



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** June 23, 2026

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Community Services

**TITLE:** **Appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2026-27 School Year Term**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appointing 15 Members and Nine Members-at-Large/Alternates to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2026-27 School Year Term, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 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.

On September 23, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution No. 19024, which updates the roles and responsibilities of the YAC including the addition of "members-at-large" positions to provide expanded civic engagement opportunities for youth in Mountain View. The resolution also requires the YAC to develop and approve an annual work plan for the upcoming fiscal year, which will be submitted to the CYSC for review and approval. The work plan will outline key projects, priorities, milestones, and ongoing initiatives the Committee plans to focus on throughout the year

In spring 2026, Recreation Division staff began YAC recruitment efforts for the 2026-27 school year, as described in Attachment 2. A total of 35 applications from current YAC members and prospective applicants were received by the deadline. Applicants were interviewed by Recreation staff in April, and the appointment recommendations were forwarded to the CYSC on May 20, 2026 for consideration.

## **ANALYSIS**

On May 20, 2026, the CYSC received a presentation from staff on the recruitment and selection process for the recommended candidates for the 2026-27 YAC term. The CYSC recommended the following 15 candidates to the City Council for appointment to the YAC:

- Dylan Andrzejek, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Shreyas Nayak, seventh grader at Graham Middle School
- Jayan Nair, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Kaelyn Tan, junior at Mountain View High School
- Kaitlyn Byon, junior at Los Altos High School
- Harshini Nagappan, junior at Los Altos High School
- Leilani Montano, sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Meital Zayats, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Ryan Jhin, junior at Mountain View High School
- Alyson Lu, sophomore at Mountain View High School (current member-at-large)
- Alexa Swanson, sophomore at Menlo School (current member-at-large)
- Maya Hsu, sophomore at Waldorf School of the Peninsula (current member-at-large)
- Amanda Ni Lewis, freshman at Mountain View High School (current member-at-large)
- Katherine Li, freshman at Mountain View High School (current member-at-large)
- Andrea Wong, sophomore at Mountain View High School

In addition, the CYSC recommended the following nine candidates as YAC members-at-large/alternates to the City Council for the 2026-27 YAC term:

- Sarp Akalin, sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Katherine Xu, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Oliver Pollock, freshman at Mountain View High School
- Rohan Vijendran, freshman at Bellarmine College Prep
- Elise Gruenstein, junior at Mountain View High School
- Kye Haglund, freshman at Mountain View High School
- Sophia Buzzi, sophomore at Los Altos High School
- Luca Tsugukuni, sophomore at Mountain View High School
- Kyla Lee, sophomore 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**

1. Do not adopt the resolution.
2. Provide other direction.

## **PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachment:    1.    Resolution  
                  2.    Council Youth Services Memorandum—May 20, 2026