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COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE:

MAY 29, 2008

TO:

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM:

GREG LARSON, TOWN MANAGER

SUBJECT:

RATIFY YOUTH AND STUDENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC COUNCIL SUBSCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify student appointments for the Youth, Community Services, and Parks Commissions as recommended by the Ad Hoc Council Sub-Committee (Attachment No. 1).

DISCUSSION:

Attached for Council consideration is a list of recommended 2008/09 Youth and Student Commission appointments. A recruitment process was conducted in early spring to fill a total of 17 expiring commission positions. The Youth Commission is comprised of 8 positions, with 5 alternates. The Community Services and Parks Commissions require 2 student commissions each. The Town received a total of 10 applications.

Interviews were conducted by an Ad Hoc Council Subcommittee comprised of Mayor Barbara Spector, Vice Mayor Mike Wasserman, Scott Seaman, Chief of Police, Greg Larson, Town Manager, and Mike Loya, Youth Coordinator for Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation. Youth Commissioner Brandi Pech also participated on the interview panel to provide a youth perspective. The recommended appointments were based on the candidates' background, experience and interview responses, and are comprised of youth from the grade levels of the vacated seats to maintain a balanced youth representation.

The Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that Council ratify the attached list of Youth and Student Commission appointments. Once appointed, the terms of Youth and Student Commissioners will parallel the school year and begin in September 2008 and expire June 2009. A Youth and Student Commission Orientation will be held in Summer 2008. The remaining 7 vacant commission positions will be re-advertised and interviews are tentatively scheduled for

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early Fall. The Police, Community Services, and Parks and Public Works Departments will continue to manage their respective commissions and work with the Manager's Office to identify opportunities for commission involvement in Town issues and projects.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that Council ratify the attached list of 2008/09 Youth and Student Commission appointments. Vacant commission positions will be re-advertised throughout the summer with interviews tentatively scheduled for early Fall 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds to support youth and student commission activities have been included in the FY 2008/09 Operating Budget.

Attachments:

Attachment No.:

Recommended 2008/09 Youth and Student Commission Appointments

TOWN OF LOS GATOS RECOMMENDED YOUTH AND STUDENT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

YOUTH COMMISSION

- Benjamin Baranovsky
- Sheridan Jones
- Nicky Robinson
- Leslie Zankich
- Robert Van Unen
- Peter Hadar
- 2 Vacant Youth Commission Positions

YOUTH COMMISSION ALTERNATES

- Paul Glenn
- 4 Vacant Alternate Positions

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

- Adam Hadar
- Stanford Stickney

PARKS COMMISSION

- Lori Komshian
- 1 Vacant Student Commission Position