

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 19053 (NEW SERIES)

ADOPTED ON APR 29 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 6, OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING DIVISION 16, TITLED CITY OF SAN DIEGO YOUTH COMMISSION, AND ADDING SECTIONS 26.1601, 26.1602, 26.1603, 26.1604, AND 26.1605, ALL RELATING TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO YOUTH COMMISSION.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 6, of the San Diego Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Division 16, and new Sections 26.1601, 26.1602, 26.1603, 26.1604, and 26.1605 to read as follows, titled City of San Diego Youth Commission:

**§26.1601 Purpose and Intent**

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Youth Commission, which shall be cited as the City of San Diego Youth Commission. The Commission will serve as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on issues of interest to youth and pertaining to youth in the City of San Diego. Youth and young adults are impacted by the decisions of City officials, but seldom have the opportunity to directly participate in the process. Establishment of a City of San Diego Youth Commission will facilitate the participation of youth and young adults in local government, as well as provide City officials an opportunity to hear and address their ideas and concerns.

**§26.1602 Youth Commission Established**

There is hereby created a City of San Diego Youth Commission [Commission] consisting of eighteen (18) members who shall serve without compensation. Each Council District shall have two (2) representatives who shall be nominated by the District Councilmember. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Mayor shall appoint two (2) members from the nominees provided by each member of City Council and two (2) additional members chosen by the Mayor. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. Members shall serve two (2) year terms, and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The expiration date of all terms shall be July 1. Members of the Commission shall be residents of the City of San Diego between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-two (22). If any member of the Commission reaches the age of twenty-three (23) while serving on the Commission, the appointment of that member shall expire the following July 1. The Mayor shall designate a Chair and a Vice Chair from among the members of the Commission.

**§26.1603 Initial Appointments to the Commission**

Notwithstanding the provisions set forth above in Section 26.1602, for the initial two-year term of the Commission only, the maximum number of members shall be thirty (30), and the Mayor shall appoint from two (2) to five (5) Commission members from the nominees of each member of the City Council.

[Corrected 4/16/2002]

**§26.1604** City Council Liaison

The City Council shall designate one of its members to serve as the City Council Liaison to the Youth Commission. The City Council Liaison, or a designee from his or her staff, shall attend the meetings of the Youth Commission, and shall facilitate the conduct of the Commission's meetings. The City Council Liaison shall coordinate with staff to schedule the dates, times, and locations of each Youth Commission meeting.

**§26.1605** Duties and Functions

The Commission shall:

- (a) Identify critical issues affecting youth in the City of San Diego.
- (b) Provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and other City officials on issues affecting youth in the City of San Diego.
- (c) Meet no less than four (4) times per year.
- (d) Form subcommittees of less than a majority of its members as deemed necessary to allow for in-depth review of issues of interest to the Commission.
- (e) Make available to the City Manager its findings and recommendations and present periodic reports to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee of the City Council.

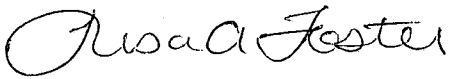
(f) Provide a written report annually on the status of the Commission and its activities to the Mayor and City Council.

(g) Perform such further duties as may hereafter be delegated to the Commission by resolution of the City Council.

Section 2. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its final passage, a written or printed copy having been available to the City Council and the public a day prior to its final passage.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

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