MEETING DATE: 06/04/2024

DATE: May 24, 2023

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 2004, Council has appointed students in grades 8 through 12 as members of the Youth Commission. The Youth Commission fosters and encourages civic and neighborhood pride in Los Gatos youth and builds a sense of identity through knowledge, understanding, and involvement in the Town's municipal affairs.

The Town used a variety of mechanisms to recruit for the Youth Commission. Commissioners with terms expiring received notification of the recruitment and notices of the upcoming vacancies were posted at Town Hall. Information regarding the recruitment was distributed on the Town's What's New email blast, the Town's social media accounts, and posted on the Town's website. In addition, the Town also contacted local schools requesting they help promote the Youth Commission opportunities.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The application deadline was May 1, 2024, and the Town received 27 applications. On May 15, 2024, the Town Council Selection Committee, comprised of Mayor Badame, Vice Mayor Hudes, Chief Field, and Youth Commission Chair Chunawala, interviewed 26 applicants for 14 available positions. One additional applicant, who was an incumbent, was not able to attend the interview and submitted a letter for the Committee's consideration.

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Town Clerk

Reviewed by: Town Manager and Town Attorney

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# **DISCUSSION** (continued):

All the applicants demonstrated initiative and community spirit in applying for leadership positions to serve the Los Gatos community. The Selection Committee's recommended appointments are listed in Attachment 1. Per the Youth Commission Enabling Resolution (Attachment 2), appointments for the eight newly appointed Commissioners and the three reappointed Commissioners entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be for a one-year term, and appointments for the three reappointed Commissioners not entering the 12th grade will be for a two- year term.

### **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.

# **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