



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 10, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Services

TITLE: **Appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2025-26 School Year Term**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appointing 15 Members and 11 Members-at-Large/Alternates to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2025-26 School Year Term, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 2 to the Council Report).

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, reviewed by the Council Youth Services Committee (CYSC), and appointed by the City Council.

In spring 2025, Recreation Division staff began YAC recruitment efforts for the 2025-26 school year, as described in Attachment 1. A total of 58 applications from current YAC members and prospective applicants were received by the deadline. Applicants were interviewed by staff in April, and the appointment recommendations were forwarded to the CYSC on May 13, 2025 for consideration.

ANALYSIS

On May 13, 2025, the CYSC received a presentation from staff on the recruitment and selection process for the recommended candidates for the 2025-26 YAC. The following 15 candidates have been approved by the CYSC for recommendation to the City Council for appointment:

1. Dylan Andrzejek, freshman at Mountain View High School
2. Jiwoo Oh, junior at Castilleja School
3. Jayan Nair, freshman at Mountain View High School
4. Kaelyn Tan, sophomore at Mountain View High School
5. Kaitlyn Byon, sophomore at Los Altos High School

6. Kavya Wazhi, junior at Mountain View High School
7. Leilani Montano, freshman at Los Altos High School
8. Meital Zayats, freshman at Mountain View High School
9. Ryan Jhin, sophomore at Mountain View High School
10. Shahana Rajasekaran, junior at Los Altos High School
11. Sophia Lew, junior at Mountain View High School
12. Victoria Ma, junior at The Harker School
13. Harshini Nagappan, sophomore at Los Altos High School (current member-at-large)
14. Kai Cheng, junior at Mountain View High School
15. Shreyas Nayak, sixth-grader at Graham Middle School

In addition, the following 11 candidates were approved by the CYSC as YAC members-at-large/alternate appointments for recommendation to the City Council:

1. Alyson Lu, freshman at Mountain View High School
2. Katherine Xu, sophomore at Mountain View High School
3. Katherine Li, eighth-grader at Crittenden Middle School
4. Oliver Pollock, eighth-grader at Crittenden Middle School
5. Samuel Li, junior at Saint Francis High School
6. Sarp Akalin, freshman at Los Altos High School
7. Alexa Swanson, freshman at Menlo School
8. Amanda Ni Lewis, eighth-grader at Graham Middle School
9. Ari Lulla, junior at Los Altos High School
10. Maya Hsu, freshman at Waldorf School of the Peninsula
11. Vijay Sidhu, freshman at Los Altos High School

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

LEVINE ACT

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Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

☒ General policy and legislative actions

ALTERNATIVES—Make alterations to the recommend appointments.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. Council Youth Services Staff Report—May 13, 2025
 2. Resolution