

Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Report on Youth Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee EHRAC Meeting 1/27/26

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[From the last report on 4/22/25. The newly formed Youth Advisory Committee ad hoc subcommittee is exploring the idea of creating a Youth Advisory Council 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) (See links below). The ad hoc subcommittee will be researching these 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:

1. The subcommittee will set-up small focus groups of students from Culver City High School as well as students participating in the YMCA's Youth & Government program to get a better understanding of what youth would like to see from the City.

2. Upon compiling the data collected from the focus groups, the the Youth Advisory Committee ad hoc sub committee would like to designate an EHRAC member to present at a future Council meeting during “Items from CBC Members/Staff.”
3. Within the presentation, make the recommendation to agendize a discussion about the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee for the City of Culver City.
4. The ad hoc subcommittee will draft a script in preparation for this future meeting.
5. If the Council votes to agendize the item, the ad hoc subcommittee will prepare any information requested by staff.

RESOURCES

Santa Monica Youth Advisory

https://www.google.com/search?q=youth+advisory+council&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&udm=50&aep=48&cud=0&qsubts=1768411834517&safe=active&ssui=on&mstk=AUtExfC43AGUhJQkSHml_wq2SzLwX64bgLJg8wY0szEy0GfS2NNcWPmD7ShK65JKEW46q9u1IIFCYqIXtGVUGL5xb3tiavH6JIWNSyJS2IVECtt3cLVPCfRNB30P7FX9lfkWGAYLCjAggEhDKCJe_35VBldorakF_w5EXuDwWlqaw1evFjYS-UX9X9Z6B1AeoigKw1J35uzRviBHoFJOy_znnJI_9nLHjGay1ikZvWXhpiwQh-mpGJpLVcFJ4Q&csuir=1

Palos Verde Youth Council

<https://www.rpvca.gov/1682/Youth-Advisory-Committee>

Los Angeles City Youth Council

<https://youthcouncil.lacity.gov/>

Santa Barbara Youth Council

<https://santabarbaraca.gov/santa-barbara-youth-council>

Santa Clarita Youth Commission

<https://www.scvyouthcommission.com/>

Youth Commission - City of San Diego

<https://www.sandiego.gov/youth-commission>

Torrance Youth Council

<https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/recreation/torrance-youth-council-tyc>

Youth Commission - Hawthorne

<https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/government/commissions/youth-commission>