

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
PURPOSE AND UPDATING RESPONSIBILITIES, MEMBERSHIP, AND STANDING
RULES FOR ITS GOVERNANCE**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the mission of San Mateo County's Boards, Commissions, and Committees is to advise the Board of Supervisors in its decision-making process through direct citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors values youth leadership and supports the inclusion of youth voices in decision making processes; and

WHEREAS, this Board has previously created and addressed the functioning of the San Mateo Youth Commission by the adoption of Resolutions No. 57588 (September 21, 1993), Resolution No. 59606 (August 22, 1995), and Resolution No. 65027 (January 15, 2002); and

WHEREAS, this Board continues to expand the advisory role of the Youth Commission, as youth are often left out of decision-making processes that impact their lives currently and, in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission strives to address issues affecting youth in San Mateo County and to close the gap between adult and youth perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the San Mateo County Youth Commission is to inform this Board on the priorities, aspirations, needs, and perspectives of San Mateo County youth to ensure actions by this Board and County staff are informed by youth; and

WHEREAS, there is a diverse population of youth in San Mateo County, including 56% of children in San Mateo County born to immigrant parents; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to including the diversity of youth on the commission, including by race/ethnicity, gender/sexuality/sexual orientation, disability, and socioeconomic status, to ensure diversity of perspectives are represented; and

WHEREAS, this Board encourages members of the Youth Commission to participate actively in other county boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to revise the membership requirements of the Youth Commission and to specify the responsibilities and membership thereof, and standing rules for its governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows.

1. The San Mateo Youth Commission's purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors; to participate in other county boards, commissions and advisory committees; and to collaborate and engage with other community organizations and stakeholders.

2. Any resident of San Mateo County between the ages of 13 and 21 shall be eligible for membership on the Commission. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint youth based on applications filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Targeted and inclusive recruitment shall be conducted to ensure diversity of applicants.
3. It shall be a goal that the Commission shall have diverse membership, have representation from each high school or unified school district in the County, and consist of no more than three students from each school.
4. Terms of Youth Commissioners shall be for one year and begin on July 1 of the year in which they are appointed. A member may serve up to four terms or until the age of 21 at the pleasure of the Board. Any member appointed by the Board may be removed from office at any time for any reason, given or not given by the Board.
5. The Youth Commission will comply with all standing rules for county boards, commissions and advisory committees that are established by the Board of Supervisors, with the exception that the members of the Youth Commission are not subject to the requirement of complying with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 or the completion of necessary documents in connection therewith.
6. The Youth Commission shall be staffed by the Board of Supervisors, County Executive's Office, or any community-based organization designated by the Board for this purpose.
7. Members of the Youth Commission may act as youth members of other county boards, commissions and advisory committees.
8. The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the operation and administration of the Youth Commission.
9. The Procedural Rules of the San Mateo County Youth Commission attached hereto as Exhibits A, are hereby adopted.

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