

MEETING DATE: 08/19/2025

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: August 19, 2025

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Ratify the Town Council Selection Committee's Recommended Youth

**Commissioner Appointments** 

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Ratify the Town Council Selection Committee's recommended Youth

Commissioner appointments.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

This item is not associated with a strategic priority; however, it does align with the core goal of civic engagement.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to foster civic and neighborhood pride, build a sense of identity, and promote knowledge, understanding, and engagement in the Town's municipal affairs. The Commission studies issues relevant to Los Gatos youth and advises the Town Council on such matters.

Since 2004, the Town Council has appointed students in grades 8 through 12 to serve on the Youth Commission. For the 2025–26 term, the Town conducted a recruitment to fill 16 seats with expiring terms. The recruitment period opened on June 5 and closed on July 25, 2025. During this time, notifications were sent to eligible incumbent Commissioners, and outreach was conducted via postings at Town Hall, the Town's website, social media, and the What's New email newsletter.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Wood

Town Clerk

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

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## **DISCUSSION**:

At the close of the application period, the Town received 40 eligible applications. On August 6, 2025, the Town Council Selection Committee, comprised of Mayor Hudes, Vice Mayor Moore, and Police Chief Field, interviewed 36 applicants for 16 available positions. Three applicants were unavailable to be interviewed, and one incumbent applicant who could not attend submitted a letter requesting reappointment for the Committee's consideration.

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. In accordance with the Youth Commission Enabling Resolution (Attachment 2), appointments are for a one-year term.

# **CONCLUSION:**

The Town Council Selection Committee recommends that the Council ratify the Youth Commission appointments as outlined in Attachment 1. The recommendations are based on a comprehensive review of each candidate's application and interview.

### **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 2025-025