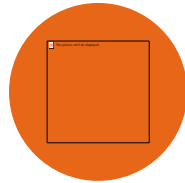
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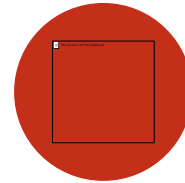
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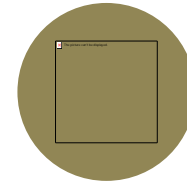
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PROVIDE
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APPROACH



RECOMMEND
FINAL NAME FOR
COUNCIL
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Let's Get Started!

This is a unique opportunity to shape a central public space that has been serving Sacramentans since 1849.

Commitment to a transparent, community-driven process, reflecting community voices of Sacramento.

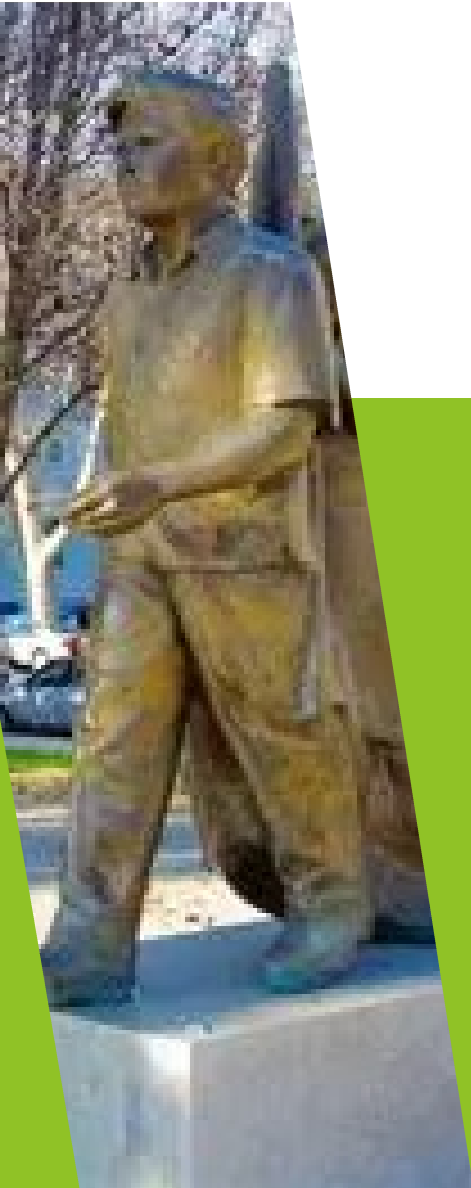
Thank you for your partnership in supporting this important milestone for the park.

Learn more: cityofsacramento.gov/parkrenaming

Revisions to the Park Mid to Late 20th Century

- ▶ In 1966, Landscape Architect Philip Schaff, Jr., designed and worked on the redevelopment of Plaza Park to add support amenities and infrastructure improvements.
- ▶ In the 1980s, a comprehensive redesign involved fountain restoration, cafe and seating areas, performance stage and event infrastructure, and the introduction of public private partnerships to help fund improvements and programming.
- ▶ Around this time, a historical marker was installed commemorating the Pony Express' centennial and significance in Sacramento history. Sacramento was one of many U.S. cities used as stops along the Pony Express.
- ▶ In 1992, a small building was constructed to house public restrooms and a restaurant/café, which is visible today.





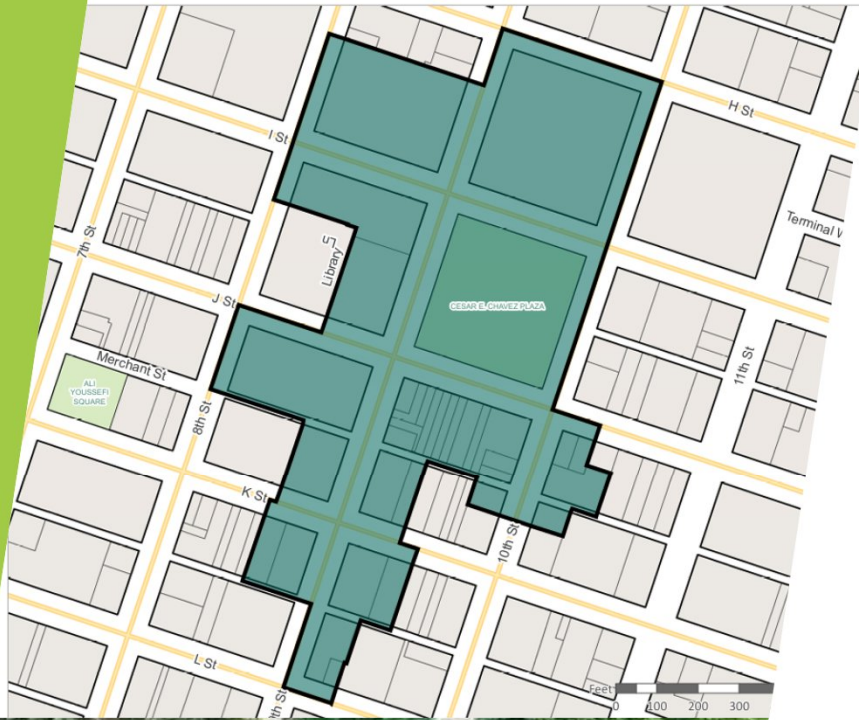
Renaming of the Park to Cesar Chavez Plaza

