

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
FY 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Juvenile Justice Commission of Santa Clara County is a state-mandated, court-appointed authority. The broad purpose of the Commission is to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the County. The Commission is dedicated to the promotion of an effective juvenile justice system operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for the youth of Santa Clara County.

**COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code 225, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall consist of up to 15 volunteer citizens, at least two of which shall be youth Commissioners; who are persons between 14 and 21 years of age. Commissioners must be residents of Santa Clara County. At the end of the fiscal year 2014-2015, the Commission was composed of the following Commissioners:

Penny Blake, Chair  
Ray Blockie, Past Chair  
Raul Colunga, Vice Chair  
Jean Pennypacker, Secretary  
Victoria BurtonBurke  
Bonnie Charvez  
Kim Dong, Youth Commissioner  
Gustavo Gonzalez  
Ronald Hansen  
Nora Manchester  
Courtney Macavinta  
Carol Rhoads  
Pamela Serrano  
Vincent Tarpey  
Hananeel Tanojo, Youth Commissioner

Commissioners are sworn to four-year terms, except for youth Commissioners who are sworn to two-year terms. Over the past year, three Commissioners, Stephen Betts, Dana Bunnnett and Tracy Lauth, resigned. One new youth member was added to an open term, which brings the Commission to a full 15 members.

The membership of the Commission should be representative of the community and should include representation from different geographical areas of the County. In order to achieve such diversity, the Commission has reached out to various organizations throughout the county and has promoted the Commission at public forums.

**Committee Assignments:**

Executive Committee

Penny Blake, Chair  
Raul Colunga, Vice Chair  
Stephen Betts, Secretary  
Ray Blockie, Past Chair  
Pamela Serrano

Membership Committee

Raul Colunga, Chair  
Jean Pennypacker  
Stephen Betts

Nominating Committee

Ray Blockie, Chair  
Nora Manchester  
Bonnie Charvez

Group Home Committee/Inspection

Jean Pennypacker, Chair  
Pamela Serrano, Past Chair  
Kimberly Dong  
Bonnie Charvez  
Ray Blockie  
Vince Tarpey

Law Enforcement Facilities

Inspection

Jean Pennypacker, Chair  
Nora Manchester, Past Chair  
Kimberly Dong  
Jean Pennypacker  
Vince Tarpey  
Dana Bunnett  
Bonnie Charvez

Children's Receiving Center & Dependency

Ray Blockie, Chair  
Penny Blake

Pam Serrano  
Raul Colunga  
Carol Rhoads

Juvenile Hall Inspection

Raul Colunga, Chair  
Nora Manchester  
Kimberly Dong (Youth Commissioner)  
Ray Blockie  
Victoria BurtonBurke  
Ron Hansen  
Dana Bunnett (incident reports)  
Courtney Macavinta  
Jean Pennypacker

James Ranch

Victoria BurtonBurke, Chair  
Raul Colunga, Past Chair  
Dana Bunnett  
Bonnie Charvez  
Kimberly Dong (Youth Commissioner)  
Vince Tarpey  
Jean Pennypacker  
Courtney Macavinta  
Gustavo Gonzalez

Court Users' Project Steering committee

Ray Blockie, Chair  
Bonnie Charvez  
Jean Pennypacker  
Ron Hansen  
Victoria BurtonBurke  
Carol Rhoads

**Other assignments to follow**

Ad Hoc Committees

All Commissioners as assigned

As a result of Commissioner turn-over, availability, or issues that required immediate attention, committee assignments and facilities inspection dates were modified during the fiscal year.

### **Facilities Inspection Report Status:**

The Commission undertook a user satisfaction survey of the Juvenile Justice Court in July 2014. This ambitious project continued over the entire fiscal year and the first of a two reports was published in July, 2015.

The Group Home inspection was begun in July, 2014 and published in October, 2014.

The James Ranch Inspection was published in October, 2014

The Juvenile Hall report was published in March 2015.

Since last year, the Commission inspects all the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) that detained minors for any length of time. This year we inspected eight LEA, which the State reported to us had held youth. The report was published in May, 2015.

The RAIC inspection was published in June, 2015.

All of the above reports and an archive of past reports can be found at this web address:  
[http://www.scscourt.org/court\\_divisions/juvenile/jjc/jjc\\_home.shtml](http://www.scscourt.org/court_divisions/juvenile/jjc/jjc_home.shtml)

## Goals and Objectives

The Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission hereby establishes the following Goals and Objectives for 2014-2015:

