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2025 Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) Overview

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) program offers an engaging learning experience for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors. The S@CH program is in-person at the City of Sacramento's City Hall where participants are immersed in local government firsthand and gain valuable insights on how to become an active citizen in their community.

The City of Sacramento Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment partners with Natomas Unified, Twin Rivers Unified and Sacramento City Unified School Districts to bring this program to life.

Throughout the program, students are supported by city staff, credentials teachers, and Peer Mentors. The instructional team delivers a comprehensive curriculum daily covering topics such as civic engagement, activism, government structure, and much more grounded in youth development principles.

At the conclusion of the program, students present an advocacy project (Project City Hall) which is developed in smaller peer cohorts and presented to the Mayor and City Council. In addition, each

participant completes an internship where they are assigned to work with various city departments, charter offices, local non-profits, other government agencies, or youth programs. Upon successful completion of each component, students receive five elective credits, a letter of community service, and a monetary stipend.

The 2026 summer cohort had 81 new students joining the S@CH alumni roster as graduates of the program. Another 28 alumni members returned as Peer Mentors supporting the program in a leadership role. The grand total for the summer cohort was 109 youths representing 16 local high schools throughout the area.

Applications for the 2026 Summer @ City Hall program will open Friday, March 6, 2026. For more information about the upcoming program, please email summeratcityhall@cityofsacramento.org.

Policy Considerations: Not Applicable.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable.

Sustainability: Not Applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not Applicable.

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.

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SUMMER @ CITY HALL

**2025 OVERVIEW
&
2026 UPDATE**

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WHAT IS SUMMER @ CITY HALL (S@CH)?

Summer @ City Hall (S@CH) is a six-week summer learning experience that provides high school students the opportunity to learn and how to become an active citizen in their community.

- Founded in 2011 as a partnership between the City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD), WayUp Sacramento, & Bina Lefkowitz.
- Expanded in 2015 to Natomas Unified School District (NUSD) & Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD).
- Credentialed teachers deliver a daily curriculum to students focusing on civic engagement, local level governmental structures, and youth development.
- Upon completion of the program, students receive five high school elective credits or community service hours and a stipend of \$500.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS & DETAILS

Program Location: City Hall

Program Dates: June 23 - July 24, 2025

Nine Link Crews supported by 28 Peer Mentors

Internship Assignment: 20 hours completed by each student at various City Departments and local CBOs

Guest Speakers

- City Clerk
- City Mayor & Council
- Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections
- Golden 1 Credit Union
- Cal Center



PROGRAM COMPONENTS & DETAILS CONTINUED....

Field Trips

- Capitol State
- Metro TV Station
- Sacramento Central Library
- Community Service Day

Peer Mentors

- Young people that are graduates from prior Summer @ City Hall cohorts selected to return the following year in a leadership role to mentor and be positive role models to the current student cohort.



PROJECT CITY HALL

Culminating presentation at Sacramento City Council centered around an issue most important to youth.

- Supports young people in learning how to express their opinions, ideas and concerns.
- Assist young people in identifying different levels of government.
- Provide youth with the opportunity to influence policy/program decisions within the City & their community.
- Creates awareness about an issue or concern youth have in their communities within the City.



2025 S@CH DATA @ A GLANCE

Applications Received – **236**

Students Invited – **85**

Students Graduated – **81**

Peer Mentors – **20**

Senior Peer Mentors – **8**

2025 Student Representation

SCUSD – **33** NUSD – **30** TRUSD – **7**

At-Large (Sacramento city limits) – **11**



2025 S@CH DATA @ A GLANCE CONTINUED...

Identity	
Female	65.52%
Male	24.14%
Non-binary	0.00%
Prefer not to answer	6.90%
Prefer to self-describe:	3.45%

Race	
Native American or Alaska Native	0.00%
Asian	37.93%
Black or African American	13.79%
Latino/x or Hispanic	17.24%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%
White (Not Hispanic Origin)	6.90%
Filipino (Not Hispanic Origin)	0.00%
Middle Eastern or North African	6.90%
Prefer not to answer	3.45%
Two or more OR Other (please describe)	13.79%

Grade	Responses
9th grade	51.72%
10th grade	34.48%
11th grade	13.79%
12th grade	0.00%
Other (please write in)	0.00%



2026 S@CH

- Student Applications OPEN March 6th
- Application link can be found on S@CH website
- 18 Peer Mentors training now for student orientation
 - Summeratcityhall@cityofsacramento.org

THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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Coming summer 2026!

June 25 – July 29