



STAFF REPORT
1/28/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Celina Jimenez, Director of Economic Development
SUBJECT: Appoint one (1) Commissioner to the Coachella Youth Advisory Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint one (1) Commissioner to the Coachella Youth Advisory Commission (YAC).

BACKGROUND:

In July 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-25, which established compensation for members of the Youth Advisory Commission. Under this resolution, Commissioners receive \$50.00 per scheduled meeting, provided a quorum is present. Following Council's action, the City conducted outreach through schools, community organizations, and social media platforms to promote the opportunity to local youth.

The YAC was created to provide young residents with a voice in civic matters. Commissioners serve in an advisory role to the City Council, helping to identify the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of Coachella's youth and ensuring coordination of community resources that improve quality of life for young people.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Commission is designed to consist of ten youth members enrolled in high school who reside in Coachella. To date, the City had received a sufficient number of applications to fill all ten seats. The Youth Advisory Commission held its first meeting on October 14, 2025 but since then, the Commission had one Commissioner resign. Appointing the full membership will allow the Commission to begin its work with balanced representation and greater capacity to address issues affecting youth. With all positions filled, the Commission will be better positioned to carry out its duties effectively and ensure broad input from across the community.

The following applicants submitted an application for consideration: (the council must select and appoint one)

1. Brandon Antunez Lopez (Coachella resident)
2. Valerie Aguirre (Coachella resident)
3. Emily Samano Felix

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional fiscal impact beyond the stipends already authorized under Resolution No. 2024-25.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Youth Advisory Commission Applications