



CITY OF SAN PABLO MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL 2019 SPEECH CHALLENGE PROGRAM



DRAFT – FOR DISCUSSION/REVIEW

GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

MAJOR CITY COUNCIL POLICY GOAL: BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Policy Item: #100.3: Foster College and Career Readiness, Education, Youth Leadership and City, Contra Costa College and WCCUSD Partnerships

The City of San Pablo Mayor and City Council are pleased to establish a City sponsored **2019 Speech Challenge Program** for local San Pablo students in the 6th and 8th grade levels at local San Pablo elementary schools (ES) and Helms Middle School (HMS).

Overview

Invite all 6th and 8th graders to make a 2-3 minute speech to present to the following potential entities during graduation activities at local San Pablo schools scheduled at end of 2018-19 school year: WCCUSD Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Administrators, teachers, staff, and parents.

Purpose

Using respectful creative expression, honor and appreciation for all, challenge students in 6th and 8th grade graduating class to move on with unity, excellence - in character and academia, to excel in their future focusing on career and college readiness and public speaking skills.

City Council Role

Due to Brown Act requirements, the Mayor and One (1) Councilmember (by designated Temporary Ad-Hoc SubCommittee) review/select speeches and give critiques for speech preparation to student contestants. The Ad-Hoc SubCommittee issues a *Call for Entries* listing speech criteria and soliciting of interested 6th and 8th grade students who are interested in participating in 2019 Speech Challenge, and assists in the selection of finalists.

PROPOSED PROGRAM (ROUNDS 1-3):

- **Round One:** Following issuance of *Call for Entries*, WCCUSD Administrators and teachers at each San Pablo ES and HMS select three (3) “top speeches” from the 6th grade from each local San Pablo elementary school; and three (3) top speeches from the 8th grade from Helms Middle School; and
- **Round Two:** A 2-3 minute speech is given by memory or with bullet points outline by each student contestant to a designated five-member Speech Challenge Committee consisting of the City Council Ad-Hoc SubCommittee, and a selected number of interested school administrators and staff. A constructive critique for content and advice on professional delivery is provided during Round Two by Speech Challenge Committee members; and
- **Round Three:** A **Final Speech Challenge Committee** (Ad-Hoc Subcommittee with one San Pablo Principal) selects one (1) 6th and 8th grade representative from each ES and HMS to present their Final Speech at each respective school-provided scheduled graduation activities during 2018-19 school year.

Final Recognition

Mayor and City Council will present certificates of excellence for public speaking to top finalist 6th and 8th grade students of winning graduation speeches.

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