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TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

VIA: Stefan Chatwin, City Manager

FROM: Derek Schweigart, Parks and Recreation Director
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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FOSTER CITY APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FIFTEEN
MEMBERS TO THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached resolution appointing the following fifteen members to the Youth Advisory Committee to annual full terms on the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name, School, Grade

Ming Doong, San Mateo High School, 12
*Kiana Gowdy, Hillsdale High School, 11
*Aanvi Gupta, Aragon High School, 11
Amperly Hom, San Mateo High School, 10
*Ellie Leo, Bowditch Middle School, 8
*Jayden Leo, San Mateo High School, 10
*Emily Liu, Hillsdale High School, 11
*John Liu, Aragon High School, 10
*Emily Meng, Burlingame High School, 10
*Isha Misra, San Mateo High School, 9
Nolan Quan, Hillsdale High School, 9
*Somya Singh, Hillsdale High School, 12
*Nicholas Thrugmorton, San Mateo High School, 12
*Lian Wang, Aragon High School, 11
*Francesca Wesley, San Mateo High School, 11

* denotes returning members

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff conducted interviews of all new and returning applicants. Staff reviewed 24 applicants for the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) for the 2023-2024 school year. Based on the interview process and evaluation, staff recommends the above 15 applicants be appointed to the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was developed to encourage greater participation of youth within Foster City. The Committee's goal is to explore teen issues and report recommendations and results to City Council.

YAC has been operating successfully with 15 members (down from 25), since 2011. The decrease in committee size was supported by City Council, feeling that this number would continue to effectively involve a large cross section of the Foster City youth community.

YAC is large enough to efficiently plan and implement activities; all members can actively participate and work as a team; and the Parks and Recreation Department staff liaison is able to spend more time guiding and advising each individual member.

Staff and YAC members saw a need to create the classification of 'Member-at-Large' positions due to the overwhelming interest in being involved in YAC activities. Members-at-Large do not sign the YAC commitment contract and do not have voting privileges. They do, however, attend meetings. The addition of Members-at-Large meets the needs of the Foster City youth when they cannot commit to attending eighty percent of the required committee meetings.

The process for choosing YAC committee members includes completing an application form with questions that focus on the applicant's involvement in school and community activities. The following criteria are used to select applicants:

- Outstanding level of commitment in previous years serving on the YAC
- School Representation
- Grade Representation
- Involvement in community activities
- Interview

All applicants are expected to be able to express their interest in the committee's goals and activities. Staff reviewed 24 applicants for the Youth Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year:

- 15 YAC applications are recommended for approval

Upon City Council approval, YAC would consist of fifteen active members for the 2023-24

school year.

Staff recommends that the above applicants be appointed as outlined in this staff report.

California Environmental Quality Act

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE/PRIORITY AREA

City Council Operations and Improved Community Engagement

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Resolution

Attachment 2 - Contract

Attachment 3 - Application