




THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**TODD GLORIA**  
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 8, 2021

TO: Honorable Council President Jennifer Campbell  
Honorable City Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Youth Commission

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In July, I announced the return of the Youth Commission. I am now pleased to appoint Perla Alcazar Pulido, Devin Green, Elisa Delle Monache, Charlie Nieto, Avery Wulf, Beret Dernbach, Daxton Gutekunst, Chantel Perry, Diego Soto Lopez, Anusha Kadiyala, Kenan Pala, Maria Fernanda Freaner, Andrew Levikow, Jesus Martin Gallegos-Munoz, Oscar Rendon, Fartun Adan, and Evelyn Gomez to the Youth Commission. I am appointing each to two-year terms expiring July 1, 2022.

**Mayor**

Ms. Pulido is currently a senior at Gompers Preparatory Academy. She is currently involved with MANA de San Diego, Hermanitas (a youth mentorship program), Barrio Logan College Institute (a college prep program), and STAR PAL Ms. Pulido is also a Youth Ambassador for the U.S. through an exchange program under the organization Amigos. Ms. Pulido is a resident of Chollas View.

Mr. Green is currently attending Idea Center High as a senior. To date, Mr. Green has performed over 400 hours of community service through the Blue Heart Foundation, March of Dimes, Feed the Hungry, and Breast Cancer Awareness 5K. Mr. Green is a resident of Skyline.

**District 1**

Ms. Delle Monache has been actively involved in the University City community for several years. Her background includes service as President of the University City High School Democrats; Co-President of Casas De Luz where she helped build homes in Tijuana, Mexico for families in poverty; and was a three-time regional champion in synchronized swimming. Ms. Delle Monache is a resident of University City.

I would like to thank Councilmember LaCava for submitting this nomination.

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### **District 2**

Mr. Nieto currently serves as Chair of the Community Enhancement Committee on the Pacific Beach Town Council. He is also a talented graphic designer where he donates his talents toward non-profit organizations based in Council District 2. He currently is a student attending San Diego State University where is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration Marketing. Mr. Nieto is a resident of Pacific Beach.

Ms. Wulf currently serves as the Associated Student Body Vice President at Point Loma High School. She is also a member of the San Diego Youth Symphony and an active volunteer for the Girl Scout Troop #4920. Ms. Wulf is a resident of Point Loma.

I would like to thank Council President Campbell for submitting these nominations.

### **District 3**

Ms. Dernbach is a student at the University of California San Diego, majoring in Political Science. She is a Provost Honors recipient for her academic achievements and is Director of Professional Development for the pre-law fraternity, Kappa Alpha Pi. She attended high school at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts with concurrent enrollment at San Diego City College. Ms. Dernbach is a resident of Bankers Hill.

Mr. Gutekunst is a junior at the Bishop's School. He has served as the school's Science Olympiad Team Captain, co-founded the Machine Learning Club, is a member of the Speech and Debate Team, and has served as his class's representative on the school's Discipline Committee for three years. He has been recognized as a Davidson Institute Young Scholar and was selected to serve as an ambassador. He is also a member of the UC San Diego School of Medicine Center of Community Health Youth Advisory Council where he advocates for equity in education. Mr. Gutekunst is a resident of Bankers Hill.

I would like to thank Council President Pro Tem Whitburn for submitting these nominations.

### **District 4**

Ms. Perry is a scholar at Gompers Preparatory Academy. She currently is a summer intern at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation under the Neighborhood House Association Black Youth Initiative where she provides administrative support to the administrative, communications and programs teams. Ms. Perry has also served as a team crew leader for the American Diabetes Association Camp Wana Kura. She has received special recognition from the American Diabetes Association for her contributions to the organization. Ms. Perry is a resident of Webster.

