

RESOLUTION NO. 6047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA DECLARING THE GENERAL POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE "YOUTH COMMISSION"

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara's Youth Commission Ad Hoc Committee completed its study on the need to form a City of Santa Clara Youth Commission ["Youth Commission"] and recommended to the City Council the desire and need for establishing a Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Clara ["City Council"] found and determined that the purpose of the Youth Commission is to foster and encourage civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity through the knowledge, understanding, and increased involvement of the City's youth in the City's present and future municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acting pursuant to the authority provided by Section 1000 of "The Charter of the City of Santa Clara" ["Charter"] established, by ordinance, a new commission entitled "Youth Commission" [City Code §§ 2-90 and 2-101]; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to the authority granted to it by the Charter and in its judgment confers to the Youth Commission such powers and duties as are consistent with the provisions of the Charter and City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA as follows:

1. Powers, duties, and responsibilities.

The Youth Commission shall have the following general powers, duties and responsibilities in addition to those set forth in Article X of the City Charter and Article VII of Chapter 2 of the City Code, and it shall be primarily responsible for and have the following duties:

(a) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the youth and teen population within Santa Clara, especially as related to municipal programs and projects of the City.

(b) Foster increased involvement in the affairs of municipal government.

(c) Study problems, issues, activities, and concerns of youth, especially as related to municipal programs and projects of the City of Santa Clara.

(d) Hold forums on problems, issues, activities, and concerns of youth.

(e) Recommend the implementation of community programs which the Youth Commission deems desirable.

(f) Review municipal matters referred to the Youth Commission by the City Council, or by other City Commissions and, as appropriate, make recommendations on such matters.

(g) Perform such other related functions as may be assigned to them by the City Council.

2. Eligibility for the Youth Commission.

The following criteria will be considered in order to be eligible to apply as a member of the Youth Commission:

(a) Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Clara.

(b) Young people ages 12 to 19 years will be sought for membership.

(c) The Youth Commission shall consist of up to fifteen members each serving a one year term. The maximum term of service is four calendar years.

(d) Members of the Youth Commission shall not hold any paid office or employment in the City of Santa Clara government.

(e) As a minimum, the Youth Commission membership should include at least one representative from each high school and middle school: Santa Clara High, Wilcox High, Buchser Middle School, Cabrillo Middle School.

(f) Officers will be elected by the Youth Commission every September. Officer positions will include: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

3. Oversight by City staff.

The City Manager and/or designee will oversee the selection process. The Staff liaison will be appointed by the City Manager.

(a) Applications shall be distributed and available to middle school and high school students in the City of Santa Clara.

(b) The Staff Liaison will coordinate the interview process.

(c) Student Volunteers from Santa Clara University and Mission College will be selected to review application forms and conduct interview with qualified applicants.

(d) The Santa Clara University and Mission College volunteer students will submit a list of recommendations and alternates to the Youth Commission membership to the City Council.

(e) City Council approval will be required for final selection and appointment of Youth Commission members.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 25th DAY OF July, 1995, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: COUNCILORS: Arno, Ash, DeLozier, Gillmor, Mahan, Procunier and Mayor Nadler

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST: J. E. Boccignone
J. E. BOCCIGNONE
City Clerk
City of Santa Clara

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