

Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Report on Youth Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee EHRAC Meeting 4/28/26

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members: Chaiya Jones, Denice Renteria, Carlos Valverde

REPORT:

At the February 2026 EHRAC meeting, the ad hoc subcommittee was informed by staff that the subcommittee's work was not part of the 2025-2026 EHRAC work plan. On April 13, 2026, ad hoc subcommittee members, Chaiya Jones and Carlos Valverde, asked Council to amend the 2025-2026 EHRAC Work Plan to include the continued work of exploring the creation of a youth advisory body for the City of Culver City. The Council agenda'd the item for a later meeting.

Up to this point, the ad hoc subcommittee has begun researching various youth boards and advisories in surrounding cities. We have agreed that the purpose of exploring a youth advisory is mainly for teen voices to help shape city policy. In our continued work, we hope to:

- Create a work timeline with the intent to complete the ad hoc's initial work by July 2026;
- Study the various forms of youth advisories, commissions, boards, etc., and determine what works best for the City of Culver City;
- Conduct teen focus groups;
- Survey adults and teens;
- Interview City officials regarding the creation of CBCs;
- Enlist the support of the youth and the community.

Our next steps are to await the amending of the Work Plan by Council and staff. Following this, the ad hoc subcommittee will continue the work listed above. We will report our progress at the next EHRAC meeting.