



MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department

DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Council Youth Services Committee

FROM: Michael Schwarz, Recreation Coordinator
Greg Milano, Recreation Supervisor
Kristine Crosby, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Youth Advisory Committee Applicant Selection and Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Review the staff recommendation to reappoint six current members and appoint nine new members and seven new members-at-large to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2020-21 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 11, 2019, the City Council appointed 15 members to the YAC for the 2019-20 term. Of the 15 members, eight are eligible for reappointment and 7 members graduated from high school, therefore making them no longer eligible. 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 six (6) returning YAC members as candidates for reappointment:

- Amie Cativo – senior at Los Altos High School
- Delia Copeland – senior at Mountain View High School
- Estefani Domingo Angel – sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Emily Chan – junior at St. Francis High School
- Mallika Reddy – senior at St. Francis High School
- Richard Vera – junior at Los Altos High School

Earlier this spring, Recreation Division staff recruited students to apply for the 2020-21 term. Recruitment efforts included making school announcements, delivering flyers to City facilities and local schools, speaking to participants at The View Teen Center, distributing information to local organizations that work with youth, posting applications on the YAC webpage, recruitment ad in the Activity Guide, posting to the Mountain View Recreation and The View Teen Center Facebook profiles, and sending applications directly to school staff. Due to the Santa Clara County Shelter-In-Place order issued March 16, 2020, staff extended the deadline to apply to May 1, 2020 to allow more time to apply. A total of 30 applications were received for the 15 available spots. Staff conducted candidate virtual interviews via Zoom in mid-May, and requests the CYSC to consider the following nine new candidates recommended for appointment:

- Annie Ping – junior at Los Altos High School
- Anya Andrzejek – sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Emma Burtin – junior at Mountain View High School
- Hailey Pierce – freshman at Mountain View High School
- Kaamyia Kalyani* – eighth Grade at Crittenden Middle School
- Lauren Dove – junior at Mountain View High School
- Matthew Guibord* – senior at St. Francis High School
- Megan Guibord* – senior at St. Francis High School
- Zhiyao Xiao* – 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.

- Brandon Ng – freshman at Mountain View High School
- Chris Luecro-Noriega – eighth grade at Graham Middle School
- Cindy Cruz – seventh grade at Menlo School
- Daniel Felix – sophomore at St. Francis High School
- Hannah Choi – junior at Los Altos High School
- Jasleen Sidhu – freshman at Los Altos High School
- Lydia Weeks – sophomore at Mountain View High School

Based upon the interview process and the number of limited positions available, of the 30 applicants, 8 were not forwarded for appointment at this time. Of the remaining eight applicants, one application was received from a middle school student and seven were high school students.

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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