

MEETING DATE: 06/07/2022

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: May 26, 2022

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.

For this year's recruitment, the Town used a variety of mechanisms 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, and the Town's social media accounts.

### **DISCUSSION**:

By the application deadline on May 6, 2022, twenty (20) applications were received. On May 16, 2022, the Town Council Selection Committee, comprised of Mayor Rennie, Vice Mayor Ristow, Chief Field, and Youth Commission Chair Sasha Balasingam, interviewed eighteen (18) applicants for fifteen (15) available positions. Two of the applicants did not attend the interview and therefore were not considered for appointment.

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Town Clerk

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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# **DICUSSION** (continued):

All the applicants demonstrated initiative and 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. Following the Youth Commission enabling resolution (Attachment 2), appointments for the eight (8) newly appointed Commissioners and the one (1) reappointed Commissioner entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade are for one (1) year, and appointments for the six (6) reappointed Commissioners are for two (2) years.

### **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