1. Complete all scheduled inspections by June 30, 2014.  
*All required inspections were completed.*
2. Report out to Executive session on status of all inspection recommendations not later than 180 days from report publication.  
*We have implemented a new procedure to track the status of completion of inspection recommendations.*
3. Conduct training for all new Commissioners within 60 days of appointment.  
*This was done.*
4. Monitor monthly and report to the Juvenile Justice Commission all Incident Reports (IR's) filed at all detention facilities inspected during the year.  
*This monitoring was adjusted to quarterly, but the Commission continues to receive a monthly salient features report from the Probation Department.*
5. Complete Model Courts user satisfaction surveys by the end of the fiscal year.  
*This survey was begun in July, 2014 and after hundreds of hours of the team published the first of two reports. The second report should be done by the end of 2015.*
6. Review progress of Competency Project by December 2014.  
*The Commission continues to receive monthly reports on the waiting list of the Competency Project, which has continued to be functioning in a timely manner throughout the year.*
7. Schedule regular reviews with the Board of Supervisors president to review Commission activities.  
*We met with several members of the Board of Supervisors.*
8. Schedule presentations to the Commission on juvenile justice issues.  
*The list of presentations is outlined below.*

## COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC

In a continuing effort to make the Commission accessible to juvenile justice partners, the general public, youth served within the juvenile justice system, and the parents and relatives of those minors, the Commission has established several means to communicate with the public and disseminate information about the Commission's work.

1. **Santa Clara County Superior website at:**  
[http://www.sccscourt.org/court\\_divisions/juvenile/jjc/jjc\\_home.shtml](http://www.sccscourt.org/court_divisions/juvenile/jjc/jjc_home.shtml) Information on this web site includes the responsibilities and duties of the Commission. Public meeting details and archived facilities inspection reports, Commission membership applications for both adult and youth are also available;
2. **Email the Commission at [sccjjc@gmail.com](mailto:sccjjc@gmail.com);**
3. **In person at monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:15 in the Santa Clara County Crime Lab in the first floor conference room located at 250.W Hedding St., San Jose, CA;**
4. **Phone the Commission at its confidential phone number 1-408-278-5993;**
5. **U.S. mail to the Juvenile Justice Commission, 840 Guadalupe Parkway, San Jose, CA 95110.**

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Commission regularly attends standing committee meetings within the juvenile justice system. During fiscal year 2013-2014, the Commission was represented at each of the following meetings:

1. Juvenile Court Systems (monthly)
2. Dependency Systems (monthly)
3. Child Abuse Council Interagency Collaborative Committee (monthly)
4. Board of Supervisors Public Safety and Justice Committee (when appropriate)
5. Board of Supervisors Children, Seniors and Families Committee Meeting (when appropriate)
6. Case Systems and Processes Committee (monthly)
7. Programs and Preventions Works Group Committee (monthly)
8. Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative Committee (quarterly)
9. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (yearly)
10. RAIC Core team meeting (when scheduled)
11. RAIC stakeholder's meetings, including participation in the CORE meetings (quarterly)
12. Dually Involved Youth, Legal & Policy subcommittee (monthly, now disbanded as court is functioning.)

13. Equity Project (monthly)
14. Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (when appropriate)
15. Disproportionate Minority Program (DMC) Leadership Team (monthly)
16. Overfelt High School 95122 DMC Project (monthly)
17. Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) Evaluation Committee (when scheduled)
18. Violation of Probation (VOP) Committee (when scheduled)
19. Deferred Entry of Judgment Committee (when scheduled)
20. 707(B) and Direct File Committee (monthly)
21. CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children) Workgroup (monthly)
22. Social Services Advisory Commission (monthly)

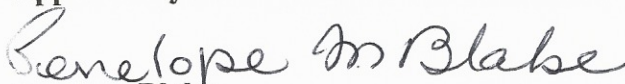
## TRAINING

All newly appointed Commissioners attended a three-hour orientation and training session. The Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Commission's County Counsel attend this meeting and provide an overview and description of the Commission's responsibilities. Members of the executive team reviewed the Commission's procedures in a separate training session with Commission members. New members can also review training material on the commission's document site, and past Commission reports on the Commission's website. Commission members also attended Court sponsored training sessions throughout the year.

## PUBLIC MEETING GUESTS SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

1. July, 2014 - Recognition of Kevin Rudick of the Public Defender's Office.
2. August, 2014 – Presentation by Miguel Hilario, Santa Clara County's Cultural Competency Director.
3. September, 2014 - Presentation by Mariel Caballero on the 2013 Juvenile Justice Systems Annual Report.,
4. October, 2014 - Presentation by the Juvenile Welfare Office of the Ombuds.
5. November, 2014 – Presentation by Mike Simms on the EDGE and PEAK programs.
6. December, 2014 – Presentation by Marc Buller on the Collaborative Case Systems and Process Work Group.
7. February, 2015 – Santa Clara County Office of Education Update
8. April, 2015 – Presentation by Dr. Arcel Blume, Director of Research, SCC Probation Department.
9. May, 2015 – Presentation by Ms. Suzanne Yang on Rights of Children and Youth in Placement.

**Approved by the Juvenile Justice Commission on August 4, 2015**

  
**Penelope Blake,**  
**Chair, Juvenile Justice Commission**