

**Riverside County
Fourth District Youth Advisory Council
Coachella Valley
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 5:30pm
Meeting Minutes**

Riverside County Fourth District Office
73-710 Fred Waring Dr, Suite 115
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Louiza Easley (12)	La Quinta
Liane Yoss (12)	La Quinta
Amanda Boiko (12)	La Quinta
Rene Padilla (10)	La Quinta
Jacob Rubin (12)	Palm Desert
Brian Rohrbaugh (12)	Palm Desert
Amelia Sullivan (12)	Palm Desert
Noah Lax (11)	Palm Desert
Brittney Baird (12)	Palm Desert
Waverly Tseng (11)	Palm Desert
Ricky Huang (11)	Palm Desert
Brian Bruning (12)	Palm Desert
Elijah Thomas (12)	Palm Desert
Amarpreet Deol (12)	Palm Desert
Marvin Chen (11)	Palm Desert
Kaylie Chen (9)	Palm Desert
Cassidy Collins (12)	Palm Desert
Daniel Rolph (11)	Palm Desert
Ashley Josephson (12)	Palm Desert
Amanda Depierro (11)	Palm Desert
Alexa Depierro (12)	Palm Desert
Claire Stephenson (11)	Palm Desert
Jennifer Garcia- Lopez (11)	Palm Desert
Sabina Repesa (11)	Palm Desert
Ashlee Verma (11)	Palm Desert
Haley Josephson (10)	Palm Desert
Brandi Wegerle (12)	Xavier Prep
Austin Bragg (11)	Xavier Prep
William Nelson (10)	Desert Christian



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Brittney Baird, Commissioner
Ashley Josephson, Co-Commissioner
William Nelson, Secretary
Cassidy Collins, Parliamentarian
Brandi Wegerle, Public Relations

Gabrielle Ramirez (12)	Palo Verde
Amy Gaona (12)	Palo Verde
Jazmin Herrera (12)	Palo Verde
Miriam Villanueva (12)	Palo Verde
Abrie Guillen (12)	Palo Verde
Nancy Garibay (12)	Palo Verde
Cody Krisell (12)	Palo Verde
Elise Rodriguez (12)	Palo Verde
Noelle McMillin (12)	Palo Verde
Kelly Stewart (12)	Palo Verde
Ariel Ramierez (12)	Palo Verde
Celeste Vilarde(12)	Palo Verde
Adriana Leon(12)	Palo Verde
Jonathan Smith (11)	Palo Verde
Kamden Atchley(11)	Palo Verde
Taylor Cavazos (11)	Palo Verde
Damian Cortez(11)	Palo Verde
Phoebe Cyr(11)	Palo Verde
Jordan Girard (11)	Palo Verde
Da'za'Nique Kidd(11)	Palo Verde
Taylor Calabrese(11)	Palo Verde
Carley Teater(11)	Palo Verde
Ariana Tribby(11)	Palo Verde
Alexandria Rodriguez(10)	Palo Verde
Rubal Singh(10)	Palo Verde
Stephanie Reyes(10)	Palo Verde
Christopher Perez(10)	Palo Verde
Keila Northrup (10)	Palo Verde
Mickayla Phillips (10)	Palo Verde
Francesca Kontilis (10)	Palo Verde
T.j. Koivisto(10)	Palo Verde
Nicole Bush(10)	Palo Verde
Mikayla Bush (10)	Palo Verde
Shiloh Whiteson(10)	Palo Verde
Landon Bishoff (10)	Palo Verde
Grace Quist (10)	Palo Verde
Savannah St John (10)	Palo Verde
Hannah Drazst (9)	Palo Verde
Alexis Morales (9)	Palo Verde
Francis Relampagos (9)	Palo Verde
Elisa Tellez(9)	Palo Verde

1.0 Call to Order

Commissioner Baird called this meeting to order at 5:37pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

All YAC members were present except:
Austin Bragg, Brian Bruning, Jacob Rubin (Excused- Football), Louiza Easley.

4.0 Presentation from Animal Samaritans- Leslie Cyphers

Leslie Cyphers, Volunteer Coordinator for Animal Samaritans invited YAC to volunteer at the Walk for Animals Fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, March 31. Leslie thanked YAC for the fantastic job they did last year.

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Leslie also invited YAC members and their families to volunteer at the shelter and/or become foster parents for animals that have been rescued through the Adoption Alliance program.

5.0 Presentation from For the Children- Silvia Signoret
No report

6.0 Presentation from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention- Jessica Van der Stad

Ms. Van der Stad is the Coachella Valley director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). AFSP is a national organization to help people cope with the loss of loved ones to suicide. Ms. Van der Stad invited all YAC members to help volunteer at the Out of the Darkness Community Walk which will be held at the Palm Desert Civic Center Park on Saturday, March 17.

7.0 Council Business **Recommendation**

7.1 Individual School Updates **Report**

La Quinta- Recently held their homecoming game and dance.

Palm Desert- Recently held their homecoming game and dance. Water polo recently won DVL.

DCA- Volleyball and football are still going. Currently planning a walk-a-thon.

XP- Volleyball and girls golf are still going. Homecoming is coming up.

7.2 Youth Summit Topics **Discussion**

YAC members were asked to help come up with an overall theme for the 2012 Youth Summit. The topics for the 2012 Youth Summit are:

- Tolerance/ bullying (LGBTQ)
- Positive self-image
- Safety (internet, self-defense, identifying unsafe situations, etc.)

After discussion all of the YAC members decided to suggest the following theme to the Youth Commission:

“Just Think!- Your Actions DO Speak Louder than Words.”

7.3 October Service Projects **Update**

I. Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade-

Chair: Cassidy Collins Co-Chair: Ashley Josephson

Golf Cart parade was a huge success! The only suggestions from YAC members were to not do the event on such a warm day and perhaps arrive closer to the judging time.

II. Trick or Treating for Canned Goods-

Chair: Waverly Tseng Co-Chair: Claire Stephenson

Another YAC success! YAC members were able to collect a number of requested items for the SafeHouse Stuff the Bus event and canned goods for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

7.4 November Service Projects

Update

I. Desert ARC Italian Festival

Chair: Louiza Easley Co-Chair: Waverly Tseng

This event is going to be held on Saturday, November 5 at Whitewater Park in Rancho Mirage. YAC members will be assisting with ticket sales and sign twirling. A signup sheet was passed around for YAC members to sign up.

II. Adopt a family for Thanksgiving

Chair: Amelia Sullivan Co-Chair: Ricky Huang

YAC decided to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner for three of the neediest Grandparents Raising Grandchildren families in the Coachella Valley. Each YAC member signed up to collect an item for Thanksgiving Dinner. All items collected are due on Tuesday, November 22 at 5pm at Supervisor Benoit's office.

Items for further discussion:

- For the Children toy drive

A YAC representative from each school will ask their school if they can place a toy collection box in one of the classrooms or offices. Once a YAC member confirms with Noel that they can place a box at their school Noel will drop off a collection box. Toys will be collected until Friday, December 16. All of the toys collected will be wrapped on Saturday, December 17. The toys will be passed out at the Christmas party on Sunday, December 18.

7.5 December Service Projects

Action

Items for discussion:

- Citrus Collection- Postponed till spring
- For the Children Christmas Party

YAC members will provide the following entertainment at the For the Children Christmas party:

- Christmas cookie decorating
- Gingerbread house decorating contest
- Karaoke to Christmas carols

The For the Children Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 18 at Hotel Zoso. YAC members are to arrive a Hotel Zoso at 9:30am.

- Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade

YAC members signed p to volunteer at the Palm Springs Festival of lights Parade on Saturday, December 3. YAC members are to arrive at South Palm Canyon and Ramon Road at 3:30pm. The parade will begin at 5:45pm. End times for the parade varies depending on where you are placed in the parade. The parade route ends at Palm Canyon and Tamarisk Road.

7.6 Upcoming Blythe Service Projects

Update

- Sat., Nov. 12: I-10 Celebrity Meet and Greet/ Toy Drive- Prevent Child Abuse event at Palo Verde Fairgrounds.
- For Thanksgiving Blythe YAC will be adopting two Grandparents Raising Grandchildren families in Blythe.

7.7 Riverside County Anti- Human Trafficking Task Force (RCAHT) Update

The first RCAHT task force meeting in the Coachella Valley will be held on Wed., Nov. 16. Noel will provide an update at the December YAC meeting.

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8.0 Commission Business

8.1 Commission Meeting

Update

- The next Youth Commission meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 17 at 5:30pm** at the County Administrative Center (CAC) in Riverside. All YAC members are invited to attend.

9.0 Staff Update, Noel Loughrin

Youth in Government Day will be held on Wednesday, January 25. Participation in this event is required to be eligible for the YAC scholarship. More details and invites will be passed out at the December YAC meeting.

YAC hosts two events at the Date Festival, Battle of the Bands and the High School Competition. Applications are nearly finalized. Applications and details will be discussed at the December YAC meeting.

10.0 Comments

10.1 Public Comments (3 min.)

None

10.2 Council Comments

None

11.0 Items for next agenda

- For the Children Christmas Party
- Youth In Government Day
- Battle of the Bands
- High School Competition
- Update on Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade

12.0 Next meeting date

Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30pm

13.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Baird adjourned this meeting at 6:25pm