

Youth Programs Update



ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

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Overview

- **Norm Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy**
- **Pathway to Government College Mentorship**
- **Spare the Air Youth**
- **BayREN Youth Workforce Education & Training**
- **Local Youth Innovation Challenge**

Bay Area High School Summer Academy

Geographic & Gender Representation

Highlights:

- Doubled number of applicants, with participants from all 9 Counties
- Recruited from schools serving Equity Priority Communities

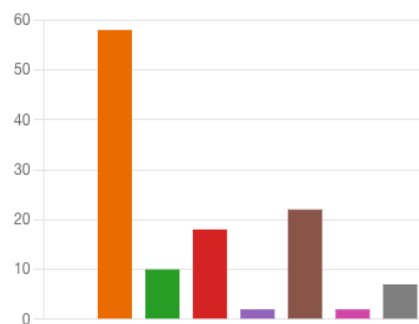
County Breakdown:

- Alameda: 34 (31%)
- Contra Costa: 13 (12%)
- Marin: 4 (4%)
- Napa: 1 (>1%)
- San Francisco: 12 (11%)
- San Mateo : 13 (12%)
- Santa Clara: 25 (23%)
- Solano: 7 (6%)
- Sonoma: 3 (3%)

14. (Optional): We strive to reach all Bay Area communities. How do you identify ethnically/racially? (Multiple boxes OK. Answers to this question are not taken into consideration for selections.)

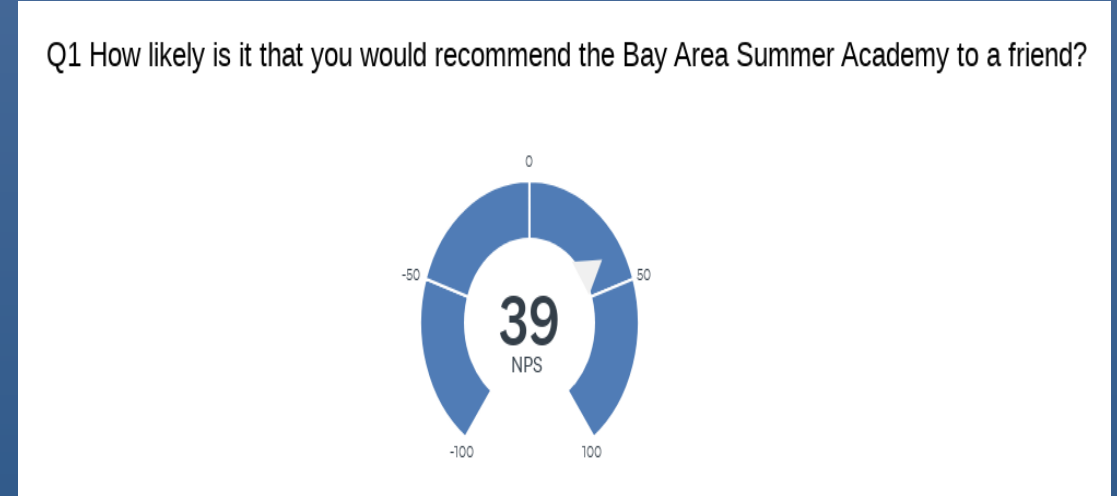
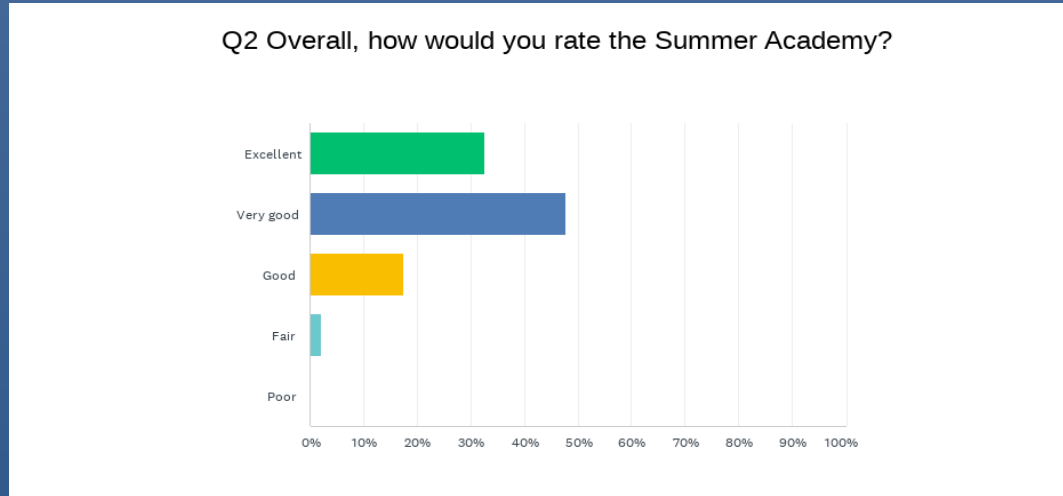
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American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	58
Black or African American	10
Latinx or Hispanic	18
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Island...	2
White	22
Prefer not to share	2
Other	7



