



Youth Liaison Program

Preview: Recommendation

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Background

- Council adopted Children & Youth Bill of Rights last year
- Participating in Youth Liaison Program: goal for FY 2024-25
 - \$1,300 of ECYP funds
- Youth Action Network: initiative coordinated by United Way Santa Cruz County



Program Goals



- Ensure youth perspectives are heard & considered in local government decisions
- Allow high-school students to participate in & learn about municipal government

Program Format

- Youth submit online application to United Way
- Youth Liaisons selected by YAN and City of Capitola staff (?)
 - Selection process discussed in August
- Liaisons:
 - Meet monthly Council Member mentor
 - Attend Council meetings
 - Present to Council at conclusion of program
 - Receive stipend (from United Way)

Council Member Participation

- Serve as mentor to Youth Liaison
- Meet monthly with member
- Submit for live-scan services
- Follow United Way *Working with Youth Policies*



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