

Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Report on Youth Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee EHRAC Meeting 2/24/26

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Each member of the ad hoc subcommittee has expressed agreement in the positive value of creating a youth advisory committee for the City of Culver City.

A number of cities already have youth advisory councils (i.e., Los Angeles, Long Beach, Palos Verdes) (See links below). The ad hoc subcommittee would like to research these organizations for their viability, function and effectiveness.

In addition, we plan to identify the types of youth related issues that would benefit from youth involvement. Some possible issues include:

- Advocating for more City-sponsored youth services
- Help assess youth impact of City projects
- Initiating youth development programs
- Raise awareness of City systems, services and events
- Address current City related issues

The ad hoc subcommittee believes that a youth advisory committee for the City of Culver City would benefit the City by:

- Addressing youth specific issues directly with youth
- Increasing community engagement
- Building partnerships and develop mentorships
- Help develop future leaders
- Creating a more inclusive environment

Next Steps:

The Youth Advisory Committee ad hoc subcommittee would like to designate an ad hoc subcommittee member to request to Council to amend the EHRAC's 2025-2026 Work Plan to include the continued work.

The following script is recommended for the designee:

SCRIPT

Good evening Mayor Puza and Council Members:

EHRAC has initially created a Youth Advisory Committee ad hoc subcommittee designed to explore the idea of creating a Youth Advisory Committee for the City of Culver City.

Each member of the ad hoc subcommittee has expressed agreement in the positive value of creating a youth advisory committee.

A number of cities already have youth advisory councils (i.e., Los Angeles, Long Beach, Palos Verdes). The ad hoc subcommittee found that the City would benefit greatly by creating a platform that advises the Council on youth related issues that would benefit from youth involvement. Some possible issues include:

- Advocating for more City-sponsored youth services
- Help assess youth impact of City projects
- Initiating youth development programs
- Raise awareness of City systems, services and events
- Address current City related issues

We are here to request that EHRAC's 2025-2026 be amended to include this continued work. If amended, the ad hoc subcommittee will continue to research the formation of a youth advisory committee, and if determined, make the appropriate recommendation to Council at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration.