



Agenda Report

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Recognition of Local Student Samaira Mehta

BACKGROUND

Samaira Mehta is a 13-year-old Tech Entrepreneur based in Santa Clara who was recognized by TIME as “One of the 8 Young Leaders Shaping the Decade” and a “Real-life Powerpuff Girl” by Hulu for her invention “CoderBunnyz,” a board game that simplifies complex coding concepts and teaches them in a fun farmyard adventure.

Samaira Mehta is also the founder of “CoderMindz” - the world’s first-ever Artificial Intelligence (AI) board game that simplifies the intricacies of how AI works, and “CoderMarz” which brings together her love for coding and AI with her interest in outer space and Mars.

She is a Davidson Fellow, Gen Z ambassador for Arm with their program GenArm2Z; she works with the United Nations for gender equality, is a Softbank Masa Son Scholar, and was a finalist for the first-ever “Kid of the Year” presented by TIME and Nickelodeon. Samaira was also featured on platforms like Vogue, CNBC, CNET, Business Insider, Today Show, UN Women, and Washington Post. She has been a speaker at over 100 conferences nationwide and internationally including at MWC 2019, C2 Montreal, and at corporations like Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Intel, SAP, Walmart, and IBM.

DISCUSSION

At the September 28, 2021 Council meeting, the Santa Clara City Council will recognize Samaira Mehta for her many achievements with a Certificate of Special Mayoral Recognition.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than staff time.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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