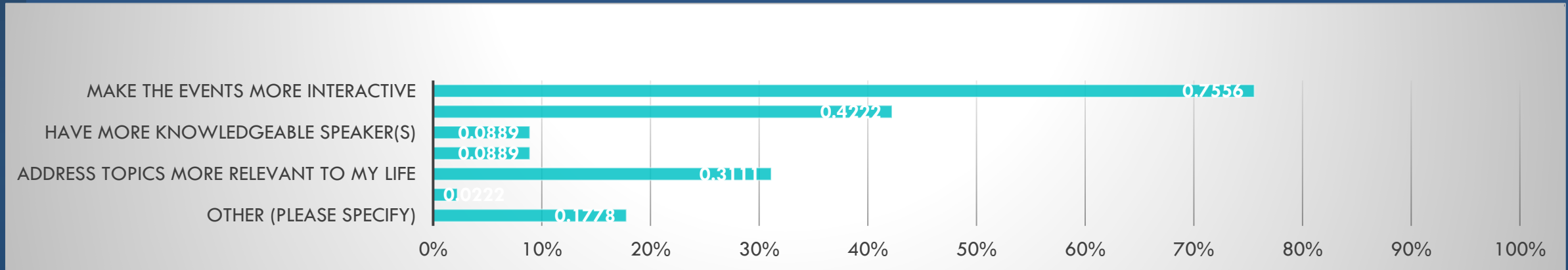
Students had a positive experience

Student willingness to promote to peers



Constructive Feedback

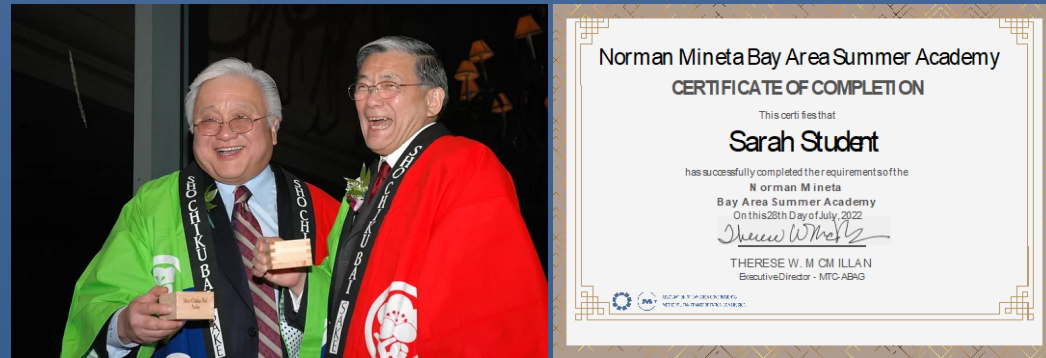
Students want more interactive experience



Curriculum (sample)

- Introductions to Bay Area’s four regional agencies
- Plan Bay Area
- Climate Tech/Environmental Justice
- Gentrification and fair housing
- Capstone Project

