



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department

DATE: May 4, 2021

TO: Council Youth Services Committee

FROM: Lauren Eck, Recreation Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Youth Advisory Committee Applicant Selection and Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Review the staff recommendation to reappoint eight current members and appoint seven new members and six members-at-large to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2021-22 term and forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval.

BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2007, the City Council approved Resolution No. 17235 establishing the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The resolution states that the YAC consists of a combined maximum of 15 middle school and high school students that are Mountain View residents. The YAC members are selected through an application and interview process facilitated by the Community Services Department – Recreation Division, and appointed by the City Council.

ANALYSIS

On June 23, 2020, the City Council appointed 15 members to the YAC for the 2020-21 term. Of the 15 members, 10 are eligible for reappointment and five members are graduating from high school, therefore making them no longer eligible for the 2021-22 term. Two current members chose not to reapply for another term due to sports and extracurricular commitments.

Staff requests the Council Youth Services Committee (CYSC) consider the following eight returning YAC members as candidates for reappointment:

- Anya Andrzejek – junior at Mountain View High School
- Emma Burtin – senior at Mountain View High School
- Emily Chan – senior at St. Francis High School
- Hannah Choi – senior at Los Altos High School
- Estefani Domingo Angel – junior at Mountain View High School
- Lauren Dove – senior at Mountain View High School
- Annie Ping – senior at Los Altos High School
- Richard Vera – senior at Los Altos High School

Earlier this spring, Recreation Division staff recruited students to apply for the 2021-22 term. Recruitment efforts included making virtual school announcements, delivering applications to local schools, posting applications on the YAC webpage, recruitment ad in the Activity Guide, posting to the Mountain View Recreation and The View Teen Center social media accounts, and e-mailing applications directly to school staff to share with students. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and students participating in distance learning, the Recreation Division had less opportunity for in-person promotions, such as promotions through The View Teen Center or on campus, which previously aided in successful past recruitments. In addition, despite heavy recruitment to middle school youth, the Recreation Division did not receive any applications from Graham or Crittenden Middle School students. For the 2021-22 YAC recruitment, staff will continue to work closely with middle schools to encourage more middle school youth to apply. A total of 22 applications were received for the 15 available spots.

Staff conducted candidate virtual interviews via Zoom in mid-April and requests the CYSC to consider the following seven new candidates recommended for appointment:

- Natalie Chan – freshman at St. Francis High School
- Jasleen Sidhu* – sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Bridget Liu – sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Nolan Murphy – sophomore at Woodside Priory School
- Yonu Oh – junior at Castilleja School
- Ashley Rowe – junior at St. Francis High School
- Elisa Perez – senior at Los Altos High School

* Current member-at-large.

Each of these applicants was able to effectively articulate their desire to be a member of the YAC and clearly communicated how they may contribute to the overall goals of the YAC.

In addition to the staff recommendation of 15 candidates for appointment, staff requests that the CYSC recommend the following candidates to be named as “members-at-large” should one or more vacancies occur during the 2020-21 YAC term. The purpose would be to establish a list of prequalified youth to fill future vacancies and to provide additional civic engagement opportunities that may increase their qualifications to become a YAC member. Members-at-large receive ongoing YAC communication, an invitation to attend meetings as a nonvoting public participant, and opportunities to volunteer at YAC- and City-sponsored special events.

- Cindy Cruz* – eighth grade at Menlo School
- Kaden Gross – freshman at Mountain View High School
- Ryan Wang – sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Lydia Weeks* – junior at Mountain View High School
- Ashley Alarcon – senior at Los Altos High School
- Alitzel Lopez – senior at Los Altos High School

* Current member-at-large.

Based upon the interview process and the number of limited positions available, of the 22 applicants, one was not forwarded for appointment at this time. The applicant did not show for the scheduled interview and did not respond to staff.

NEXT STEPS

Following CYSC consideration and recommendation, staff will forward the list of recommended candidates to the City Council for formal appointment.

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