

RESOLUTION 2018-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE SAN PABLO YOUTH COMMISSION (SPYC) BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, Develop Strategic Plan for Youth Commission is an adopted policy item under the FY 2018-21 City Council Priority Workplan, effective November 1, 2017;

WHEREAS, this proposed action is not a project under CEQA pursuant to Guidelines section 15378(b)(5): Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo City Council approved the By-laws for a new Youth Commission on April 5, 2010 and previously approved amendments to the By-laws on May 20, 2013;

WHEREAS, as stated in the current By-laws, the purpose of the San Pablo Youth Commission (SPYC) at the time was to act as a liaison between the San Pablo youth community and the City Council, to advise the City Council on youth-related issues, and to promote civic engagement among youth in San Pablo by:

- Creating opportunities to engage youth in community issues
- Supporting and developing programs and events to encourage youth voice
- Creating alliances with other youth-based organizations
- Fostering the development of the next generation of youth leaders
- Serving the needs of the community

WHEREAS, the primary duties of the Commission are to represent and be an advocate for the youth of the City of San Pablo, to review those municipal matters referred to it by the City Council and City Staff, as well as to report its findings and make recommendations to the City Council and City staff;

WHEREAS, the Commission may also initiate proposals on its own motion, which may be forwarded, to the City Council by staff for consideration and action;

WHEREAS, the notable amendments for the updated San Pablo Youth Commission By-laws are: to increase the number of members from 20 to 25; change the eligible age from 13 to 21 to ages 13 to 19; increase the number of slots for non-San Pablo residents from 5 to 7; decrease term duration from 1 year to 6 months; and increase the number of officer positions from 5 to 7;

WHEREAS, the primary focus of the SPYC will now be:

- **Service Learning** by participating in volunteer opportunities
- **Professional Networking** by creating alliances with other community based organizations

- Youth Leadership opportunities by convening community events and activities that encourage youth voice
- Community Engagement by connecting youth to community issues;

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2018, this item was taken before the Community Services Standing Committee (Calloway/Morris) where the amendments to the by-laws were unanimously supported with a recommendation to move forward to City Council.

WHEREAS, with City Council's formal authorization of the San Pablo Youth Commission, meetings are subject to the Brown Act. Youth Commission meetings occur bi-monthly on the first and third Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm;

WHEREAS, this change will allow a greater number of people to be eligible to serve on the Commission and should help the Commission reach and maintain full membership; and

WHEREAS, the recommended San Pablo Youth Commission By-law amendment will not have a direct fiscal impact for the City of San Pablo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby approves the amendments to the current San Pablo Youth Commission By-laws attached as Exhibit 1.

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ADOPTED this 15th day of October, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, City Clerk

Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor