





YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS SUMMIT OVERVIEW

Over the course of two days—Saturday, September 28, and Sunday, September 29—Our Time To Act (OTTA) hosted San Diego's first-ever Youth Changemakers Summit. The event was housed under OTTA's flagship program: the Civic Youth Action Network (CYAN), a change-making and membership-based space for youth-led grassroots organizing. The event included robust partnerships with youth-led and youth-serving organizations across San Diego, including our presenting partner, the San Diego API Coalition. Community partners included Youth Will, Mid-City CAN, Sunrise Movement San Diego, and the San Diego Community College District. Champion sponsors included the City of San Diego's Office of Child and Youth Success and the California Stop the Hate program. The San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium was a workshop sponsor.

107+

attendees over two days

\$32k

raised, allowing us to make tickets 100% free

14

partnerships with local organizations



YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS SUMMIT EVENT PROGRAM

speakers



We hosted two youth speakers—
Matthew Quitoriano, former School
Board Trustee, and Yvania Rubio,
activist and youth leader—and two
youth ally speakers—Courtney
Baltiyskyy, Vice President of Policy &
Advcocacy at the YMCA of San Diego
County, and Sean Elo-Rivera, President
of the San Diego City Council.

6
meals



All attendees were provided free breakfast and lunch on all days. Those interested in running for elections, allowing us to build capacity for youthled organizing work, were also provided free dinner. We catered lunch and dinner from local businesses across the City of San Diego.

8 workshops



Local community organizations hosted workshops, including "How To: Grassroots Organizing" and "How To Become a Youth Ally." Other workshop topics covered housing justice, voting, the climate crisis, systemic racism, community safety, and how to shape policy.

10+

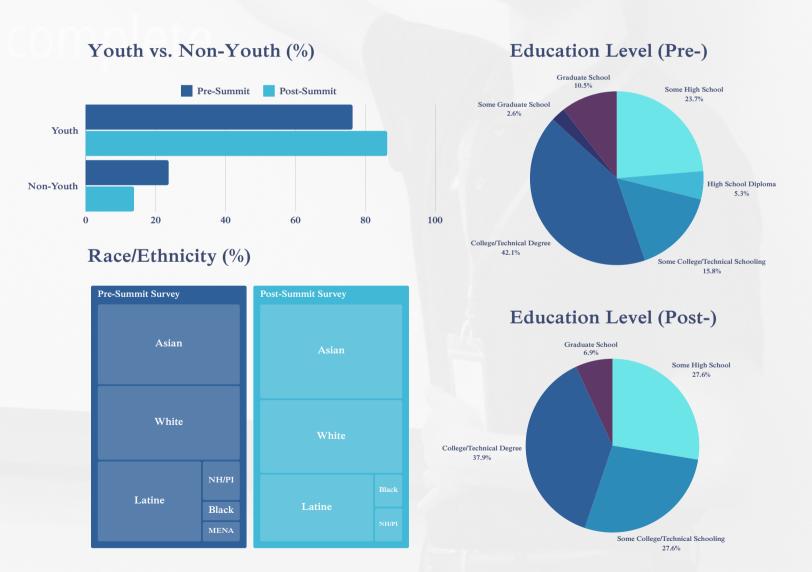


The Youth Summit also featured interactive activities to guide learning, foster relationships, and create capacity. Aarohan Hariharan, a Housing Justice Director at OTTA, led an activity where attendees crafted "headlines from the future" to help youth envision a future they can shape.

Measurement & Evaluation

Methodology

To help capture a quantitative analysis of the event's impact, attendees were asked to complete a pre-summit self-administered survey at the beginning of Day 1. Then at the end of Day 2, attendees completed a post-summit survey. Respondents were also asked to provide qualitative reflections. The survey was anonymous but included demographic questions to control for non-summit variables. 38 responses for pre- and 29 responses for post- were recorded. Below are comparisons between the demographics to demonstrate that subsequent analysis is sound.



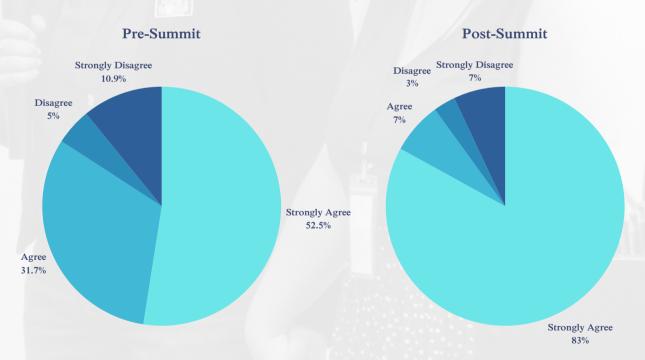


Quantitative Impact Analysis

Do you feel well-qualified to participate in politics? (%)



Youth have the power to change the country. (%)





Quantitative Impact Analysis

-47.7%

% change in attendees feeling "less informed than others," from 13.2% to 6.9%.

