



## City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

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Approved By: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

**Subject: Approve the 2024 Youth Commission Interview Subcommittee's appointment recommendations to the Los Altos Youth Commission for FY2024/25**

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### COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2024 Youth Commission Interview Subcommittee's appointment recommendations to the Los Altos Youth Commission for FY2024/25

### POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 1.) Does the Council wish to accept the recommended appointments to the Youth Commission for FY2024/25?
- 2.) Would the Council like to provide further direction to staff regarding the Youth Commission application process?

### FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

At the regular meeting of the City Council on December 12, 2023, the Council created the ad hoc Youth Commission Interview Subcommittee consisting of Mayor Jonathan D. Weinberg and Vice Mayor Pete Dailey.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

On May 23, 2024, the Youth Commission Interview Subcommittee, consisting of Mayor Jonathan D. Weinberg and Vice Mayor Pete Dailey, in accordance with Section 2.08.030.C of the Los Altos

Municipal Code, interviewed 14 applicants to the Youth Commission. The City received 21 total applications for seven open seats to the Commission. Seven applicants were unable to attend the interviews in-person. For those who were unable to attend and who provided prior notice to the City Clerk's office regarding their schedule conflict, three questions were provided to them to submit written answers to prior to the interviews. Three of the seven applicants who could not attend in person responded with answers to those questions, and those responses were issued to Mayor Weinberg and Vice Mayor Dailey prior to the in-person interview sessions.

Out of all the applications received, none were from students from Mountain View High School.

The Youth Commission has the following vacancies to fill for FY2024/25:

- Six full-term seats, expiring in June 2026
- One partial-term seat, expiring in June 2025, due to resignation mid-term

Upon completion of the interview sessions, the Mayor and Vice Mayor confirmed their appointment recommendations for the vacancies on the Youth Commission:

**Recommendations for six full-term seats, expiring in June 2026:**

- Jasmine Cheng, 17 years old, 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Los Altos High School
- Darius Sayar, 16 years old, 11<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Francis High School
- Ryan Kim, 16 years old, 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Bellarmine College Preparatory School
- Asha Rammohan, 15 years old, 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Los Altos High School
- Riya Srivastava, 15 years old, 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Pinewood High School
- Ishika Anand, 14 years old, 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Los Altos High School

**Recommendation for one partial-term seat, expiring in June 2025:**

- Talinn Hatti (Incumbent), 16 years old, 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Los Altos High School

The following two applicants were identified as Alternates, should any of the above students be unable to accept their appointment to the Youth Commission:

- Aaroushi Sheth, 15 years old, 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Homestead High School
- Rishi Chen, 15 years old, 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Pinewood High School

If the City Council accepts the subcommittee's recommendation and each of the applicants accepts the appointment, then next year's Youth Commission will be composed as follows:

Name	Age	Grade	School
Vibha Bengani	15	11	Homestead HS
Sophie Chen	16	12	Woodside Priory
Mariana Leaver	16	11	Living Wisdom HS
Eli Sobel	17	12	Kehillah
Cheng, Jasmine	17	12	Los Altos HS
Darius Sayer	16	11	St. Francis
Ryan Kim	16	11	Bellarmino Col. Prep.
Asha Rammohan	15	10	Los Altos HS
Riya Srivastava	15	10	Pinewood
Ishika Anand	14	9	Los Altos HS
Talinn Hatti	16	12	Los Altos HS