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Over 148 new trees were planted to replace older trees and follow an almost circular design of trees at the center of the plaza.



- ❖ Today the park occupies an adopted historic district, called [Cesar Chavez] Plaza Park/Central Business District. The historic district includes such structures as the Central Public Library, City Hall, and the United States Postal Service building.
- ❖ Much of the buildings within the district reflect the early twentieth century period of Sacramento's history. Other structures within the district were constructed prior to the twentieth century. Some structures have their original foundations from the era Sacramento's streets were raised.
- ❖ Currently, there is an effort to revise the name of the Plaza Park/Central Business Historic District.
- ❖ During Sacramento's touchstone historical markers, the park continues to function as what it was intended for, a symbolic central civic space reflecting Sacramento's cultural and political life.

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916 Day Updates

File ID: 2026-00945

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

Contact: Shannon Brown, Assistant Director, (916) 808-6076, sdbrown@cityofsacramento.org,
Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment

Presenter: Sarah Musser, Park Maintenance Superintendent, 916-808-8830,
smusser@cityofsacramento.org, Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail:

The 916 Day Volunteerism initiative emphasizes community engagement and park activation beyond traditional cleanup efforts. As part of this effort, the City's VIP Program is working with community members to launch the Park Sketchers Pilot Program, an art-based community activity that brings residents to lesser-known parks. Participants engage in sketching, learn about the park's features, connect with neighbors, and access City resources that support ongoing community involvement. The program strengthens community connections while increasing awareness and use of under visited public spaces.

Commissioners should be prepared to begin identifying year-round 916 Day events. This includes community partnerships, sponsorships, materials needed, marketing and promotion.

Policy Considerations: Not applicable.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Commission discussion to plan 916 Day events.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

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Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

A dark blue silhouette of the Sacramento skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge, set against a light blue background. The skyline includes various building shapes, and the Golden Gate Bridge is shown on the right side.

Sacramento Park Sketchers

Pilot Program

Purpose

- Activate underutilized and underrepresented parks
- Build community through shared park experiences
- Increase access to visual arts opportunities
- Encourage civic engagement in city parks

How it Works

At Each Gathering

- Meet fellow community members
- Sketch features of the park that inspire you
- Share artwork and park observations
- Submit sketches/photos for social media

Participation

- Open to all residents
- No art experience required
- Bring paper and a pencil/pen at minimum
- Non-toxic art materials welcome

Program Structure

Gatherings

- Held monthly, 8–10 months per year
- Weekend daytime events in parks
- Approximately 3 hours per gathering

Park Selection

- Events hosted across all City Council districts
- Focus on underutilized and underrepresented parks
- Some locations selected by participant vote

Questions?



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Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail:

The goal of the Civic Engagement Unit is to empower Sacramento's youth citywide with knowledge, resources, and opportunities to advocate and engage within their communities. The unit consists of the Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC), which is a legislative body run similarly to all City Boards and Commissions, along with stipend-based programs Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) and Semester @ City Hall (Sem@CH). programs. These three components of the unit educate young people and provide them with tools to navigate local government and uplift youth voice.

- The **Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC)** was established in 1993 as an advisory body to the Council Committee on Neighborhood and Public Safety. In 1997, the Youth Commission became an advisory body to the full Sacramento City Council and the Mayor. On April 15, 2019, the Sacramento City Council voted to add Ordinance Chapter 2.162 with the final codification on June 1, 2019, with Ordinance 2019-0010 establishing the Sacramento Youth Commission in Sacramento City Code Section 2.126.

The mission of the SYC is to protect, preserve, enhance, and advance the quality of life for Sacramento youth by advising the City Council and the public on youth-related policies, programs, and opportunities. The SYC serves as a 19-member advisory body, appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Young people aged 14-24 years who reside in or attend a school within Sacramento city limits qualify to apply for an appointment. Each City Councilmember appoints two youth commissioners, and the Mayor appoints three.

