



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of Appointing Six Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Voting Members for the 2025-27 Term, Two Alternate YAC Members for the 2025-26 Term, and Recognizing Five Retiring YAC Voting Members.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Council appoint six Youth Advisory Council (YAC) voting members for the 2025-27 term, two alternate YAC members for the 2025-26 term, and recognize five retiring YAC voting members.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with taking these actions.

BACKGROUND:

The YAC is a group of volunteer middle school and high school students appointed by the City Council. The YAC's role is to advise the Parks & Recreation Department and the Youth Center staff on activities, events, and programs to meet the needs of youth in the community.

At the start of each calendar year, the Recreation Coordinator for Youth Development posts an application for the upcoming YAC open positions on the City's website. Applicants must complete the online application and submit it by the deadline. Sixteen applicants are offered an oral board interview with City staff and a City Council representative. The number of open positions each year is dependent on the number of retiring or outgoing YAC members.

ANALYSIS:

Following the written application and oral board interview process, the following eight San Carlos youth are being recommended for appointment to the YAC:

Six Voting Members for the 2025-27 Term:

- **Karan Sangani – Sequoia High School, Sophomore**
Karan looks forward to organizing programs that bring awareness to and educate the youth community on safe social media use.
- **Aditya (Tiko) Gupta – Sequoia High School, Sophomore**
Tiko would like to be a member of the YAC because getting involved in the community

and making a difference is very important to him. Tiko also wants to be a member to expand the intergenerational programs within the community and make San Carlos a great place for youth and adults alike.

- **Keira Nayberg – Carmont High School, Sophomore**
Keira is a passionate advocate for San Carlos' youth empowerment and organizing events that serve the current needs of the youth of San Carlos.
- **Avi Cancilla – Charter Learning Center, 7th Grade**
Avi is looking forward to joining YAC to surveying the youth community and addressing the issues that mean most to San Carlos youth.
- **Vir Rao – Synapse School, 7th Grade**
Vir enjoyed his past year with YAC as a Member-At-Large and is looking forward to facilitating community building to create a sense of belonging amongst San Carlos youth.
- **Johan Sijp – Carmont High School, Sophomore**
Johan is passionate about creating a sense of community by facilitating events that encourage and allow teens to spread positivity and friendship.

Two Alternate Members for the 2025-26 Term:

- **Doris Lin – Carmont High School, Sophomore – 1st Alternate**
Doris is a diligent volunteer and is driven to looking forward to creating programs that improve the experience of teens who are navigating the job search while in high school.
- **Connor Huh – Nueva School, Junior – 2nd Alternate**
Connor plans to build upon his past two years as a Voting Member on the YAC by leading projects that amplify youth voices and build community.

Recognition of Outgoing Youth Advisory Council Voting Members

The following YAC members completed their terms of office as of June 30, 2025:

- Sufiya Kaul – two, two-year terms. Offices held: Chair, Secretary
- Dylan Karmin – one, two-year term. Office held: Vice Chair
- Cecily Mock – one, two-year term.
- Zuri Kadiwar – one, two-year term.
- Saba Rahimi – one, one-year term.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternatives available to the City Council include:

1. Appoint the recommended YAC members for the 2025-27 and 2025-26 terms and recognize retiring YAC voting members; or
2. Do not appoint recommended YAC members for the 2025-27 and 2025-26 terms; or
3. Provide staff with alternative direction.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Newby, Parks & Recreation Director

Approved for submission by:

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Jeff Maltbie, City Manager