



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN PABLO YOUTH COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 10 (ACA 10) - LOWERING THE VOTING AGE FROM 18 YEARS-OLD TO 17 YEARS-OLD

YOUTH COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution

The Youth Commission is asking the City Council to support an amendment to the California Constitution to lower the voting age from 18 to 17.

The City Manager is not making a recommendation on the request other than for the City Council to consider it.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

While lowering the voting age from 18 years-old down to 17 years-old is not an adopted policy items under the FY 2015-17 City Council Priority Workplan, the San Pablo Youth Commission is an adopted policy items under the FY 2015-17 City Council Priority Workplan effective October 1, 2016.

CEQA Compliance Statement

This is not a project defined by CEQA

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday April 12, 2017, a representative of Assemblymember Evan Low's office contacted the Staff Liaison to introduce ACA 10 to the Youth Commission and request their support.

On Thursday April 20, 2017, ACA 10 was as an item on the agenda of the Youth Commission meeting. Sixteen youth commissioners signed an informal petition in support of ACA 10. The Youth Commissioners expressed interest in making their support formal.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, the San Pablo Youth Commissioners toured the Capitol in Sacramento. Abel Pineda, San Pablo Youth Commission Alum and Field Representative for Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, along with Youth Services Staff, hosted the trip. The Commissioners visited the Capitol buildings, met with Assemblymember Tony Thurmond and his staff, and met with Senator Nancy Skinner and her staff. The Youth Commissioners were inspired by the Capitol's deep history and the influential leaders that they met.

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, a group of Youth Commissioners met with the Staff Liaison to draft a

letter to City Council. This letter is the Youth Commissioners' attempt to formalize their support of ACA 10 (attachment A). The letter requests Council's approval to submit a letter of support for ACA 10 A copy of the Assembly Constitutional Amendment No.10 is also attached (attachment B).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal impact on this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Support Letter to City Council from SPYC, plus support signatures of SPYC

Attachment B: Assembly Constitutional Amendment No.10