In 2025, the number of members appointed to the SYC reached an all-time high of 18. 8 business meetings were held, and 10 Capacity Building training sessions were provided. Key accomplishments included the Sacramento Youth Voice Survey, Aggie Square Youth Listening Sessions, Youth Mental Health Resource Guide, Sacramento's Children's Fund collaboration, and continued Youth Outreach. The SYC 2026 workplan will continue efforts focusing on Youth Mental Health, Community Partnerships, and Sac Youth Voice.

For more information about the Sacramento Youth Commission, please email sacyouthcomm@cityofsacramento.org.

- **Summer @ City Hall (S@CH)** is a stipend-based program that offers an engaging learning experience for incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The S@CH program is in-person at 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, credentialed teachers, and Peer Mentors who previously completed the program. The instructional team delivers a comprehensive curriculum covering topics such as civic engagement, activism, government structure, and more, grounded in youth development principles.

At the end of the program, students present an advocacy project called Project City Hall. They develop the project in smaller peer groups and present it to the City Council. Each participant also completes an internship with city departments, charter offices, local non-profits, government agencies, or youth programs. Upon successful completion, students receive five elective credits, a letter of community service, and a monetary stipend.

At the conclusion of the summer of 2025, 15 high schools were represented by the 109 program participants. The S@CH alumni listing added 81 students, and 28 Peer Mentors returned to support the program in leadership roles.

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

- **Semester @ City Hall (Sem@CH)** is a new stipend-based program offered through the Civic Engagement Unit. This program is an interactive learning experience providing students with a

foundational understanding of local government operations. It introduces key concepts of advocacy and activism, fosters leadership development, and empowers youth to engage in civic life.

Participants actively engage in their learning exploration through research projects focused on critical social, city, and community issues relevant to young people. Working collaboratively, students develop presentations to raise awareness of their chosen topics. These presentations are agendaized and presented at a Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC) business meeting.

Throughout the program, students receive guidance and support from City staff. The cohort meets twice a week for five weeks. During the inaugural cohort in the spring of 2025, 19 students completed the program, representing 13 high schools citywide. The success of the spring session continued to the fall 2025 cohort with 14 youth completing the program, representing 8 high schools citywide.

Another amazing addition to the fall cohort was the assistance of two Peer Mentors who had completed the spring session. The Peer Mentors applied their learned leadership experience and knowledge of the program to support the new students during their program.

For more information about the Semester @ City Hall (Sem@CH), email summeratcityhall@cityofsacramento.org.

Parks Plan 2040 Key Directions

Youth Wellbeing

- Provide a range of recreation and enrichment programs for toddlers, children, youth, tweens, teens, and young adults.
 - Summer @ City Hall Program
 - Semester @ City Hall Program
- Expand programs and services to support youth health, special needs, educational programs, childcare, youth development, workforce/volunteer training, and family support.
 - New Semester @ City Hall program

YPCE Leadership & Collaboration

- Expand connections and communication with School Districts, partners, facility operators, community leaders, and volunteers.
 - Expanded collaboration with Twin Rivers, Natomas Unified, and Sacramento City School District for Summer @ City Hall and Semester @ City Hall.

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.

