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Arshia Ghatak, Nishka Gouri, Suhani Goyal,
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Alternate Members: Siddharth Verose, Mya Chan

Teen Council Agenda

**San Ramon Community Center
Terrace Room
12501 Alcosta Boulevard**

**March 17, 2026
6:30 PM
Regular Meeting**

Agenda Questions: Contact Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-3272

- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment**

At this time, members of the public are encouraged to address the Teen Council on any item not already included in tonight's agenda. Comments should not exceed three (3) minutes. During public comment, members of the public are permitted to address the Teen Council on items that are not on the agenda and are within the Teen Council's jurisdiction.

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- 3. Committee Business**

3.1 Approval of February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

3.2 Leaders in Training and Teen Service and Leadership Programs Review

Staff Report by Andrew Mendes, Recreation Coordinator

3.3 Approve the Proposed Workplan for the 2026-2027 Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee

Report by Suhani Goyal, Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Chair

3.4 Committee Reports and Announcements

4. Adjournment

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- a. No profanity or obscenity
- b. Refrain from personal threats or attacks.
- c. Refrain from hateful epithets and demeaning language based on any person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or disability.
- d. Respect all people that are present.

At the discretion of the Teen Council Chair, a speaker may forfeit speaking time for any of the following reasons:

- a. Exceeding the allotted time to speak;
- b. Yelling, screaming, or other behavior that renders this Teen Council unable to continue the meeting;
- c. Excessive profanity or slander; Specific threats or "fighting words" that incite violence; or
- d. Speech that is outside the subject matter jurisdiction of the Teen Council or the specific agenda item in which you are speaking.

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CITY OF SAN RAMON
TEEN COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2026
Regular Meeting
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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

8 Chair Jonnalagadda called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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10 **2. ROLL CALL**

11 Present: Chair Varsha Jonnalagadda, Vice Chair Tanya Kaur Grewal, Teen
12 Councilmembers: Divij Bhatia, Ananya Bollapini, Vihaan Choudhary, Keerthi Eraniyan,
13 Ishaan Garg, Arshia Ghatak, Nishka Gouri, Suhani Goyal, Rishab Guntuku (arrived late at
14 6:37 p.m.), Sandra Joseph, Naina Rana, Adhyayan Veer Singh, Neil Thella, Kaashvi Patil,
15 and Siddharth Verose*

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18 Absent: Teen Councilmember: Eva Brooks

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20 Other Attendees:

21 Jessica Reaber, Parks & Community Services Recreation Supervisor
22 Stacy Munsell, Parks & Community Services Office Specialist
23 Richard Adler, City Councilmember
24 Colette Clark, Senior Advisory Committee Liaison

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26 **3. SPECIAL ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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28 Jessica Reaber, Recreation Supervisor, provided special announcements and updates.

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30 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

31 *At this time, those in the audience are encouraged to address the Teen Council on any item*
32 *not already included on today's agenda. If possible, comments should not exceed five*
33 *minutes. If this is not considered sufficient time to address the issue, please arrange with*
34 *the Secretary to have that item placed on the Agenda for a future Committee meeting.*

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36 There was no public comment.

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38 **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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40 **5.1 Minutes of the January 20, 2026 Meeting**

41 Member Choudhary motion to approve January 20, 2026, meeting minutes was
42 seconded by Member Goyal. The motion passed 17-0-0-0.

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44 **6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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46 **6.1 Approve Participation in the City of San Ramon Arbor Day Celebration**

48 Recreation Supervisor Jessica Reaber provided a description of the upcoming
49 Arbor Day Celebration at Forest Home Farms Historic Park on April 18, 2026.

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51 Committee Member Ghatak motioned for the committee to volunteer for the
52 event, and Committee Member Bhatia seconded the motion. The motion passed
53 17-0-0-0.

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55 **6.2 Approve Teens in Action Page Recommendations**

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57 Recreation Supervisor Jessica Reaber reviewed the recommendation with the
58 committee on whether to expand the recognition to include teens who applied for
59 the award but were not selected.

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61 Committee Member Patil motioned for the committee to expand the recognition
62 to include teens who applied for the award, and Committee Member Joseph
63 seconded the motion. The motion passed 17-0-0-0.

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65 **6.3 Verbal updates from Teen Council Ad Hoc Committees**

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67 Teen Councilmembers provided updates.

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69 **7. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

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71 Members provided updates.

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73 **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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75 Committee Member Clark and City Councilmember Adler provided updates.

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77 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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79 Chair Jonnalagadda adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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81 Submitted by Jessica Reaber, Recreation Supervisor.



