

## **RESOLUTION 2021-118**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE SAN PABLO YOUTH COMMISSION (SPYC)**

WHEREAS, Foster Youth Leadership/Cultivation of the Next Generation of Civic Leaders is an adopted policy item under the FY 2021-23 City Council Priority Workplan, effective March 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2010, City Council re-established the Youth Commission;

WHEREAS, approved amendments to the By-Laws on May 20, 2013, and additional amendments to the By-Laws on October 15, 2018 (Resolution 2018-133);

WHEREAS, the purpose of the San Pablo Youth Commission (SPYC or Commission) is 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:

- Service Learning by participating in volunteer opportunities
- Professional Networking creating alliances with other community-based organizations
- Youth Leadership opportunities through convening community events and activities that encourage youth voice
- Community Engagement by connecting youth to community issues

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, on March 17, 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Shelter in Place Orders, all Boards and Commission meetings were cancelled until further notice, forcing the Youth Commission to cancel many activities and events, including recruitment activities;

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the Youth Commissioners held their first regular, virtual meeting and since August 2020, Commissioners have been participating in virtual activities and events;

WHEREAS, online applications were accepted between March 1st, 2021 and August 19th, 2021, with Youth Commissioners serve a term of 6 months;

WHEREAS, the San Pablo Youth Commission received six applications from youth and since then three of the applicants could not commit to attending regular Commission Meetings, one of the applicants withdrew for personal reasons; therefore, the Commissioners are recommending two youth for new appointments;

WHEREAS, the SPYC By-Laws allow for up to 25 youths between 13 to 19 years of age to serve as Youth Commissioners for a term of six months;

WHEREAS, in August 2021, the appointment terms end for 14 Commissioners, with 7 seeking re-appointment;

WHEREAS, two applicants are being recommended for new appointment and 7 members are being recommended for re-appointment for the September 2021- March 2022 term;

WHEREAS, with the acceptance of the two applicants and seven incumbents, the San Pablo Youth Commission will now have nine active Commissioners as reflected in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the next recruitment phase will begin in October 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo appoints two new individual and reappoints seven incumbents, all listed in the attached Exhibit A, to the San Pablo Youth Commission for the September 2021 – March 2022 term.

\* \* \* \* \*

ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pineda, Ponce, Xavier and Pabon-Alvarado
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cruz
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Dorothy Gantt  
Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado  
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor