

# Agenda Report



**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB  
RECREATION SUPERVISOR MEROLLA  
TEEN LIBRARIAN CARRILLO

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIELA HERNANDEZ AS THE  
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES AND ISABELLA ALVARADO AS THE YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt a resolution appointing Daniela Hernandez as the Youth Representative to the Library Board of Trustees and Isabella Alvarado as the Youth Representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Since 2022, the City has appointed youth representative positions to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Library Board of Trustees. These youth positions operate in an advisory capacity representing the perspectives, concerns, and needs of Watsonville Youth to the respective groups. Appointed representatives are active member of the Teen Action Council.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Our Teen Action Council Members have completed a formal application including a required letter of recommendation, and interview process. In the orientation meeting, our Teen Action Council Members built their mission statement and delegated roles amongst the members. Staff recommends that the City Council appoint Daniela Hernandez as the Teen Action Council Library Board of Trustees Representative and Isabella Alvarado as the Teen Action Council Parks and Recreation Commission Representative.

The City of Watsonville Public Library and Parks and Community Services Department would like to welcome the following youth leaders to the Teen Action Council:

Izabella Brandon, Co-Chair  
Sofia Ibarra Bucio, Co-Chair  
Camila Rocha-Roque, Secretary  
Alexandra Rojas, Treasurer

Anahi Cortez-Jacobo, Activities Chair  
Christina Nolasco, Marketing Chair  
Isabella Alvarado, Parks & Community Services Representative  
Daniela Hernandez, Library Representative  
Naomi “Nya” Brunelli, Community Development Representative  
Joseph Magaña, Jovenes Sanos Ambassador

The Teen Action Council is poised to begin addressing issues facing local Watsonville youth around Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and substance use. The Teen Action Council is also working with our city’s Community Development Department in leading youth-led roundtable discussions to be adopted into the 2050 General Plan. These roundtable discussions will empower not only the Teen Action Council Members to gain knowledge and insight into how city planning works, but also feel empowered to use their voice to advocate for their community.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This program continues to support the Strategic Plan goal of 06 - Community Engagement and Well-Being by leveraging resources and strengthening community partnerships through youth programs that build developmental assets and improve the quality of life. Through free youth programming youth are provided with safe places to be out of school, positive role models, and violence and gang prevention.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The Council could elect to:

- Not appoint the named individuals as Youth Representatives to the Commissions, or
- Appoint other individuals as Youth Representatives to the Commissions

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

None.