



Riverside County Youth Commission And Fourth District Youth Advisory Council

Formation of the Youth Commission:

On January 6, 1998 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the formation of a countywide Youth Commission to advise the Board of Supervisors on issues relevant to youth in the County. The idea for a Youth Commission arose in 1996 at a Youth Summit in Palm Desert sponsored by Supervisor John Tavaglione. It was suggested that a Youth Commission acting as an advisory board would allow the Board of Supervisors to interact on a personal level with the youth of the County, and to better respond to their needs. Considering the immense size of Riverside County, the Supervisors also created District Youth Councils to have more accurate representation from all areas of the county.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to empower the young people to focus on their vision and goals for the future and to plan and implement strategies that will allow them to reach those goals. The Commission shall provide advice, assistance and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and all County Department heads. In addition, the Youth Commission shall work to anticipate the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of youth. The Commission shall work to insure the coordination of community resources in order to improve the quality of life of all young people in the County of Riverside.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council is made up of high school students representing schools within the Fourth District Supervisorial District. Each District Council votes on a Commissioner and Co-Commissioner to represent them on the countywide Youth Commission.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council works closely with their respective Commissioner to develop suggestions and recommendations to the Youth Commission. The Youth Commission in-turn routinely sends each District Council items for review. The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council also volunteers its membership for community service projects. The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council by working with both private and public entities is able to best serve and address the anticipated needs of young people living in the County of Riverside.