

2014 Council Study Issue

LCS 14-04 Consider Creation of a Youth Commission

Lead Department Library and Community Services

Sponsor(s) Davis, Spitaleri

History 1 year ago: 2 years ago:

1. **Scope of the Study**

a. What are the key elements of the study?

This study would evaluate the benefits of establishing a Youth Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council. It would outline the steps and resources necessary to create and maintain such a Commission. This study would benchmark successful municipal models for teen engagement and evaluate the purpose and role of the proposed Youth Commission as compared to the City's existing Teen Advisory Committee (TAC).

b. What precipitated this study?

Councilmember Davis made the request at the December 17, 2013 Council Meeting.

c. Is this a multiple year project? No Planned Completion Year 2014

2. **Fiscal Impact**

a. Cost to Conduct Study

i. Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost)

Major Moderate Minor

ii. Amount of funding above current budget required \$

Will seek budget supplement Will seek grant funding

iii. Explanation of Cost:

This study would primarily involve staff hours to conduct research and benchmark current practices.

b. Costs to Implement Study Results

No cost to implement.

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

Some cost to implement. Explanation:

Depending on the scope of a Youth Commission, and whether it would be in addition to the existing Teen Advisory Committee or in place of the Committee, there could be additional costs to staff and support a new commission. Additionally, there could be costs associated should there be Commission representation to the National League of Cities' Council for Youth, Education, and Families or the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families.

3. **Expected participation in the process**

- Council-approved work plan
- Council Study Session
- Board/Commission Review by

4. **Staff Recommendation**

a. Position: Support

b. Explanation:

Staff recommends studying the cost/benefit of establishing a Youth Commission in place of, or in addition to, the Teen Advisory Committee to determine if the formation of a Commission could result in a meaningful opportunity for Sunnyvale's youth population to advise City Council on issues related to youth.

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