



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: September 23, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Council Advisory Body Work Plan Approval**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Council advisory body work plans for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

BACKGROUND

Adopted by the City Council on November 20, 2012, Council Policy A-23, "Work Item Referral Process for Council Advisory Bodies and Councilmember Committees," requires all Council advisory bodies to annually prepare work plans for Council review and approval (Attachment 1). There are currently 10 Council-appointed advisory bodies:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Board of Library Trustees (BL)
- Downtown Committee (DTC)
- Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)
- Human Relations Committee (HRC)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
- Performing Arts Committee (PAC)
- Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Visual Arts Committee (VAC)
- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

ANALYSIS

Every advisory body except the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has submitted a work plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY 25-26) (Attachment 2). The YAC's work plan is typically submitted later to better align with the school year calendar. The YAC is expected to send its work plan to the Council Youth Services Committee in late fall 2025.

Staff liaisons provided summaries of the advisory bodies' major focus areas below.

1. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee: The primary focus areas for this year's BPAC work plan are reviewing current active transportation projects, the Active Transportation Plan, and the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance. The BPAC will continue coordinating with other bodies, including neighboring jurisdictions' BPACs. Finally, the BPAC will participate in various engagement and encouragement activities throughout the year.
2. Board of Library Trustees: The Board of Library Trustees advises the City Council and staff on Library matters. The Board's general functions include adopting rules and regulations necessary for the administration and protection of the Mountain View Public Library, assisting in the planning of Library services for the community, and accepting money, personal property, or real estate donated to the Library. Major focus areas for the coming year include reviewing current trends and topics in public libraries as well as statistics and performance measures.
3. Downtown Committee: The DTC focuses on reviewing and providing input on policies, projects, and economic vitality initiatives in Downtown Mountain View. Over the past year, the DTC contributed feedback on the continued implementation of the Downtown Mountain View Pedestrian Mall, the Economic Vitality Strategy, the Outdoor Patio Program, and Downtown Mountain View activations such as social zones and community programming. The committee also received updates and provided input on topics including retail vacancy, Downtown Mountain View events, and public safety. In Fiscal Year 25-26, the DTC will continue to support efforts that enhance the vibrancy and vitality of the district, including development of the Public Art Strategy, implementation of the Downtown Mountain View Parking Strategy, and activation of vacant properties
4. Environmental Planning Commission: The EPC is the recommending body to the City Council on projects related to planning, zoning, the General Plan, Precise Plans, and other plans and policies related to the physical development of the City. Over the next year, the EPC will continue its role in reviewing development applications for Zoning and General Plan Amendments and Bonus Floor Area Ratio (FAR) projects. In addition to fulfilling this role, the EPC's work plan is determined by the Council Strategic Priorities and Work Plan. They will continue to have a key role in recommending policy direction on major City initiatives, including the R3 Zoning update, Moffet Boulevard Precise Plan and Housing Element Program implementation items. Some other Council work plan items not shown in the EPC's work plan may necessitate ad hoc EPC input.
5. Human Relations Committee: The HRC will continue to advise Council on, serve as a forum for the public discussion of, and act as a liaison between the City government and the public regarding the various economic, political, educational, and social issues facing the

community. For FY 25-26, the HRC's work plan includes three continuing items and two new items. The continuing projects are: (1) work with City staff to assist with outreach for the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment; (2) partner with the Mountain View Public Library to host a "Check Out a Human" event with The Human Library; and (3) attend community meetings to solicit input on civic participation to inform recommendations for public outreach and engagement. The new projects are exploring hosting "know your rights" workshops and planning an event focused on the LGBTQ+ community and tabling at future Mountain View Pride events.

6. Parks and Recreation Commission: The PRC will provide input and recommendations on various capital projects, including the Moffett Middlefield Sewer Replacement Project Tree Mitigation, Sailing Lake/Bird Island Improvements, and the North Cove Landscape Design Project. The PRC will also review and provide input through various stages of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and Biodiversity and Urban Forest Plan. Finally, the PRC will continue to review and make recommendations on Heritage tree appeals on an as-needed basis.
7. Performing Arts Committee: The PAC is embarking on a comprehensive review of the SecondStage program this year in support of diversifying programs at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (MVCPA). The evaluation will delve into the program's background, examine other models, and culminate in a formal recommendation to the City Council. PAC's ongoing efforts are dedicated to:
 - Enhancing community outreach efforts to increase engagement and awareness;
 - Building partnerships with other advisory bodies to strengthen community ties; and
 - Co-hosting an artists' reception with the Visual Arts and Downtown Committees, to be held at the MVCPA.
8. Senior Advisory Committee: The SAC priority initiatives for FY 25-26 include developing an outreach campaign to bring awareness of the SAC and its role in the community for residents age 55+ and creating an overview featuring essential senior services and resources in Mountain View for promotional use. The SAC plans to participate in neighborhood association events and design a promotional postcard for distribution at outreach events to accomplish each initiative.
9. Visual Arts Committee: The VAC work plan for FY 25-26 outlines work items to support visual arts in Mountain View. The VAC's overall purpose is to enrich the City through public art and related community programs and advise the City Council on the selection of art and artists for City-funded public art acquisitions. The VAC recommends visual art to be displayed within the Center for the Performing Arts and qualifying capital improvement projects and collaborates with organizations on visual arts opportunities. Major work items for FY 25-26 focus on completing and adopting a public art strategy, supporting art selections for anticipated CIP projects, collaborating with the Downtown and Performing

Arts Committees to support opportunities for Visual and Performing Arts in Downtown Mountain View, and increasing outreach to the arts community for Call for Artists opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Council Advisory Body Work Plan. All activities identified in the work plan will be carried out with existing departmental resources. No additional appropriations are required at this time.

For the PRC work plan, staff is not anticipating any additional staff time beyond the traditional support that staff currently provides. However, capital projects may require additional Public Works staff time or staff may modify the schedule to present items to the PRC, altering what is tentatively listed on the work plan.

Should future initiatives require additional resources or appropriations, staff will return to Council for consideration of budget adjustments.

LEVINE ACT

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information, see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

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

1. Revise any particular work plan.
2. Refer a work plan back to an advisory body for further development based on Council direction.

3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Council's agenda is advertised on Channel 26, and the agenda and this report appear on the City's website.

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- Attachments: 1. Council Policy A-23: Council Referral Process for Council Advisory Bodies and Councilmember Committees
2. Council Advisory Body Recommended Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plans