

## **RESOLUTION 2025-025**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2018-008 AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that a youth perspective on issues which pertain to the youth in the community is an important part of decision making in Town; and

**WHEREAS**, there is value in increasing communication between adults and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, there is value in having a mechanism for youth to have a voice in Town affairs and issues relating to youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos 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 Town's youth in the Town's present and future municipal affairs.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS THAT:**

1. There is a need for a Youth Commission to function in the Town of Los Gatos, which would establish a formal body by which the youth of Los Gatos would have a voice in the community.
2. There is hereby established a Youth Commission which shall generally be responsible for studying various problems, activities and other issues of concern to the youth in general, and for advising Council on matters pertaining to issues involving the youth of Los Gatos.
  - a. Membership/Organization
    - i. The Youth Commission shall consist of nineteen (19) members. The members shall be students who are entering grades 8 through 12. Membership for the students requires residency in the incorporated limits of the Town of Los Gatos or residency in the unincorporated areas of the County of Santa Clara, which have a Los Gatos mailing address.
    - ii. Members shall serve a one-year term. Members may serve consecutive terms if re-interviewed and chosen after participating in the selection process.
    - iii. Members act as liaisons to Adult Town Commissions and are not considered voting members. The Commission shall appoint one (1) primary member and one (1) alternate to attend the following Town

Board and Commission meetings as a non-voting liaison with the purpose of bringing information back to the Youth Commission to engage and foster a better understanding of civic process and government and providing a youth perspective to the commissions:

1. Arts and Culture Commission
  2. Community Health and Senior Services Commission
  3. Library Board
  4. Parks Commission
  5. Complete Streets and Transportation Commission
  6. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission
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- iv. In addition to all Youth Commission meetings, the primary member shall attend all meetings of the Board or Commission they are appointed to. If the primary member is not able to attend the meeting of the Board or Commission they are assigned, it shall be the responsibility of the alternate to attend the meeting. If the primary member misses three (3) meetings of the Board or Commission the Youth Commission shall appoint a new primary member, and if necessary, a new alternate.
  - v. Liaisons shall provide a monthly report to the Youth Commission and be responsible for conveying the Youth Commission's input to the Board or Commission.
  - vi. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.
  - vii. Commission members shall serve without compensation, provided that, with advance budgetary approval of the Town Council, the actual and necessary expenses (if any) incurred by the members in the conduct of Town business shall be reimbursable pursuant to the current Council policy.
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3. The Commission shall hold a regular meeting at least once each month between September and May. The Commission shall establish a regular time and location for its meetings and shall otherwise call and conduct its meetings in compliance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 and following.)
  4. The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Terms of office shall be for one (1) year and shall begin on the first meeting in September and end the following May.
  5. Minutes of the actions taken during its meetings shall be kept and filed with the Town Clerk Administrator.

6. Meeting attendance requirements will conform with all current Town Resolutions and Policies.
7. The duties of the Commission shall include the following:
  - a. Foster greater involvement of youth in municipal government affairs.
  - b. Study problems, activities, and concerns of youth, especially as they relate to municipal programs or projects of the Town of Los Gatos.
  - c. Hold forums on problems, activities and concerns of youth, either alone or in conjunction with other governmental agencies and community organizations, as the Commission deems desirable.
  - d. Review municipal matters referred to the Commission by the Town Council or other Town boards, committees, or commissions and, as appropriate, make recommendations on those matters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2018-008 is hereby rescinded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES: Rob Rennie, Mary Badame, Maria Ristow, Rob Moore and Mayor Matthew Hudes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

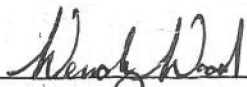
ABSTAIN: None

SIGNED:



MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA