



SILICON VALLEY
YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Urgency

Impacts



- GHG emissions ↑
- 200 species extinct/1 day
- Wildfires, air pollution, floods, and more
- Major public health risks

SVYCA

Background &

Accomplishments

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SVYCA began with the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Summit in July 2019

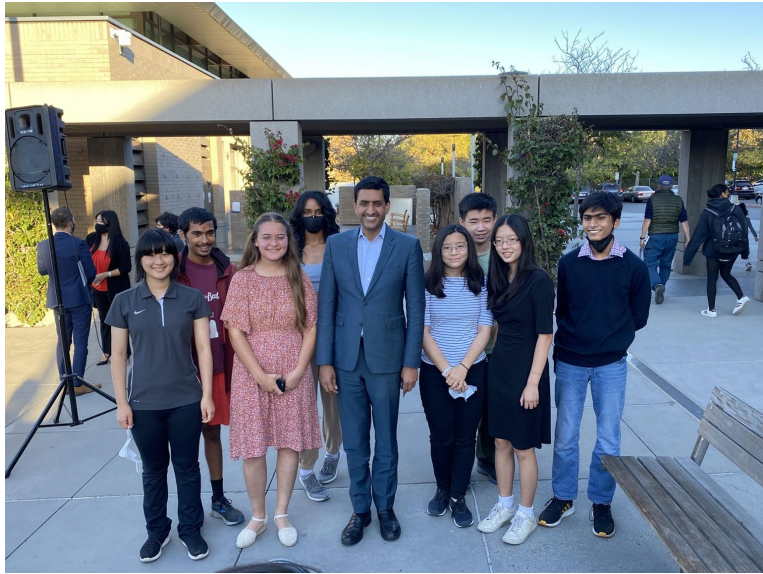
This brought together more than 220 local students and environmental activists.

Background

50+ youth leaders, hundreds of active youth across:

- 8 City Action Teams
 - Cupertino, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Saratoga/Los Gatos, Los Altos, Morgan Hill, and Fremont.
- 3 Advocacy Teams
 - Transit, County, State Policy
- Marketing Team
- Technology Team
- 5 Initiative Teams

Impacts



- **A Draft Sustainability Plan**
 - One of the most progressive in the U.S.A.
 - \$118 million towards sustainable transportation initiatives in the future!
- Advocate for climate policy and actions at the state legislation level
 - **2020 State Advocacy Results -passed**
 - **2021 - supported 30+ bills, bills passed**

Board of Supervisors moved forward with our recommendations:

- 1) Investment in resources towards sustainability dept.
- 2) Establishment of Sustainability Commission
- 3) Partnership with Santa Clara County Office Of education for climate literacy

City Action Team Progress



Successfully advocated for policies such as:

- **Aggressive Building Electrification Codes**
- **Climate Emergency Declarations**
- **Active Transportation Plans**
- **Natural Gas Ban Ordinance**
- **Single-Use Plastic Ordinance**
- **Climate Action Plans with aggressive goals**

2020/2021 Events



- **Speaker Series** featuring CEOs, policy advocates, elected officials such as Congressman Ro Khanna
- **Candidate Forums** hosted in election season to highlight local climate policy/stance of local representatives
- **Workshops** on team management, advocacy, and climate education
- **Multilingual GOTV videos** highlighting urgency of climate change and voting
- **Earth Day Event** co-hosted with Silicon Valley and Sunnyvale Democratic Clubs on climate at county, state, and national levels

Climate Change Curriculum



- Reached 8000+ high schoolers so far and 240+ teachers
- Topics:
 - Causes
 - Impacts
 - Youth advocacy
 - Solutions
 - Sustainable Careers
 - Personal Actions
- Empowered kids to take action
- Provided educational resources
- Positive Feedback - **3000 comments**

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