Course Completion



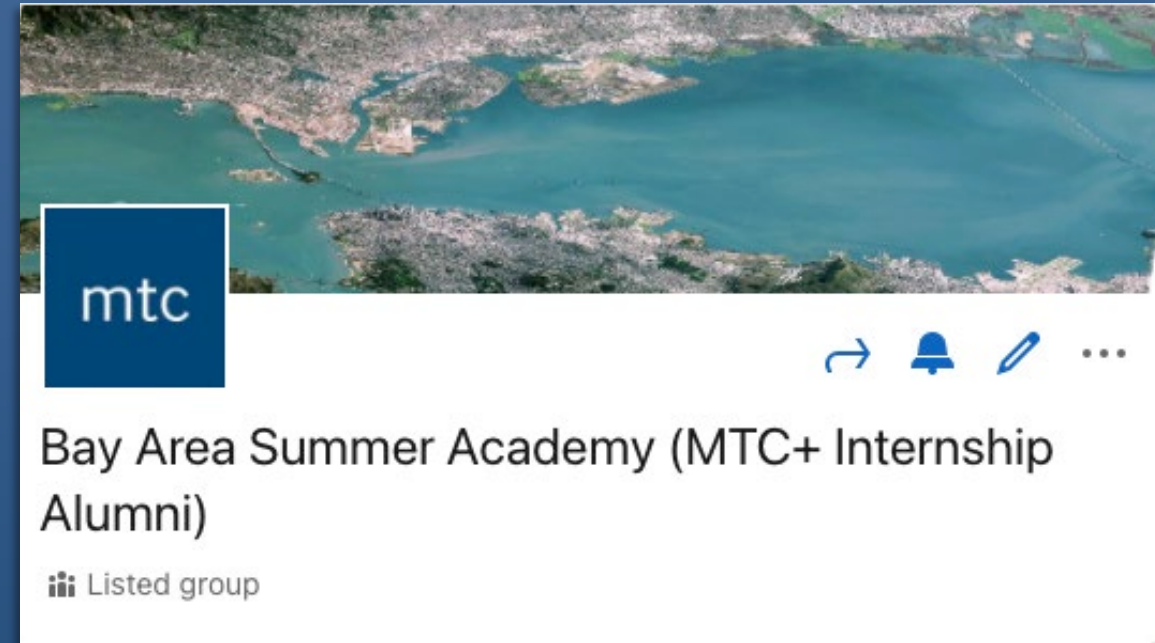
- Keynotes by Congressman Mike Honda and MTC Leaders
- 58 successfully completed Academy
- Compensated at living wage (\$25 per hour)

What are Regional Governments?

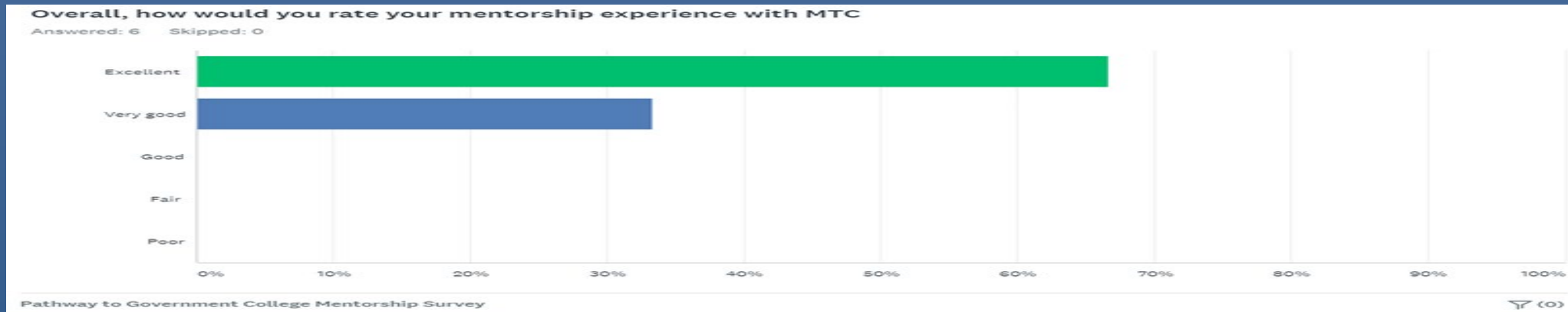
 The slide features a map of California with five regions highlighted in blue: Northern California, Greater Sacramento, Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California. To the left of the map are two photographs: the top one shows a train crossing a bridge over a highway, and the bottom one shows the interior of a modern building with large glass windows and a wooden ceiling.

