



**DATE:** June 10, 2014

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office

**TITLE:** **Appointments to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2014-15 School Year Term**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve the recommendation of the Council Youth Services Committee to appoint 15 members to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2014-15 school year term.
2. Approve nine members-at-large/alternates to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2014-15 school year term.

### **BACKGROUND**

On September 11, 2007, the City Council approved Resolution No. 17235 establishing the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to initiate increased civic involvement by youth in Mountain View. The resolution states that the YAC may consist of a maximum of 15 middle school and high school students, and that members are to be selected through an application and interview process facilitated through the Community Services Department, Recreation Division, reviewed by the Council Youth Services Committee (CYSC) and appointed by the City Council.

In spring 2014, Recreation Division staff began YAC recruitment efforts for the 2014-15 school year. A total of 28 new applications were received by the deadline, 25 applicants were interviewed by Recreation staff in April, and the appointment recommendations were forwarded to the CYSC on May 20, 2014.

The following 15 YAC appointments have been approved by the CYSC: Amanda Bauer; Sofia Biros; Jeremy Bonte; Zachary Dembner; Madeline Gerson; Abhiraj Giritharan; Molly Harrigan; Cerys Hostege; Matthew Maciag; Sarah Katsev; Varun Paranjpe; Annabel Rustum; Avni Singhal; Vlad Terson; and Elise Xu.

In addition, the following nine YAC member-at-large/alternate appointments have been approved by the CYSC: Michelle Adema; Krishna Ammini; Ruby Ochoa

Casteneda; Jesley Castillo; Kevin Chan; Eugene Choi; Sasha Heye; Supreethi Penmetcha; and Anishi Singhal.

On May 20, 2014, the CYSC voted 3-0 (M/S Clark/Abe-Koga) to approve the appointment of the above 15 applicants to the YAC for the 2014-15 term, including 10 returning members and 5 new members. In addition, the CYSC recommends 9 members-at-large/alternates (Attachment 1–Council Youth Services Committee Staff Report–May 20, 2014).

### **ANALYSIS**

Earlier this spring, Recreation Division staff recruited students to apply for the YAC 2014-15 term. Recruitment efforts included making school announcements, delivering flyers to City facilities and local schools, speaking to students during Recreation programs (at lunchtime, after school, and at The House Teen Center), highlighting YAC at the Teen Job Fairs at both high schools, distributing information to local organizations that work with youth, posting applications on the YAC web page, posting to the Mountain View Teens Facebook Profile, and sending applications directly to school staff. The recommended applicants represent Blach Intermediate School, Graham Middle School, Saint Francis High School, Los Altos High School, and Mountain View High School, and they are currently in the following grades: two seventh-graders; one eighth-grader; one freshman; six sophomores; and five juniors.

**FISCAL IMPACT** – None.

**ALTERNATIVES** – Make alterations to the recommended appointments.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. [Council Youth Services Committee Staff Report – May 20, 2014](#)