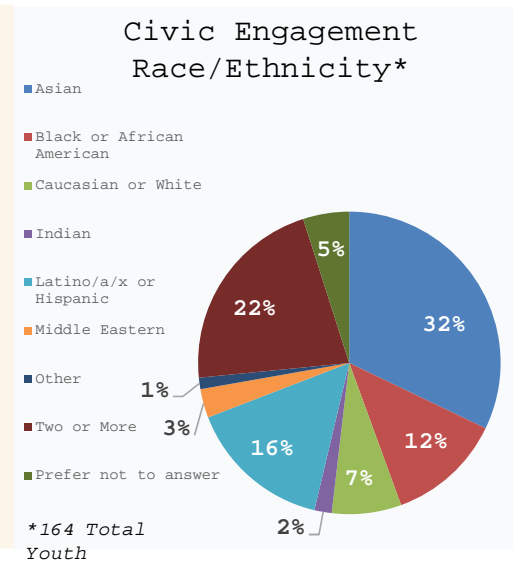
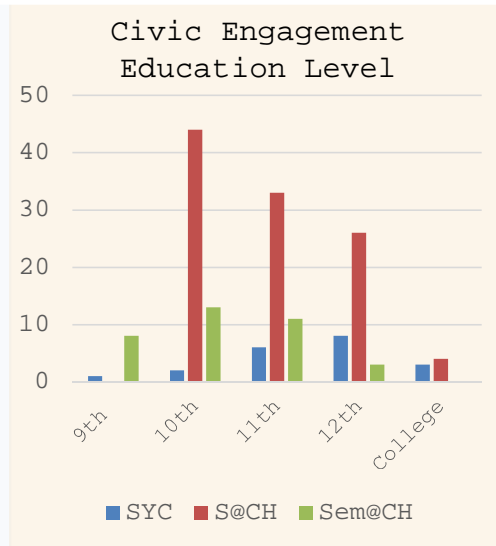
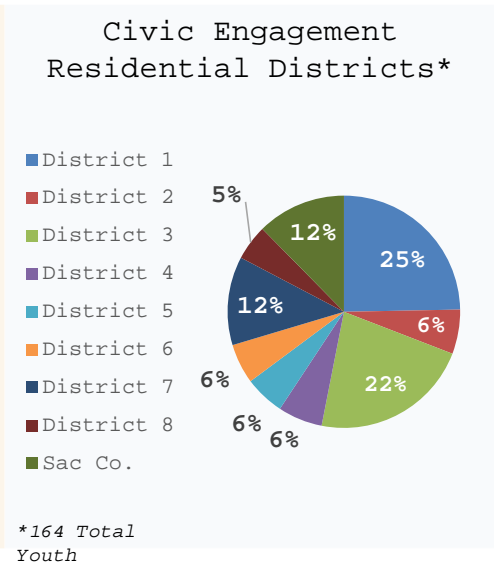
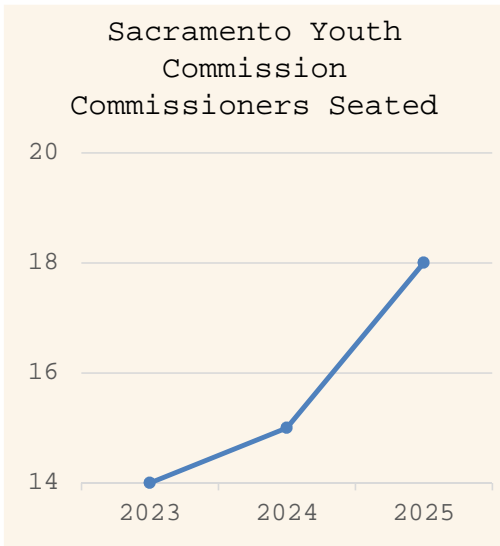
Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.



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2025 Youth Civic Engagement



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Community Centers Overview

File ID: 2026-01120

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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Issue Detail:

Community Centers Overview

The Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment Department (YPCE) manages 15 community centers and clubhouses throughout the City of Sacramento. These facilities are operated by a dedicated Community Center team of career employees, including a Recreation Manager, a Recreation Superintendent, Program Supervisors, Program Coordinators, Program Leaders/Developers, Customer Service staff, and Custodial staff. Together, this team oversees the daily operations and management of each facility, delivers recreational programming for all ages and abilities, provides high-quality customer service, and maintains safe, clean, and welcoming environments for the community.

YPCE Community Centers offer a wide range of recreational programs and services, including after-

school and summer youth and teen programming, senior activities, health and wellness programs, summer camps, facility rentals, special events, and emergency response resources and support. Most Community Center sites operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, with hours varying at select clubhouses and centers.

The following community centers and clubhouses are currently operated by YPCE:

- Belle Cooleage Community Center
- Carl Johnston Community Center
- Coloma Community Center
- Clunie Community Center
- East Portal Clubhouse
- Evelyn Moore Community Center
- George Sim Community Center
- Joe Mims Jr. Hagginwood Community Center
- North Natomas Community Center (operated by Aquatics)
- Oak Park Community Center
- Rose Garden Room at the Frederick N. Evans (McKinley) Rose Garden
- Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center
- Shepard Garden and Arts Center
- South Natomas Community Center
- Southside Clubhouse

In addition, the following city-owned facilities are leased to local non-profits and community-based organizations to support their independent programming and services:

- Elmo Slider Clubhouse
- Sierra 2 Center
- Woodlake Clubhouse
- Robertson Community Center

