

Yolo Youth Commission Appointees 2022

**District 1**

<b>First name Last Initial</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>What are some of the key issues you see youth in Yolo face?</b>
Hope C	Female	10th	River City	The most prominent issues I see among youth are homelessness, drug abuse, violence, racism, bullying, and poverty.
Olivia B	Female	10th	River City	People putting to much pressure on themselves
Lotus T	Male	11th	Yolo High	Short Attention Span

**District 2**

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Zainab W	Female	10th	Davis Senior High	Increasing mental health and public safety for youth
Miles M	Male	10th	Winters High School	Disconnected, Uninformed, Anxiety, Social Issues, Growing up too fast
Jennifer M	Female	10th	Da Vinci High	One key issue that I see the youth in Yolo County face is not reaching out for help in times of mental health crises. While I do believe that we are provided with a good amount of resources to get help, we still need to work harder to destigmatize seeking that help; it is still perceived as a sign of weakness. Another key issue I see frequently is the lack of education/awareness on disabled individuals. In my experience, youth in Yolo County still subscribe to harmful stereotypes about disabled individuals. For example, recently it has been a common trend to say that, "Helen Keller wasn't real". Their reasoning for this being that because she was Blind and Deaf, there is no way she would've been able to learn to communicate, let alone write books.

**District 3**

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Edelsy B	Female	9th	Woodland High	Bullying, mental health awareness.
Jazmin G	Female	9th	Harper Jr High	The youth in Yolo County face many educational barriers when it comes to accessing hands-on technology driven curriculums. Many of the programs that are integrated into our curriculums are outdated and do not teach today's youth some valuable skills on how to navigate technology. Especially now that our society is evolving to become technology driven we need to teach our youth how to use online software properly. Equivalently, at a young age children and teens should be taught about the significance of netiquette as many teens suffer from online bullying or simply have false expectations as to how they should look, dress, and act. Additionally, within some of the programs in Yolo County there is competitiveness and selectivity that becomes unhealthy to youth as they are expected to be the greatest at a certain sport or program to even be accepted. I do not believe that it is healthy for children at a very young age to have to compete with others to be able to try new things, more activities need to be widely available and inclusive of everyone to promote unity and communal inclusivity. Distinctly in a time when our youth has grown to be polarized and isolated from each other we should begin to integrate youth from every community and every stage of life to know each other. In the course of the pandemic we lost many of the skills that we had learned from a young age and declined our social groups to only close friends or family members. The youth of Yolo County should learn to become acquainted with others who may help them grow and develop as a person.
Isabelle C	Female	9th	Da Vinci High	Some of the key issues that youth in Yolo County face are; getting access to college after high school, getting access to internships to explore career choices, kids need to learn about personal finances.

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Riya V	Female	8th	Harper Jr. High	Being raised in an immigrant family, I see that mental health issues, obesity, and poverty are some of the most pressing issues which are faced by youth in Yolo County. We need to promote healthy eating habits on school campuses and get teenagers into activities that will help them get more exercise and stay active. Many children/teenagers are facing mental health issues. We need to make sure that all those children are able to receive mental health services in terms so counseling, medications, and group activities. I also believe in having vocational training for youth so that can have proper job training which will help them to get a job and to overcome poverty. If not, poverty can force youth to engage in criminal activities.
Chloe P	Female	10th	Davis Senior High	As with any school, there is always pressure from peers. However, in Davis, I see a disproportionate amount of this pressure stem from one's educational success. This burden devalues many students' academic achievements and highlights any academic shortcomings, resulting in a toppling amount of stress—part of what drives students to unhealthy coping mechanisms. On top of this, there is an evident lack of diversity amongst Davis' populace. Davis' population is more than 50% white and less than 3% African American as of 2020 (Datausa), and the likelihood of poverty nearly doubles if black (Datausa). This is evidence of Davis' lack of representation and rigid socioeconomic barriers. Barriers which must be broken in order to work towards a more tolerant and inclusive community.
Jesse V	Male	11th	Davis Senior High	I see a lot of drug abuse and a lot of mental illness and within my own community and I would like to make a change and stand for something greater than myself. I also continue to see discrimination within the district and the school system which I believe to be unacceptable. Another big issue I see is the amount of bullying within the community and I know that I can help solve these problems and create a better future.

**District 5**

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Rabia R	Female	10th	Pioneer High	Some issues youth face in yolo is being bullied Brice's of the way they are as a person. Another one is people being left out because they don't agree on a certain subject. The most important issue youth right now in yolo are facing is using vaping as a way to escape from all the school workloads.
Angel M	Male	7th	Esparto Middle School	One key issue that I see in the yolo face is that not many people are following the rules of the town or yolo county.
Emilio R	Male	12th	Cache Creek High	Boredom