



# South County Youth Group

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REACH Ashland, San Leandro, CA

## Vision

- Lower crime rate
- See all problems answered
- Young people being success
- To see the struggle over
- Accountability

## Issues

- Music brings out community problems: (negativity, violence, disrespecting women, "gangbanging," pressure to have sex)
- Media tries to trap youth in a mindset that downgrades and degrades Even kids networks show sex, violence and having a girlfriend/boyfriend.
- Black, urban and poor people not shown in some media
- Youth are more interested in being on social media or the computer lab than being active and going outside
- Liquor stores; people begging on corners

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## Priorities

- Make space for young people to express themselves
- Police doing their job with care/knowing our rights as citizens
- Include more youth (including with disabilities) in decision-making.
- Legitimate employment with benefits (health, vision, dental)
- Places for people without family to live (youth apartments, housing for families)

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## Strengths

- Open-minded leaders who help each other strive.
- We all want to see each other achieve.
- We all have ambition, and we all have a hustle.
- You learn skills to help you survive.
- Growing up in a gang area, there is lots of culture and art
- Survival skills – I know my way around this City
- "Good Samiritan." Sends photos of trash for City to clean it up
- Finding a group of other kids with disabilities helped me learn that I could do more things.