

DATE:	May 19, 2021
TO:	Mayor and Town Council
FROM:	Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT:	Ratify the Town Council Selection Committee's Recommended Youth Commissioner Appointments

### **RECOMMENDATION**:

Ratify the Town Council Selection Committee's recommended Youth Commissioner appointments.

#### BACKGROUND:

Since June of 2004, Council has appointed students in Grades 8 through 12 as members of the Youth Commission.

The Town used a variety of mechanisms this year to recruit for the Youth Commission. The Town distributed a letter to the local schools requesting they help promote the Youth Commission opportunities. The letter was sent to Los Gatos High School, Leigh High School, Westmont High School, Fisher Middle School, Union Middle School, Rolling Hills Middle School, and Hillbrook School. In addition, the Town placed advertisements in local publications and posted the opportunity on the Town's What's New email blast, the Town's website, the Youth Commission Facebook page, the Town's social media accounts.

### DISCUSSION:

By the application deadline on April 30, 2021, twenty-seven (27) applications were received. On May 11, 2021, the Town Council Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Mayor Rennie, Chief Decena, and Youth Commission Chair Sasha Ryu, interviewed twenty-six (26) applicants for twenty (20) available positions. One of the applicants did not attend the interview and therefore was not considered for appointment. All the applicants demonstrated initiative and

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# DICUSSION (continued):

community spirit in applying for leadership positions to serve the Los Gatos community and the Selection Committee's recommended appointments are listed in Attachment 1.

## CONCLUSION:

The Town Council Selection Committee recommends that Council appoint members as shown in Attachment 1. The recommendations for appointment are based on composite assessments from the interviews and applications. Following the Youth Commission enabling resolution (Attachment 2), appointments for the twelve (12) newly appointed Commissioners and the three reappointed Commissioners entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade are for one (1) year, and appointments for the five (5) reappointed Commissioners are for two (2) years.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Town-wide Commission training budget is available to provide funds as needed.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

### Attachments:

- 1. Recommended Youth Commissioner Appointments
- 2. Youth Commission Enabling Resolution 2018-008