2022 Pathway to Government College Mentorship

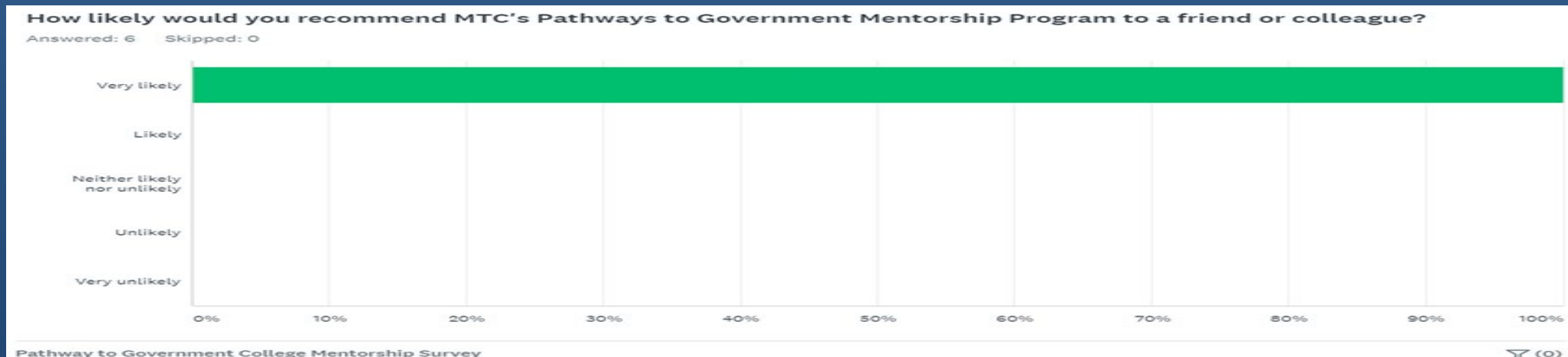
- **Focus on mentorship versus traditional internship**
- **Student Demographics & Placements**
- **Career coaching/resume writing workshop**
- **MTC Internship Alumni Group to keep connected and to track career progress**



College Mentees Had Positive Experience



Strongly Recommended by All



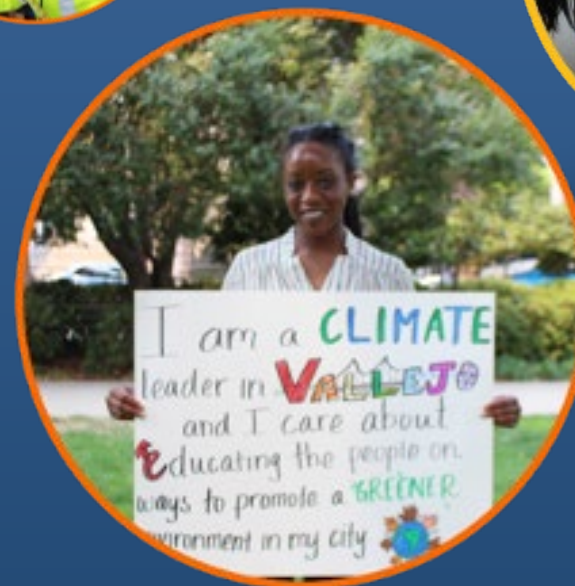
Spare the Air Youth

- Established as part of MTC's Climate Initiatives program in 2011
- Funded by MTC in partnership with the Air District
- Direct programming includes:
 - YES Conference
 - Bay Area BikeMobile
 - Family Biking Workshops
 - High school mini-grants
- Technical Advisory Committee & Regional Working Groups



BayREN Workforce Education and Training Program

- Partnership established in 2019
- Workforce program focused on Equity Priority Communities to introduce youth (ages 15-24) to Climate Careers
- Partnership with Rising Sun Center for Opportunity and Inclusive Economics



Local Youth Innovation Challenge

- Partnership with 7 public agencies
- Students collaborate on key public policy challenges
- \$250-750 prize per student for top entries
- Potential trip to Orlando in October for American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting/EXPO



Options & Next Steps for FY 2023-2024

High School

- Hybrid version of Bay Area Summer Academy (in person for capstone)
- Consider return to a paid internship in partnership with local agencies.

College

- Enhance the Summer College Mentorship Program based on feedback from Summer 2022 mentees and mentors.
- Research and discuss potential for a year-round college intern program
- College students to participate in the upcoming 2023 summer academy program.

Overall

- Build partnership with the Air District and SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- Remain flexible in the types of programs we create for summer 2023 given the different COVID recovery processes by county and budget considerations.

Questions?

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