

City of Pittsburg Youth Advisory Commission Agenda

**City Hall Council Chambers - VIRTUAL
65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565**

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Youth Advisory Commissioners

**Commissioner Sammee
Commissioner Maldonado
Commissioner Aquino
Commissioner Watson
Commissioner Joseph
Commissioner Larson
Commissioner Payton
Commissioner Monsur
Commissioner Villa**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

ROLL CALL

Dennisha Marsh Advisory Committee Liaison -present
Commissioner Sammee -present
Commissioner Maldonado - present
Commissioner Aquino - present
Commissioner Watson - absent
Commissioner Joseph - absent
Commissioner Larson - present
Commissioner Payton - present
Commissioner Monsur - present
Commissioner Villa - absent
Rachel Carran, Pittsburg Activities League - present
Commissioner Rattu, At Large Community - present
Sonja Shepard, At Large Community - present
Courtney Warren, PUSD - present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Maldonado is a Pittsburg Senior High Junior and a part of the girls' varsity soccer league. Maldonado hopes to work more with fellow peers and get to know the community since it is her first year in person at the high school.

Commissioner Aquino is a Pittsburg Senior High School junior and a member of leadership, the marching band and various sports teams. Aquino hopes to be the voice for the youth in upcoming events and other services.

Commissioner Payton is the president of the East County NAACP and hopes to be of help in the community and work together well with the other commissioners so that they may grow and learn together.

Commissioner Sammee is the president of the club "Pittsburg Do Something" and desires to achieve better community involvement as well as look for community improvement projects.

Commissioner Mansur is a political science major at Los Medanos College, Mansur hopes to create a more welcoming environment in the world of city government as well as grow from this position.

Commissioner Larson is a Pittsburg High school freshman involved in the thespian club, Larsons is interested in getting to know the community better and being a helping hand.

Raquel Curran- Curran is a member of the Pittsburg Police Activities League and is currently a school resource officer. Curran was nominated for the Youth Advisory Commission and hopes to be able to find activities for the youth and find ways to promote them and really get students involved.

Manisha Rattu- Rattu is a PUSD alum as well as a Stanford alum. Since working in the community back in high school, Rattu is excited to work with the youth and be involved with the Commission.

Sonja Shepard- Shepard has been a member of multiple boards mostly working with the seniors and the homeless and was interested in working with the youth and learning about their voices and ideas for their future.

Courtney Warren- Warren has worked with the PUSD for 15 years now and oversees the student activities through the student leadership program and is heavily involved with students and their clubs. Warren was also nominated to be on the panel for the advisory commission.

Commissioner Denisha Marsh- Is a chairperson for the Community Advisory Council and is excited to be a mentor for the youth commissioners and help guide them in the right direction with their projects and ideas.

Monica Couture - Couture is with the City of Pittsburg Recreation Department and will be the facilitator of the Youth Advisory Committee meetings.

OATH OF OFFICE - Alice Evenson, City Clerk

CHAIR SELECTION

Chair: Michaela Aquino

Vice Chair: Aafia Sammee

TRAINING WORKSHOP - Donna Mooney, City Attorney

1. Brown Act training
2. Ethics Training

AUDIENCE REMARKS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introduction of the By-laws
 - a. Will be looked at in depth, review, and discussion at the next Meeting
2. Regular Meeting Schedule
 - a. 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Question: Who do we inform of an absence? A: Monica Couture needs to be notified

LMC has a wonderful program called EOPS that helps first time and first-generation students with financial aid in the form of book vouchers and supplies.

The Pittsburg Youth Works is looking for students eager to work with local businesses and qualify for up to 100 hours of part time employment and an opportunity of permanent employment with the small business.

The class of 2023 is having a fundraiser for their junior prom at MOD Pizza. It will be held February 13 and will be an all-day fundraiser. If you go to the restaurant mention that you are there to support the high school class of 2023 and online orders can help by using the code provided in the flyers that will be out soon.

Contra Costa County is having a no drill campaign happening in the East Bay Area. Brentwood and Antioch high school students are getting involved with the movement. They are looking for youth leaders that would like to get involved in this movement for environmental justice and for their rally that is happening in March.

The YYA program is a youth group that works on spreading information to teens and youth about the spread and the containment of the novel covid-19 virus. They work with students and harness the power of social media to spread awareness and resources to our community's youth.

There is a link on the city website where you can order at home covid tests for your household.

ADJOURNMENT OF YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.