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Mr. Lopez is a scholar at Gompers Preparatory Academy and currently taking an engineering course at San Diego Mesa College. He currently is providing feedback on transportation solutions to the Urban Collaborative Project on the 2021 SANDAG Regional Plan. After attending a Circulate San Diego Walk Audit to create traffic calming measures on 47th street, he saw the need to organize a clean up as well. He currently is assisting with organizing the Scholars Clean Up in order to ensure that scholars have safe pathways to school. Mr. Lopez is a resident of Webster.

I would like to thank Councilmember Montgomery Steppe for submitting these nominations.

### **District 5**

Mr. Pala founded Kids4Community - a non-profit dedicated to working with local charities and volunteer organizations to encourage kids to become charitably involved. He is also chair of the Lucky Ducklings Youth Advisory Board, another nonprofit with the mission of driving youth participation in community issues, particularly around the issue of youth homelessness. He is also a varsity athlete on Francis Parker School's cross country team. Mr. Pala is a resident of Rancho Bernardo.

Ms. Kadiyala is a youth activist and youth attorney at the COMPACT Youth Court based out of Escondido - a program dedicated to providing an equitable environment for youth offenders to be represented by their peers. She is a frequent volunteer at the North County Food Bank and an avid debater. Ms. Kadiyala is a resident of Black Mountain Ranch.

I would like to thank Councilmember von Wilpert for submitting these nominations.

### **District 7**

Mr. Levikow is a senior at Patrick Henry High School He is one of three students who serves on the school's site council and was also the only student member of the interview panel for the hiring process to find Patrick Henry High's new principal. Mr. Levikow volunteers as a Little League umpire for the Mission Trail Little League Minors Division as well as Co-President of Athletes Training Athletes, which trains special needs students for annual Special Olympics competitions. Mr. Levikow is a resident of Tierrasanta.

Ms. Freaner is a current high school junior with extensive volunteer experience at City Tree Christian School. She also has an extensive background in multimedia, film, photography, and graphic design. Ms. Freaner plans to pursue a career in filmmaking to tell the stories of individuals of diverse backgrounds. Ms. Freaner is a resident of Serra Mesa.

I would like to thank Councilmember Campillo for submitting these nominations.

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### **District 8**

Mr. Gallegos-Muñoz is currently a student at the University of California, San Diego, studying International Studies and Latin American Studies with a focus on the border. He has served as a College Outreach Ambassador and volunteered with the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, the Center on Policy Initiatives as an Economic Justice Fellow and is currently an intern in the Council District Eight office. Mr. Gallegos-Muñoz is a resident of Otay Mesa West.

Mr. Rendon is currently a San Diego City College student, studying International Relations and pre-law. While attending City College, he has served as Associated Student Government President, San Diego Community College District Student Trustee and an Associated Student Government Senator. Mr. Rendon also has worked as the Project Coordinator for the Familia Trans Queer Liberation Movement, providing resources and support for program participants and their families. Mr. Rendon is a resident of Logan Heights.

I would like to thank Councilmember Moreno for these nominations.

### **District 9**

Ms. Gomez is a Hoover High School student. This past summer, she worked as an assistant to the Eviction Prevention Case Manager with City Heights Community Development Corporation, supporting tenants with rental assistance in addition to her data tracking and administrative duties. She has also been involved with Reality Changers, Cesar Chavez Service Club, Rady's Children Hospital, Ocean Discovery Institute, San Diego Canyonlands, and Aaron Price Fellows. Ms. Gomez is a resident of City Heights.

Ms. Adan is a graduate of UC Berkley. She earned her Bachelor's in Sociology and recently served as the Organizing and Community Development Director with *bridges* Multicultural Community Center. Ms Adan has also been involved with the Black Recruitment and Retention Center at UC Berkley, Mid-City Community Advocacy Network's Youth Council, and the City Heights Area Planning Committee where she previously served in a youth seat. Ms. Adan is a resident of City Heights.

I would like to thank Councilmember Elo-Rivera for these nominations.

Pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section §26.1602, I am selecting Anusha Kadiyala to serve as Chair and Devin Green to serve as Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

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cc: Honorable Mara Elliott, City Attorney  
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