Teen Council Staff Report Item No. 3.2

Date: March 17, 2026

To: Teen Council

From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Andrew Mendes, Recreation Coordinator

Subject: Leaders in Training and Teen Service and Leadership Programs Review

Recommendation:

The San Ramon Teen Council should receive the Leaders in Training and Teen Service and Leadership presentation and provide feedback on potential program enhancements.

Background:

The LIT program offers an in-depth look at how Parks Make Life Better through the Camp Central summer camp program. Classroom time supports participants' eventual volunteerism at Camp Central, where they will be alongside City Staff, helping make memories for campers and developing leadership skills. Over the five weeks of classroom activities, participants learn how Camp Central operates, how to work and communicate with campers, the importance of being a role model, and how the Americans with Disabilities Act requires reasonable accommodations so that all members of the community can enjoy Camp Central. LIT also takes part in a resume and interview skills-building session, which helps participants prepare for future employment opportunities with the City of San Ramon or other local organizations. Participants commit to volunteering over the summer at Camp Central, where they interact with campers, support those who require additional support, and learn from City Staff in a real-world setting.

The TSL program connects teens with civic education and engagement. Participants learn about communication, community service, and local government through presentations from guest speakers. Over the years, guest speakers have included the City Manager, Chief of Police, Department Directors, and the Mayor. This internship-style experience allows participants to gain hands-on experience by planning a special event. In 2025, TSL participants collaborated to plan and execute an event called "Scary-oke", which was a fun Halloween-themed dance for the City's Recreation Therapy participants. As part of the Teen Service and Leadership program, participants volunteer at a variety of programs

throughout the City of San Ramon, including park clean-up days, nature programs, youth sports programs, and special events.

The LIT and TSL programs work to activate and engage local teens and provide opportunities to become more involved in the community. In 2025, the programs collectively had 86 participants and recorded a total of 5,244 volunteer hours. These programs have become effective feeder programs for the Parks and Community Services Department's workforce needs, with graduates of the programs being able to join the Department with relevant experience, familiarity of City programs and events, along with an understanding of the Community's values. As a result, the TSL program has received both local and state awards from the California Parks and Recreation Society.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this report.

Alternative Option(s):

There are no alternative options with this report.

Next Steps:

Staff will incorporate suggestions into the program planning for LIT and TSL 2026.



Teen Council Staff Report Item No. 3.3

Date: March 17, 2026

To: Teen Council

From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Suhani Goyal, Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Chair

Subject: Approve the Proposed Workplan for the 2026-2027 Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee

Recommendation:

The San Ramon Teen Council should receive the report, provide feedback, and approve the Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee's recommended workplan for 2026-2027.

Background:

On January 16, 2024, the Teen Council approved a student survey developed by the Committee to gather input on stress, coping strategies, and service gaps. Survey responses indicated that teens overwhelmingly seek spaces to connect with friends and build new peer relationships. Staff previously identified existing community spaces that support this goal, including Teen Centers at each middle school, meeting rooms at the San Ramon Library, and expanded teen programming at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center, such as Open Mic nights and Open Studios. The 2025-2026 Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee found that the results highlight an opportunity to increase awareness, visibility, and student ownership of existing supportive spaces, as well as potential for more active collaboration between Teen Council members and their respective schools.

Teen Council members and ambassadors can help close the gap between available programs and student participation by partnering with Student Wellness or Resource Centers at their respective schools to promote creative wellness opportunities and increase engagement. In addition, the following program opportunities have been identified.

1. Art and Wellness Centers Collaboration

Establish a partnership between the high schools' Wellness Centers and student clubs to implement an anonymous storytelling and art commission program incentivized by volunteer hours.

2. Peer-led Middle School Transition Program
Assist in the creation of a student-led middle school transition program and mentorship framework to facilitate the academic and social transition of 8th-grade students into the high school environment.
3. Peer Outreach Presentation Panelists
Work with appropriate school staff to have student panelists included in wellness presentations.

Each proposed item will require the support of the Teen Council and the Teen Council Ambassadors. They will collaborate with school staff, student leadership classes, and clubs to create a comprehensive plan. This plan will ensure each initiative is executed effectively in every school.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this report.

Alternative Option(s):

If the fullness of the proposed is not executable, it is recommended that the Teen Council continue to create social media posts that touch on mental health and wellness and engage students as much as possible.

Next Steps:

Upon approval, staff will work with the 2026-2027 Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the projects to be proposed to schools, assist with scheduling meetings with the appropriate staff, and attend meetings to discuss the various items within each school.