



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TOWN SELECTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

MEETING DATE: 8/6/2025

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: August 1, 2025
TO: Town Selection Committee Members
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Interview Applicants for the Youth Commission and Make Recommendations
for the Town Council Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Interview applicants for the Youth Commission and make recommendations for Town Council appointments.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to foster and encourage civic and neighborhood pride and create a sense of identity through knowledge, understanding, and increased involvement in the Town's present and future municipal affairs. The Youth Commission shall generally be responsible for studying various interests and issues of concern to the youth in Los Gatos and advise the Town Council on such matters.

Applicants to the Youth Commission may be any student entering grades 8 through 12 in the fall, and either a resident of the incorporated limits of the Town of Los Gatos or have residency in an unincorporated area of the County of Santa Clara which has a Los Gatos mailing address. Applicants must complete the appropriate application and submit it during the recruitment period by the established deadline. Current Commissioners may seek to be reappointed upon the expiration of their current term, and reappointment to a new term is not automatic. Those Commissioners seeking reappointment must submit an application.

On May 20, 2025, the Town Council adopted a resolution amending the Youth Commission Enabling Resolution to reduce the total number of members from 20 to 19 and to modify the term length from two years to one year. These changes were made to better align with the academic calendar and the availability of student participants.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Wood
Town Clerk

Reviewed by: Town Manager and Town Attorney

Three members, however, were appointed to two-year terms prior to the adoption of these changes. As their appointments were made under the previous structure, they will continue to serve out their full terms. As a result, their seats are not included in the current recruitment cycle.

Current Commissioners were notified of their term expiration, and notices of the upcoming vacancies were posted on social media, published in the Town newsletter, and posted on the Town's website.

DISCUSSION:

The Town of Los Gatos conducted a recruitment for 16 seats on the Youth Commission representing terms expiring this year. The three seats held by Commissioners completing the second year of their two-year terms are not part of this recruitment cycle.

The recruitment opened on June 5, 2025, and closed at 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2025. The Town received 40 applications by the deadline (applications are on file and available for inspection in the Clerk's Office with privacy redactions to protect minors).

On August 6, 2025, the Town Selection Committee will interview the applicants. The Committee is tasked with reviewing qualifications and recommending appointments to the Town Council. To assist the Committee in its evaluation, applicants were asked to respond to a series of questions in their application to gauge their interest, relevant experience, and capacity to serve. These questions are listed as follows:

1. Please list any student government experience that you may have and/or any service clubs or organizations that you have belonged to. Include the position/office held and the associated dates.
2. Tell us about your skills, experience, or interests that you feel would assist us in considering your application.
3. How do you see membership on the Youth Commission assisting in bringing a youth perspective in Los Gatos?
4. Why are you interested in serving as a Youth Commissioner? What specifically will you contribute to the Commission?
5. Are you interested in serving as a Youth Commissioner liaison to one of the following adult commissions? *(List provided in the application)*
6. How many weekday hours per month would you be able to commit to as a Commissioner?

The number of vacancies and applications received are listed below.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Sixteen (16) total seats are available due to expiring terms.

Applicants (40):

Nirav Adavikolanu
Heerod Amini
Elijah Asheghian
Pravin Balasingam
Olivia Bernholz
Madelyn Cameron
Laia Chandran-Moles
Pau Chandran-Moles
Cody Chen
Aarav Chugh
Jason Colclough
Maanya Dixit
Atul Garlapati
Aksh Gupta
Rithik Gupta
Ivan Habib
Caleb Hatch
Wilber Huang
Nova Jayaraj
Brandon Kessel
Nia Khanna
Connor Krawez
Angela Kumaresan
Katya Littfin
Lydia Liu
Tian (James) Na
Advay Narayanun
Colomba Ramirez
Crichton Rockwell
Jin Ryu
Ryan Santosh
Arya Shamain
Emma Shim
Arnav Singhal
Aanya Suri
Aiden Sylvester
Avani Thakur
Aashvee Vij
Diana Zhang
Elaine Zou

Expiring Terms:

Elijah Asheghian
Pravin Balasingam
Pau Chandran-Moles
Cody Chen
Aarav Chugh
Kaedon Chung
Yilin Fang
Rithik Gupta
Ryan Idemoto
Nova Jayaraj
Connor Krawez
Jay Mallugari
Grace Murray
Gwyneth Pang
Kinnera Potluri
Aanya Singh
Rushil Sharma

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CONCLUSION:

Following the interviews, the Committee will make its recommendations for appointments and instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a report with the recommendations for Council consideration at the August 19, 2025, Town Council regular meeting. All applicants will be notified of their status.

COORDINATION:

The preparation of this report was coordinated with the Town Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the appointments.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

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