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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation from the Nevada County Youth Commission on 2024-25 Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the 2024-25 Nevada County Youth Commission's year in review presentation and recommendations.

FUNDING: No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND: On August 8th, 2023 the County of Nevada's Board of Supervisors (BOS), via Resolution 23-430, voted to approve the creation and establishment of the Nevada County Youth Commission (NCYC). The BOS subsequently approved the inaugural term of NCYC members on December 5, 2023, and the second term on July 9, 2024, via Resolution 24-1214. The Nevada County Youth Commission represents all five supervisorial districts, and the diversity of youth throughout the County of Nevada.

Presentation from the Nevada County Youth Commission on the NCYC 2024 – 2025 appointed term, subcommittee work and NCYC recommendations.

Presented by: Mackenzie Rist, Mario LaMarca, Maura Griffin, Arianna Drageset, Ahna Taliaferro-Watson and Sophia Martin.

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee makes the following recommendation: Our recommendation is to enhance Water Safety Week by promoting youth education and awareness. We are focused on increasing outreach and providing more safety lessons to help the youth stay safe in the water during the spring and summer. We recommend that the BOS support Water Safety Week by expanding youth-focused safety programs. We aim to promote safety messages in both English and Spanish to reach a wider audience. We also want to encourage the use of safer river alternatives to reduce risks.

Recreation Subcommittee makes the following recommendation: With rising

living costs and growing barriers to vehicle access, equitable transit access has become a critical need for youth across Nevada County. Without transportation how are the youth expected to be able to take part in our community and recreational opportunities? The Recreation Subcommittee recommends free bus passes to all high school students in Nevada County. As part of our recommendation, we hope to educate the youth and parents on how to use our bus systems, bus safety, and where to find bus and bus route information.

The **Career Exploration and Development Subcommittee** of the Nevada County Youth Commission recommends that that the County of Nevada, as the area's largest employer, using the \$599 yearly stipend and existing HR training programs, increase the number of student internships from 5 to 10 to invest in the county's future and foster greater civic engagement among the county's youth.

Item Initiated by: Jeff Dellis, Project Coordinator and Anni Picken, Intern

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

Submittal Date: May 19, 2025