



Accepting Applications For The Juvenile Justice Commission

Santa Clara County continues to be at the forefront of juvenile justice reform, reflecting the leadership of the Superior Court and the commitment and collaboration of the many agencies and departments that administer and serve the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Justice system is comprised of the justice system (serving children with law violations) and the child welfare system (serving children suffering abuse or neglect).

The Juvenile Justice Commission of Santa Clara County is a state-mandated, court-appointed authority. The general purpose of the Commission is to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the County. The Commission is dedicated to promoting an effective juvenile justice system operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for the youth of Santa Clara County. The Commission's responsibilities include:

- Inspecting juvenile facilities, including shelters, detention facilities, and congregate care facilities used to place any minor by Santa Clara County.
- Conducting public or closed inquiries and hearings on matters relating to juvenile law in the County.
- Advocating for needed strategies and services for youth in, or at risk of entering, the justice and dependency systems.

The Juvenile Justice Commission applies a social justice and equity lens to its work and seeks to prevent and lessen system involvement. The Commission includes 15 volunteer Commissioners, two of whom are Youth Commissioners, between 14 and 21 years of age. Commissioners must reside in Santa Clara County. Commissioners' responsibilities include:

- Attendance at public and closed-session Commission meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from noon to 3 pm in downtown San Jose
- Participation in at least two inspections and research projects, requiring site visits and the production of reports and accompanying recommendations to County officials
- Ongoing education and active engagement in addressing juvenile justice issues in the County.

Applications or nominations are invited. The Commission welcomes applicants interested in public policy, juvenile justice, and dependency who bring diverse perspectives and experiences. The time commitment is substantial.

For more information and application forms, please visit the Santa Clara County Superior Court website http://www.scscourt.org/court_divisions/juvenile/jjc/jc_home.shtml.

Please email sccjic@gmail.com with any additional questions or if you would like to speak with a Commissioner.