



We need their...

VOICE

## ***“An Alliance between WGNA and the San Jose Youth Commission”***

*Members of San José’s Youth Commission are striving for greater influence in city council decisions to improve and positively impact young people. Youth Commissioners represent the future leaders of our city and the WGNA Board believes it is advantageous to provide them a voice and real-life experience of productive community service in partnership with elected Willow Glen board members and WGNA committees.*

### *Allow youth a voice and they’ll...*

- Offer fresh ideas and new solutions to old issues
- Advise the Board on needs and issues affecting youth
- Provide support and feedback for youth-based programs/services
- Enhance WGNA’s connectivity with youths, their parents, friends and relatives
- Give the Board the ability to implement programs that are conducive to youth
- Allow youth a voice that promotes an understanding of their needs
- Provide a resource for the Board and decision-makers
- Allow us to learn from their knowledge and contributions to the community
- Provide advice on safety and juvenile crime prevention

### *How it works...*

One member and an alternate member of the San Jose Youth Commission will be given one seat on the WGNA Board with full voting rights and privileges as any other board member. The term of service will be one (1) year. Commissioners will be selected by the San Jose Youth Commission, not by the Neighborhood Association. Two commissioners will be selected from different districts.

### *About the Youth Commission...*

The San Jose Youth Commission consists of eleven high school students who advise the City of San Jose on a broad range of youth services, issues and priorities. The Youth Leadership Development program is a priority in San Jose. The City has identified programs and opportunities to help train tomorrow’s community leaders as part of its’ continuing commitment to strong youth leadership. The Youth Commissioners work with City Staff to develop proposals to enhance and ensure this program’s future.

*We need their voice - Please support the youth in our community  
and vote to approve the addendum to the by-laws.*