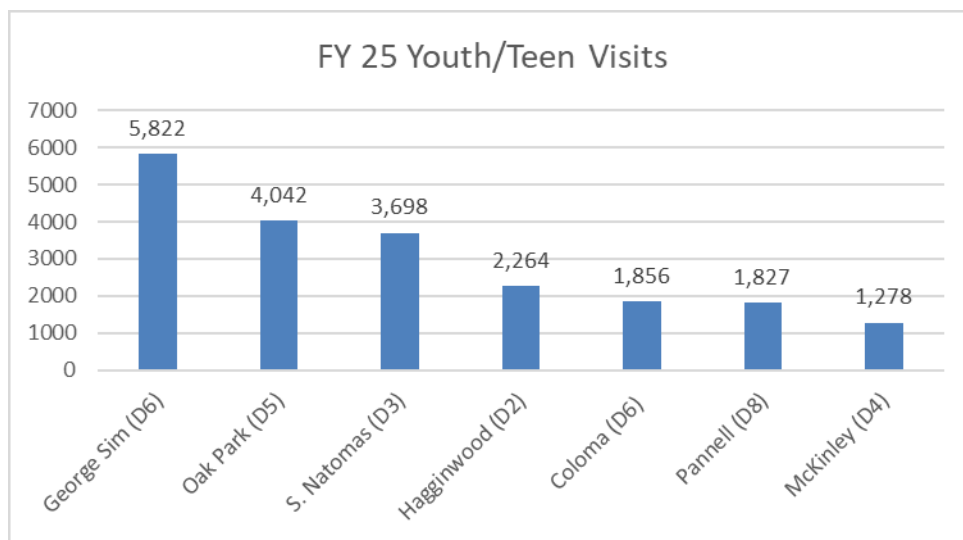
FY25 Program Highlights

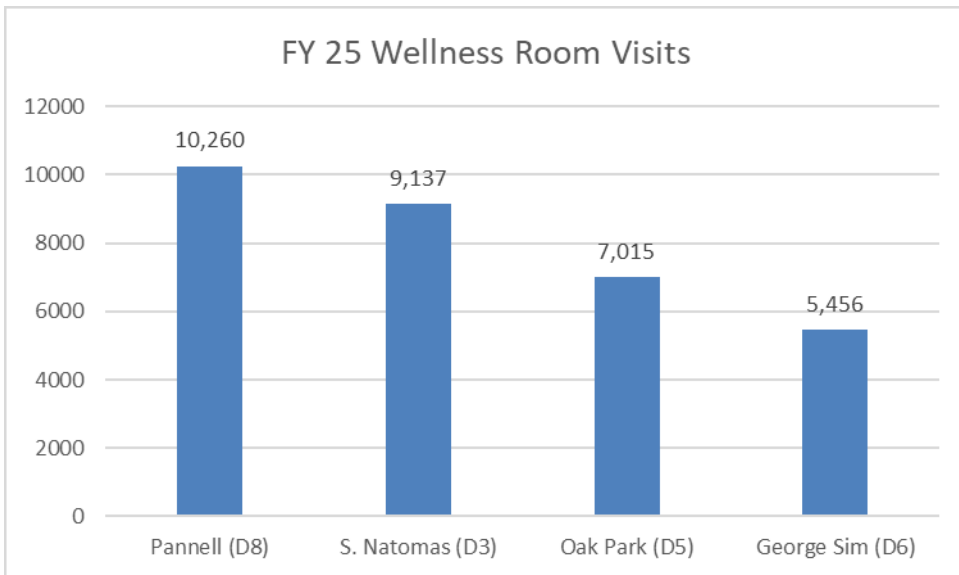
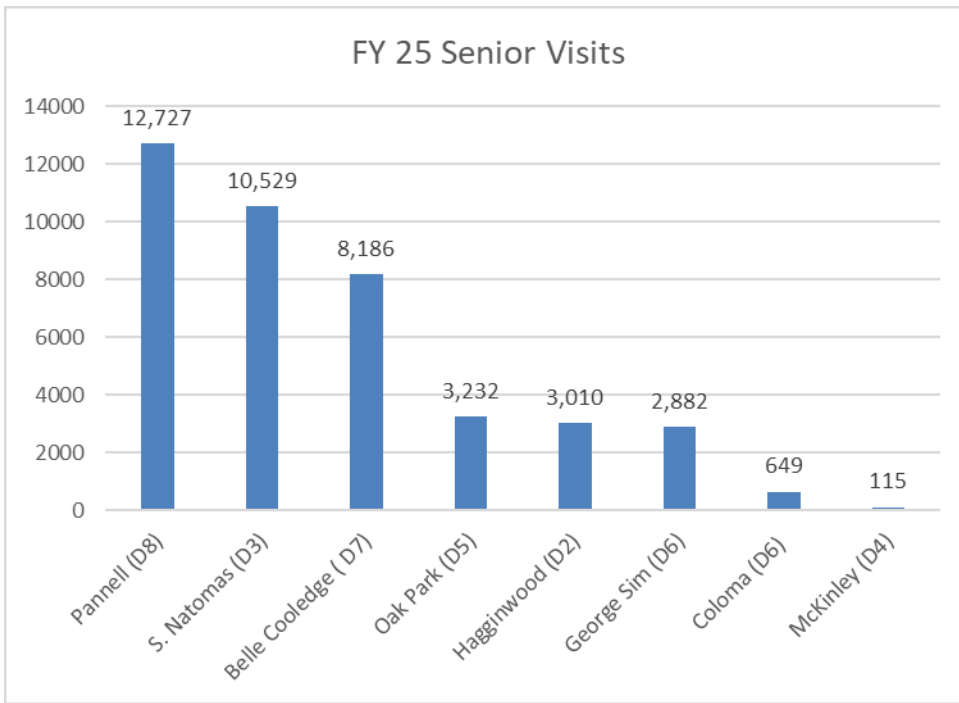
In FY25, Community Centers continued to provide a diverse range of youth and teen programming, including after-school enrichment activities focused on sports, arts and crafts, academic support, and social engagement. Summer camp programs offered outdoor recreation, arts, sports, and enrichment opportunities for youth ages 6-12 and teens ages 13-17. During the 8-week Summer 2025 session, Community Centers recorded **2,038** youth and teen enrollments. Overall, youth and teen programs generated more than **20,787** visits during the fiscal year and summer season.