Although our attendees were very informed, we still saw a decrease from 13.2% to 6.9% of respondents feeling "less informed than others" when it comes to politics.

+20.1%

% change in attendees who are willing to give public comment in the future, from 63.2% to 75.9%.

The number of respondents who stated their willingness to give public comment rose from 63.2% to 75.9%. There was also an +11% percent difference in the number of participants who stated their desire to join a demonstration in the future.

Snapshot of attendee attitudes post-summit:

82.8%

believed youth will guide change in this country

58.6%

felt comfortable leading a changemaking campaign

93.1%

felt as or more informed than others in politics



Qualitative Impact Analysis

Testimonials

Attendees were encouraged to share their thoughts with summit organizers. Below are some responses that serve as testimonials for the event:

"Attending CYAN, I expected to attend and leave a little more informed about what it takes to be a changemaker. But now, I am leaving as a changemaker and excited to see what will happen in the future."

Youth, College/Technical Degree

"This made me aware I have an effect on the things I care deeply about so thank you for that!!"

Youth, High Schooler

"The summit was so fun and allowed me to connect with people from the City Heights area. I felt welcomed and immediately clicked with so many new faces!!"

Youth, College/Technical Degree

"Let's continue with this! I'm already excited for next year."

Youth, High Schooler

"I've worked with a lot of orgs and it's rare that I find myself actually engaging and laughing with everyone. Here, I was able to do so and enjoyed every moment of it."

Youth Ally (Non-Youth), College/Technical Degree





YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS SUMMIT CAPACITY BUILDING

Summit organizers at OTTA were committed to centering this convening on *action*, not just learning. As youth organizers, we focused on building *capacity* for more youth to enter and lead change-making initiatives across San Diego. One of the ways we facilitate the work is through our flagship program, the Civic Youth Action Network (CYAN)—a space for youth-led grassroots organizing. As a hub for youth-led change-making, we aimed to deepen our membership, expand our number of youth organizers, elect a new CYAN Lead Organizer, and allow participants to collectively choose a new organizing campaign to focus further action.



On Day 1, four diverse youth attendees stepped forward to run for Lead Organizer. Two were college students, and two were high school students. Each pitched their own unique ideas for what CYAN will fight for in the near future (from left to right):

- La Rick Mandal: 40% native tree cover on non-building occupied areas for all K-12 schools in San Diego.
- 2. Selena-Marie Espinoza: A local ordinance on electronic tagging technology at grocery stores to reduce price gouging.
- **3.** Samuel Pardo Improta: Implementation of SB10 in the City of San Diego to allow for more housing construction and availability to alleviate the housing crisis.
- 4. Jenah Maricle: Ensuring SDUSD high school students have 3-5 late school buses for at least 1 hour after the end of extracurriculars to allow students to go home safely from after-school activities.

Selena-Marie Espinoza was elected by her peers to lead the campaign against electronic tagging-enabled price gouging on groceries. Among the other candidates, two have volunteered to become CYAN organizers and one was approached by a summit community partner to work with them on their campaign idea. Our capacity building was a success, and we cannot wait to support CYAN and its members, leaders, and allies.





YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS SUMMIT PARTNERSHIPS

This youth summit would not have been a success without deep collaboration with community partners and sponsors. Here is the breakdown of how partnerships helped shape this event:

external planning committee

Helped shape planning. Consisting of representatives from the YMCA of San Diego County, San Diego Community College District, City of San Diego's Youth Commission, San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium, and Youth Will.

workshops were facilitated by partners

Developed and led workshops. Youth Will (Youth Allyship & Channeling Anger into Action); Sunrise Movement San Diego (Social Housing); Mid-City CAN (Power of the Youth Vote); Nonviolent Peaceforce US (Community/Protest Safety).

organizations tabled during Day 2

Engaged with attendees through tabling. Youth4Climate, SanDiego350, OCA San Diego, Mid-City CAN, SDAPI Coalition, Daylight SD, Youth Will, SD Office of Child and Youth Success, Sunrise Movement SD, Mesa College, SD College of Continuing Education, SD City College, and Community Wraparound.

sponsors funded the youth summit

Provided financial support. 3 champion-level sponsors contributed \$10,000—the SDAPI Coalition, SD Office of Child & Youth Success, and the CA Stop the Hate program; the SD Youth Homelessness Consortium was a workshop sponsor (\$2,500).





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Our Time To Act is a youth-founded, youth-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our mission is to organize powerful youth for an inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future. OTTA's motto is:

Youth own the future. We're shaping it now.

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