



# City of San Clemente

## Human Affairs Committee

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### **FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WORK GROUP STATUS REPORT:**

#### **Character Counts**

The committee made a lot of headway this year in investigating the history of Character Counts! in San Clemente, learning from elementary school administrators about their PBIS matrices and how character traits are incorporated into their campus activities, and learning from the Character Counts! team about the resources and training they can provide to schools as they work to improve their positive behavioral incentive systems.

Principal Michael Brandt from Truman Benedict Elementary School has been instrumental in recruiting the other San Clemente elementary school Principals and staff to participate in a training conducted by the Character Counts! staff. His feedback has been to focus on San Clemente schools first, and then approach the CUSD to see if they'd like to expand the program to the rest of the District. At the same time, we've seen a lot of interest from School Board Trustees Amy Hanacek and Lisa Davis, as well as San Clemente Councilmember Mark Enmeier, who would all like to see a rejuvenation of the Character Counts! program in our community.

Recently, the San Clemente Rotary Club voted to establish a fundraiser to pay for a Character Counts! training and resource materials for the San Clemente elementary schools in the upcoming school year. The Rotary organization has matching funds available for this project, which will help to fully fund this project.

We will continue working with Principal Brandt and the Character Counts! staff over the Summertime, to map out a scope and estimated cost for the training and resource materials that the elementary schools can engage with, as funded by the San Clemente Rotary Club.