

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### YOUTH COMMISSION

*Chair Sasha Jimenez  
Vice Chair Vincent M. Jones  
Commissioner Ruby Dias  
Commissioner Angel D. Aguilar-Andrade  
Commissioner Kimberly Velazquez-Garcia  
Commissioner Gladis Cabrera*



#### VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

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Thursday, February 6, 2025

6:00 PM

Pomona Council Chambers

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jimenez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Jimenez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Sasha Jimenez  
Vice Chair Vincent Marcel Jones  
Commissioner Ruby Dias  
Commissioner Angel D. Aguilar-Andrade  
Commissioner Kimberly Velazquez-Garcia  
Commissioner Shayla Diaz  
Absent: Commissioner Gladis Cabrera

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst  
Flor Valenzuela, Recreation Coordinator

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Vice Chair Jones shared out that on Saturday, March 15, 2025, the Pomona Police Department will be hosting a Public Safety Fair. He said he thinks it would be a good opportunity for the Youth Commission to take part so residents can provide written suggestions about issues impacting youth and the Youth Commission can help raise awareness of the Youth Commission's purpose. He asked staff how they can be a part of this; staff responded they will check staffing availability and with Pomona Police. Chair Jones asked if there was an update about the creation of an ad-hoc committee between the Youth Commissioner and the Police Oversight Commission. Staff stated they will provide an update. He asked which art piece was selected to be displayed at Hamilton Park. He asked about discussing the Youth Commission's goals and the youth mentoring program at the next meeting.

Chair Jimenez met with her mentor Sam Wong, the IT Director. She said they caught up about the holidays, spoke about the priorities and goals of the IT Department, and improvements made on the City website for people that are blind and deaf. He said they got captions for City Council meetings.

## **VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **1. Selection of Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

Management Analyst Monica Belloso stated that the commission bylaws state that the selection of Chair and Vice Chair be conducted in February. Ms. Belloso provided an overview of the responsibilities and duties of the roles. Ms. Belloso asked who would be interested in serving as the Chair. Chair Jimenez nominated Vice Chair Jones for the role of Chair, in which he accepted the nomination. As there were no other Commissioners that expressed interest, Ms. Belloso took a vote of the Commission, and the selection passed 6-0.

Ms. Belloso asked if anyone was interested in serving as Vice Chair. Vice Chair nominated Commissioner Aguilar-Andrade, in which he accepted the nomination. As no other Commissioners had expressed interest, Ms. Belloso took a vote of the Commission, and the selection passed 6-0.

### **2. An Overview of the City's After School Recreation Program**

Recreation Coordinator Flor Valenzuela presented her oversight as the coordinator for After School Recreation. She provided site locations (Garfield, Kiwanis, Philadelphia, Ralph Welch, Westmont, and Willie White, which is scheduled to open on February 24<sup>th</sup>), hours of operation, staffing, and a description of the variety of activities offered, such as enriching lessons, sports, fieldtrips, STEM, arts & crafts, and homework assistance. The program also serves youth with intellectual and/or development disabilities and has trained staff on site to meet the needs of youth with I/DD. Ms. Valenzuela spoke about the Pomona Youth Music Program and the variety of offerings, such as piano, guitar, percussion, and choir. During the summer, the program offers fieldtrips, day camps, and overnight camps.

## **VII. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

- The full-time position for Program Assistant – Communications has been filled.
- The Egg Hunt event April 12, 2025 from 9am – 12pm and will be concurrently at Westmont, Kennedy, Palomares, and Washington, and will have an egg hunt, arts and crafts, games, and photo opportunities.
- Planning for summer events are underway for Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park. Due to the construction for the Civic Center Playground and budget constraints, there will one concert and it will be at the Ganesha Park Bandshell.
- The Spring Recreation guide will be available soon.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to the next meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Monica Belloso  
Management Analyst

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Chair/Vice Chair of the Youth Commission