



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** June 13, 2023  
**CATEGORY:** Consent  
**DEPT.:** Community Services  
**TITLE:** **Appointments to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-24 School Year Term**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint 15 members to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-24 school year term and appoint 10 members-at-large/alternatives to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-24 school year term, as recommended by the Council Youth Services Committee.

## **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's Recreation Division and appointed by the City Council. The Recreation Division forwards its recommendations to the Council Youth Services Committee (CYSC) prior to formal appointment by the City Council. YAC members serve for one year and may serve six terms on the YAC.

In spring 2023, staff began YAC recruitment efforts for the 2023-24 school year, as described in Attachment 1. A total of 32 applications were received by the deadline. Applicants were interviewed by staff in April, and the appointment recommendations were forwarded to the CYSC on May 16, 2023.

## **ANALYSIS**

The CYSC recommended the following 15 YAC appointments to the City Council:

- Amy Galindo, eighth-grader at The Girl's Middle School
- Jade Tissera, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Jasleen Sidhu, junior at Los Altos High School
- Meital Zayats, seventh-grader at Graham Middle School
- Natalie Chan, sophomore at Saint Francis High School

- Nolan Murphy, junior at Woodside Priory High School
- Ryan Wang, junior at Los Altos High School
- Simon Braun, junior at Pinewood School
- Ariana Motaghiannezam, sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Jayan Nair, seventh-grader at Blach Intermediate School
- Kaitlyn Byon, eighth-grader at Bullis Charter School
- Leilani Montano, seventh-grader at Graham Middle School (current member-at-large)
- Ryan Jhin, eighth-grader at Challenger School
- Taylor Luna, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Victoria Ma, junior at The Harker School

In addition, the following 10 YAC members-at-large/alternate appointments have been recommended for appointment by the City Council:

- Jiwoo Oh, freshman at Castilleja School
- Kaelyn Tan, eighth-grader at Miller Middle School
- Kavya Wazhi, freshman at Mountain View High School
- Maya Sriram, junior at BASIS Independent Silicon Valley (current member-at-large)
- Naisha John, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Nico Martinez, sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Noah Beedon, junior at Los Altos High School
- Sarp Akalin, seventh-grader at Bullis Charter School
- Shahana Rajasekaran, freshman at Los Altos High School (current member-at-large)
- Sophia Lew, freshman at Mountain View High School

**FISCAL IMPACT**—There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**ALTERNATIVES**—Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Council Youth Services Committee Staff Report—May 16, 2023