Community Centers also expanded programming and services for older adults across the city. Through senior programming, wellness activities, and partnerships with Meals on Wheels, Centers recorded more than **41,320** senior visits and **31,868** wellness room visits during FY25. Staff also

coordinated large-scale senior special events throughout north, central, and south Sacramento, including the Senior Flower Power Fest, Summer Luau, and Holiday Festival, which promoted social connection, wellness, and community engagement for older adults. Additionally, Community Centers hosted year-round special events for youth, families, and seniors, including movie nights, game tournaments, and holiday celebrations.

Throughout the year, Community Centers partnered with community-based organizations and agencies, including but not limited to the Sacramento Public Library, Natomas Unified School District, Sacramento City Unified School District, and Meals on Wheels to provide programs and services that expand current community center offerings.





Community Center Rentals and Usage

In FY25, the Center team booked **1,082** rental permits, including weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays,

and family celebrations. Consistent with City Council Resolution No. 2018-0371, we waived qualifying **rental fees for community organizations and non-profits.**

Community Centers have provided critical community resources, programs, and services. In addition to offering a variety of recreational programming, the Centers continue to provide emergency response support through the activation of clean air and cooling centers, continuing to meet the community's needs.

Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF)

YPCE offered Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) to increase access to high-quality recreation programs for youth ages 0-24 from income-eligible families. Scholarships cover registration and membership fees for qualifying programs from September 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025. In FY 25, YPSF awarded **\$129,000** in scholarships for 109 participants increasing program accessibility across Sacramento.

Summer Oasis in Community Centers

The summer day camp is offered through Summer Oasis - Kinder (age 5), Summer Oasis (ages 6-12), and Summer Oasis - Teen (ages 13-17), providing age-specific programming in safe, welcoming environments. New this year, the Department added a dedicated Kinder program for 5-year-olds who will be entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) in Fall 2026, providing a supportive space for youth to build confidence, develop social connections, and transition into a school-based setting.

Summer Oasis offers the traditional summer camp experience with both indoor and outdoor activities. Campers enjoy a variety of engaging experiences, including arts and crafts, sports, games, and neighborhood trips, including swimming at participating locations. Meals are provided in partnership with local school districts.

Summer registration began on April 8, 2026, with **1,184** participants enrolled for programs running June 8 through August 15, 2026, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Leisure Enrichment

Leisure Enrichment is an extension of City programs and serves as YPCE's method of addressing service gaps by contracting recreation activities and special interest classes. Instructors of contracted classes utilize our facilities, parks, and registration systems to provide a variety of enrichment programs to the community.

Interested instructors can submit inquiries and proposals to LeisureEnrichment@CityofSacramento.org. The Leisure Enrichment team will assess whether the proposed subject matter complements existing programs and addresses a gap in service. If deemed

appropriate, the program manager will arrange an interview to evaluate the instructor's qualifications and alignment with our mission and core values. Instructors who proceed to the next stage in the process will need to complete a brief online application, which the department will rate. If the ratings meet the minimum score, the department will initiate the contracting phase.

Leisure Enrichment contractors must undergo a criminal background check and complete mandated reporter training if they are working with youth. Additionally, they are required to provide proof of insurance, a business operations tax certificate, and submit tax forms.

Currently, the Leisure Enrichment program holds 27 contracts for instructors offering classes at various centers and parks. Contracted classes are available at the following locations:

- 28th & B Skate Park
- Belle Cooleedge CC
- Clunie CC
- Coloma CC
- Didion School
- Garcia Bend Park
- George Sim CC
- Glenbrook Park
- Hagginwood CC
- Hart Senior Center
- McKinley Park
- North Natomas AQ Complex
- North Natomas Community Center
- North Natomas Community Park • Oki Park

Contract classes currently cover the following subject matter:

- Arts & Crafts
- Basketball
- Dance
- Dog Obedience
- Flag Football
- Martial Arts/Karate
- Skateboarding
- Soccer
- Somatic Muscle Release
- Table Tennis

