



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
TOWN COUNCIL SELECTION
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

MEETING DATE: 05/18/2026

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: May 18, 2026
TO: Town Council Selection Committee
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: **Interview Applicants for the Youth Commission and Make Recommendations for the Town Council Appointments**

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend appointments to the Town Council as stated by the Town Clerk or designee and instruct the preparation of a report containing the recommendations for Town Council consideration at the June 2, 2026, meeting of the Town Council.

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 that 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 reappointment upon the expiration of their current term. Reappointment to a new term is not automatic, and those Commissioners seeking reappointment must submit an application and be interviewed.

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: Jenna De Long
Deputy Town Clerk

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk

DISCUSSION:

The Town of Los Gatos conducted a recruitment for 19 seats on the Youth Commission representing terms expiring this year. 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. The Town also contacted local schools to notify them of the open recruitment.

The recruitment opened on March 27, 2026, and closed at 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2026. The Town received 38 applications by the deadline (redacted applications are on file and available for inspection in the Clerk's Office).

On May 18, 2026, the 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 and on the following page.

YOUTH COMMISSION

Nineteen (19) total seats are available due to expiring terms.

Applicants (38):

Nirav Adavikolanu
Heerod Amini
Elijah Asheghian
Myra Bagora

Expiring Terms (19):

Elijah Asheghian
Heerod Amini
Pravin Balasingham
Cody Chen

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SUBJECT: Youth Commission Interviews

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Alex Casal Montserrat
Claudia Casal Montserrat
Iaia Chandran-Moles
Saketh Chinnakotla
Aarav Chung
Justin Clementz
Georgina Jane Coraline Cobb
Jason Colclough
Maanya Dixit
Abigail Goldman
Prathana Hari
Ethan Habib
Ivan Habib
Bela Khanal
Nia Khanna
Trevor Kim
Alyssa Leo
Kyna Malhotra
Mira Nanduru
Talia Nathan
Haneen Nuru
Dhanya Ramanan
Ryan Santosh
Aariv Shah
Arya Shamain
Tara Shamain
Malin Sharma
Arnav Singhal
Mathilde Virginia Skalberg
Lucas Vash-Munoz
Yashvi Vijay
Hritvi Vijay
Yijin Wang
Elaine Zou

Saketh Chinnakotla
Maanya Dixit
Ivan Habib
Wilber Huang
Nia Khanna
Nova Jayaraj
Anjali Kalia
Connor Krawez
Katya Littfin
James Na
Ryan Santosh
Arnav Singhal
Aashvee Vij
Aurthur Wang
Elaine Zou

CONCLUSION:

Following the interviews, the Committee will make its recommendations for appointments and instruct the preparation of a report containing the recommendations for the Town Council to consider at the June 2, 2026, Town Council regular meeting. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's and the Town Council's action.