



# Youth Commission: 2026 Annual Update

Interim Chair Christopher Suauzo

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# Youth Commission Members

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## **Youth Members:**

Aliyah Acevedo  
April Acevedo  
Christopher Suazo  
Dana Ramirez-Zamora  
Harjas Thiara  
Leianna Demos  
Liam Dadlani  
Luis Martinez  
Remigio Arellano  
Valeria Dionicio-Castillo

## **Adult Members:**

Robert Grandinetti  
Michelle Sessions

## **Council Members:**

- Councilmember Joanna Sandoval
- Councilmember Jose Guardiola

\*8 student vacancies, 2 adult vacancies

# About Youth Commission

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- Youth Commission consists of adult members and student members between 13-19 years old
- Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center in the Community Rooms at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Commission Duties & Actions:
  - Advise the City Council on youth matters
  - Community Service Projects
  - Volunteer
  - Advise PRG on future programming and activities
  - Professional Development & Team Bonding Activities
  - Learn Bob's Rules of Order

# 2025-2026 Goals

**Goal #1: By June 2026, we will volunteer for 8 different events or organizations, as well as complete 2 service projects.**

Volunteer Event	# of Volunteers	Total Hours
Project Present	7	8
Fall Fest	5	8
Boo of the Bluff	4	6
Daddy Daughter Dance	4	4
Valentine's Day	ALL	2
Earth Day	4	4
Music In the Park	3	16
Town Hall	ALL	6
Pancake Breakfast	4	3
<b>Total 2025-2026 Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>



# Goal #1 Continued

## 2025-2026 Service Projects:

- Toy Drive for Commerce City Project Present
  - Collected 7 boxes of toys to donate
- Hosted an educational craft table at the Earth Day Event
  - \$300 worth of crafts, reused crafts from last year
- Valentine's Day Cards to Senior Homes
  - Partnership with Senior Commission, we provided cards and candy to be giving out at Nursing Homes



Earth Day Service Project



Project Present

# Goal #2

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**Goal #2: By June 2026, we will have planned and hosted 2 Town Halls and partnered with 2 Commerce City High Schools to bring them hot topic assemblies.**

Fall 2025 Town Hall: October 18th at 9 A.M. at the Civic Center

- This Town Hall focused on Boards and Commission meet and greet

Spring 2026 Town Hall: April 16th at 6:30 P.M. at Bison Ridge Recreation Center

- This Town Hall focused on Safety within schools, roads and community within Commerce City

2 Commerce City High Schools Partnership

- In progress for next school year 2026-2027 goal due to school schedules
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Fall Town Hall 2025



Spring Town Hall 2026

# Goal #3

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**Goal #3: By June 2026, we will have completed 3 workshops conducted by various professionals.**

## Bus Patrol

- On February 19th, Christina Amparan spoke on Bus Patrol. AI School Bus cameras

## Community Well-Being

- On March 19th, Paulina Ursua Garcia spoke on Commerce City Community Well-Being and how Youth Commission can partner with them

## Resume Builder

- On May 7th, we plan to do a resume building session
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# National League of Cities Conference- Salt Lake City, Utah

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- Four Youth Commissioners attended the NLC Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in November for a 4-day conference.
- While they attended the conference they learned about making cities more accessible, public space planning and how to make cities more family friendly.
- Explored Salt Lake City doing a scavenger hunt hosted by SLC youth delegates, went to aquarium, the lantern festival, and went to the Hockey Game being able to network with fellow youth all over the United States.



NLC Conference



# National League Of Cities Conference

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*Day 1 of Conference*



*Day 4 of Conference-  
Closing Ceremony*



*Interim Chair Suazo  
Giving a Presentation on  
Public Spaces*



# Other Accomplishments

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- Approved a 2026 Budget to be more efficient of allocating funds to items that are important to the Youth Commission
- 5 Youth Commissioners Attended the Youth Diversity Conference
- 3 Youth Commissioners attended Youth Advocacy Days at the Colorado Capitol



Youth Advocacy Days



Youth Diversity Conference





# Questions?