- Tai Chi/Qigong
- Taiko Drumming
- Tennis
- Theater Arts
- Yoga
- Zumba

Athletic Field Use Permits

The Community Centers division offers a Reservations Office at the Coloma Community Center that issues park picnic and athletic field permits. The City of Sacramento's Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment (YPCE) Department is committed to ensuring all community members have equitable access to sports fields. YPCE has approximately 245 Sports Field Listings in our reservation system. All sports fields can be rented out for recreational use. Sports fields are allocated and permitted annually following YPCE's Athletic Field Use and Allocation Guidelines

Sports field requests are channeled through the Reservations Office located at the Coloma Community Center. A letter reviewing the criteria and deadlines to apply for athletic field use is shared with sports organizations/field users at the beginning of August. Athletic Field Use Guide/Applications for Long Term Athletic Fields for January through December are due on the third Thursday in September. Application(s) must be received/postdated on or before the third Thursday in September. Any requests received after these deadlines will be considered on a first-come-first serve basis after the allocation has been completed. Organizations must be in good financial standing to have their applications for field use considered. Good financial standing means no outstanding invoices greater than 30 days owed to the City of Sacramento.

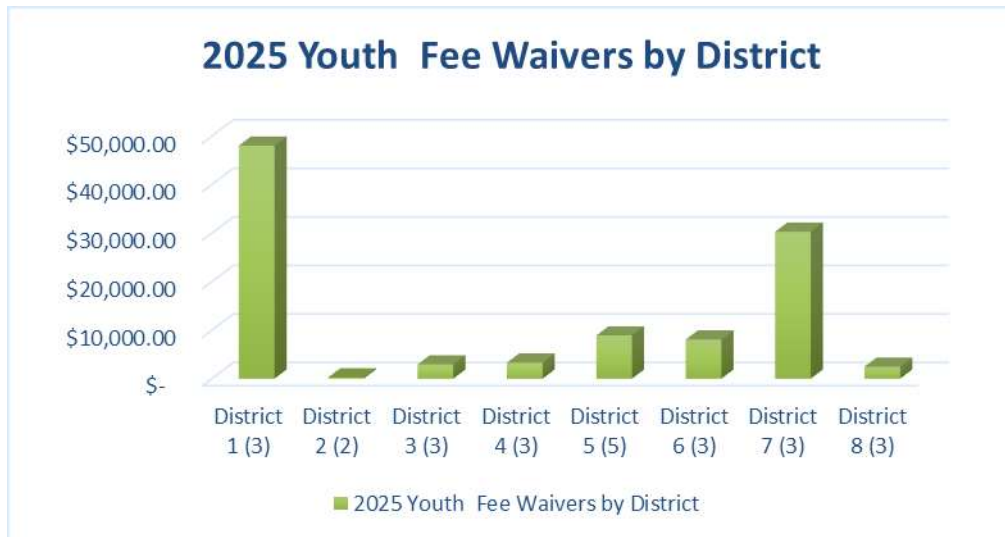
Youth Sports Field Fee Reduction and Waiver Program

The City of Sacramento continues to administer the Youth Sports Field fee reduction/fee waiver program through the Council approved Resolution No. 2022-0221. Fee reduction/waiver forms will be provided when applicants receive their 2027 Long Term Sports Field permits. The Youth Sports Field fee reduction/fee waiver program has no measure on how fields are allocated and is intended to ensure that all youth sports leagues within the city have an equal opportunity to utilize the available sports fields if they meet the criteria outlined below. The Youth Program Scholarship Fund (YPSF) has been restructured to continue to cover fee waivers and reductions for youth sports field rentals.

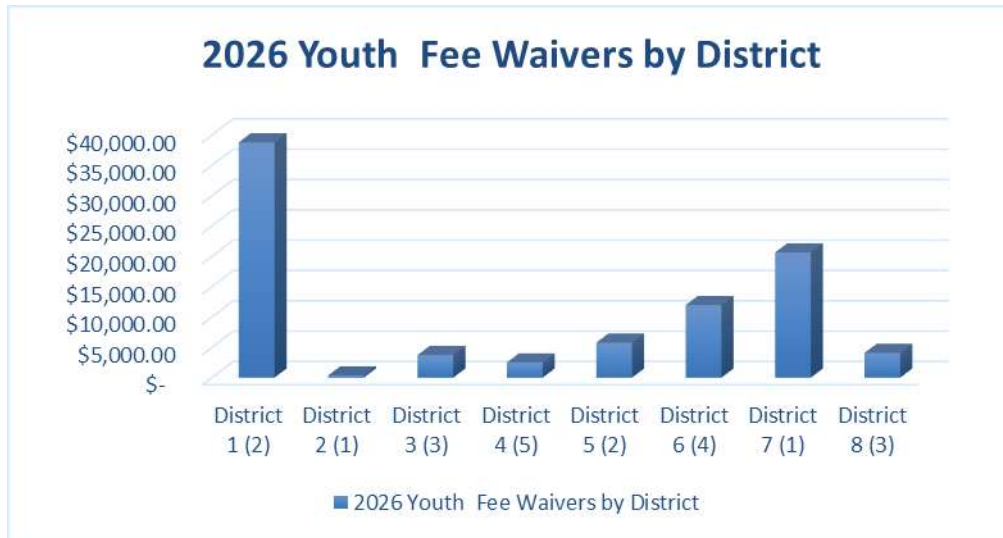
The City Manager, or the Director of the Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment as the City Manager's designee, is authorized to issue a **Sports Field Permit fee waiver** for an organization who meets the following criteria:

