



City of Scottsdale
Mayor's Youth Council

NOTICE AND AGENDA

4:00 P.M., Monday, October 19th, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

*As a member of the Scottsdale community, I will genuinely listen; speak respectfully.
and be accountable for my words and actions.*

Call to Order: Sid Gupta, President

Attendance Roll Call: Council Secretary: Vihaan Mehta

Pledge of Allegiance: Council President: Sid Gupta

Approval of Minutes: **9-28-2026 Meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The Mayors Youth Council welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Meeting Law, the council may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Council. A three (3) -minute time limit per person will be in effect.

1. **Welcome:** SMYC Advisor Kristy Hahn-McDonald, SMYC President: Sid Gupta

2. **Updates:** None

3. **Presentation: Economic Development**

Josh Utterback, Economic Development Manager

4. **SMYC 2026-27 – Initiative Discussion-**

#1- Communication Skills and Social Belonging

#2 Civic Engagement – volunteer fair?

#3 Distracted Driving- cell phone use, alcohol- or E-Bike usage?

#4- Sustainability – Water

5. **Future Meeting Date and Location-**

10/24 Adopt a Road

Motion to Adjourn meeting- Sid Gupta, President

Communication Skills:

- Hold break out sessions that would involve:
 - Guided discussions with a teen facilitator asking questions like when do you feel most connected to others? When do you feel most connected to others.
 - Run a timed activity and ask everyone to put away phones and complete tasks
 - AI enhances connection vs. AI reduces connection
 - Hands on skill building- How to start a conversation, reading body language, assertive communication, handling awkward moments
 - Keynote speaker- theme: communication

Civic Engagement:

- Volunteer Fair or Non-Profit Fair
 - Invite non-profits to a tabling event held at Giants Stadium for youth to find out more about their volunteer/civic engagement opportunities
 - Youth led non-profits offered a table and exposure

Distracted Driving

- Potential Simulator exercise
 - COS Police Presentation
 - Insurance company presenting on number of car accidents, issues with distracted driving
 - Cell phones, substance use issues

Sustainability

- Topics- Future of Water in the desert? How does Scottsdale manage water in a drought era?
 - Conduct a water footprint with the students- direct vs. indirect
 - Create a pledge about saving one drop of water
 - Interactive exhibits- where our water comes from
 - Keynote who could speak to the water challenges and opportunities,
 - City water department leader to share data etc.

