



CITY of CLOVIS

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Administration
DATE: October 7, 2024
SUBJECT: Consider Approval – Appointments of City of Clovis Youth Commission.

Staff: Chad McCollum, Director of Economic Development, Housing and Communications

Recommendation: Approve

ATTACHMENTS: None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor, subject to approval by the City Council, consider the appointment of the following individuals to the City of Clovis Youth Commission. The appointment is for one term, which is currently scheduled to run through April 2025.

- Alex Perez
- Alian Marriaga
- Amaan Gill
- Avereet Samra
- Bonnie Barlow
- Chaheti Mathur
- Eli Pugliese
- Ellie Hammond
- Grace Yang
- Guramanat Sohi
- Isaac Perry
- Jahan Singh
- Jasmine Parmer
- Jocelyn De La Cruz
- Joelle Moore
- Kameryn Fedele
- Kiera Mouanoutoua
- Maggie McCollum
- Noah Anderson
- Noor Riar
- Rajbir Longia

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 2, 2023, the Clovis City Council unanimously voted to establish a Youth Commission aimed at strengthening youth voices within the City of Clovis. In collaboration with community partners, including Clovis Unified School District and local media, staff worked to share this opportunity with the public, resulting in an impressive 37 eligible applications. From August 2 to September 6, 2024, high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors residing in Clovis were invited to apply. Qualified applicants underwent a two-step interview process, with the first round conducted in person by a panel of City staff, followed by a second interview with current Commissioners entering their senior year. During the interviews, panelists engaged with each applicant to understand their interest and goals for the Commission. In accordance with the bylaws, a total of 21 of the 37 applicants were selected to join the Youth Commission, pending City Council confirmation.

BACKGROUND

The City of Clovis Youth Commission was established by unanimous decision of the Clovis City Council in October 2023 with the goal of engaging youth voices in civic matters. The Commission aims to promote civic engagement among Clovis youth and foster a sense of ownership and responsibility in shaping the City's future. The City of Clovis Youth Commission operates from October through April each year, with Commissioners selected during the summer and fall leading into the new school year. The first meeting for the 2024-2025 term will be held on October 16, 2024.

On May 8, 2024, the City of Clovis Youth Commission unanimously approved its bylaws and structure, further outlining the roles and responsibilities of its members.

The Youth Commissioners are tasked with meeting monthly to set and accomplish goals outlined by the Youth Commission, City Council, and City staff. Additionally, they represent Clovis youth at designated city events, plan and execute a project benefiting the youth of Clovis and present their progress annually to the Clovis City Council.

Applicants for the Clovis Youth Commission must reside within the City of Clovis and be in their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. They may serve on the Commission for up to three years. The selection process includes applying, interviewing, and being chosen by a panel consisting of City staff and Youth Commissioners. The Commission is composed of up to 21 members.

We were fortunate to receive many talented applicants this year, and while not everyone could be selected, we want to encourage those students who were not chosen to remain involved by attending our monthly Youth Commission meetings. These meetings are open to all, and we value the input of all Clovis youth. We encourage those who were not selected to participate as much as possible and to share their concerns and ideas with the Youth Commissioners.

FISCAL IMPACT

The costs associated with the Youth Commission are expected to be nominal. These costs are included within the current 2024/2025 budget without requiring additional allocations.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Students listed in this staff report have been found qualified by staff to participate in the City of Clovis Youth Commission.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Staff will continue planning for the upcoming meetings of the City of Clovis Youth Commission.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

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