- a) A recreation youth league;

- b) A non-profit in good standing, or governmental agency;
- c) The majority of registered participants are Sacramento residents;
- d) The league does not charge to participate; and
- e) The league uses volunteer coaches only



\$104,290.50 in fees waived in 2025



\$87,317.25 waived for 2026 Thus Far

The City Manager, or the Director of the Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment as the City Manager’s designee, is authorized to issue a **Sports Field Permit fee reduction of 50%** for an organization who meets the following criteria:

- a) A recreation youth league;
- b) A non-profit in good standing, or governmental agency;
- c) The majority of registered participants are Sacramento residents;
- d) The league uses volunteer coaches only

Seasons

As more sports have become year-round, YPCE has established seasons to assist with the allocation process.

Sports seasons are defined as follows:

- Spring (baseball, softball): February 15th - June 30th
- Fall (football, soccer): August 15th - December 31st
- Shoulder Seasons: July 1st - August 14th and January 1st - February 14th

In-season sports are given priority over off-season sports. Fees may apply to leagues/teams requesting field space during the shoulder seasons for pre-season and post-season activities, as

availability may be limited.

Allocation Criteria

The field splitting process includes the allocation of field space to organizations who have submitted a completed long term sports field application by the established application deadline. Definition of First Consideration: Preceding all others in order as a matter (application) is weighed and considered when formulating a plan (allocation of field space). An example of first consideration in context can be: A returning organization in good standing and who has met all application requirements has the ability to receive first consideration outside of departmental use.

The order of consideration for field use is as follows:

- City of Sacramento Park Maintenance
- City Programs
- Priority Agreement Holders
- Historic Users (3 or more years of continued use and on-time payments)
- Youth Programs (non-profit)
- Adult Programs (non-profit)
- Youth Programs (for profit)
- Adult Programs (for profit)

Field Allocations and Permits

A tentative permit is issued to an organization from the City of Sacramento/YPCE Reservations Office. The tentative permit remains in pending status until all additional required documentation has been received by the designated deadline. Only once all additional required criteria have met satisfactory status, shall the permit move from tentative to firm.

Permits are not transferable.

2025 Application Status	Youth	Adults
Applications Received	69	25
Permits Issued	526	225
<i>*Total number of Youth served 14,000-15,000</i>		
2026 Application Statistics	Youth	Adult
Applications Received	72	30
Permits Issued	543	251
<i>*Total number of Youth served 16,000-17,000</i>		

Payments and Cancellation Policy

Permit fees are due on the first of the month. Once an application is issued a contract number the cancellation policy becomes applicable.

Policy Considerations: Not applicable.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment provide annual updates to commission on Community Centers and Community Recreation.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

Community Centers

Programming



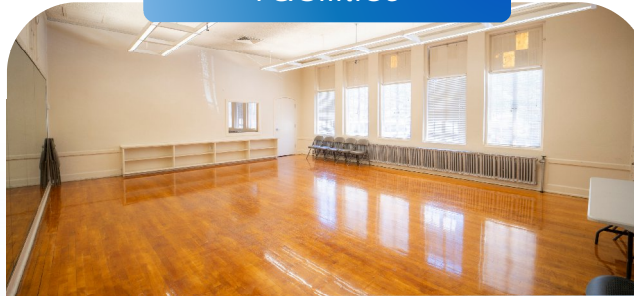
Community Center Offerings

- Tots and Rec
- Youth After School Program
- Youth Special Events
- Teen After School Program
- Teen Special Events
- Senior Special Events
- Senior Programming
- Wellness Room

Leisure Enrichment

- **9,887** enrollments in FY25
- **27** Recreation Services Contracts
- **18** Locations Served (Community Centers and Parks)

Facilities



15

City-operated Community Centers & Clubhouse

\$288k

Youth-Based Community Center Fees Waived

\$147K

Sports Field Fees Waived

Summer Oasis
Enrollments

2,038

Youth & Teens

YPSF
Scholarships

Awarded
\$129K

Center Visits

