



## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD AGENDA MEMO

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**MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Resolution amending the Youth Commission Bylaws Section III (a) Composition and Qualification of Members and Section V (c) Regular Meetings

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution

**FUNDING:** No fiscal impact

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 8, 2023, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the creation and establishment of the Nevada County Youth Commission and ratified the Bylaws of the Nevada County Youth Commission (NCYC) (Resolution 23-430).

The Nevada County Youth Commission was created by fourteen youth interns of Nevada County, chosen to complete the mission of creating a Youth Commission for Nevada County. The interns, referred to as “The Founders” worked with the Board of Supervisor Ad Hoc which included Supervisor Bullock and Supervisor Swarthout. The students worked to complete proposed Bylaws, application and recruitment process. The Founders presented the proposed Commission to the Board of Supervisors on August 8th, which was approved unanimously.

Upon Board of Supervisor appointment, the Nevada County Youth Commission will comprise of a group of Nevada County youth that either reside within Nevada County and/or students enrolled in a Nevada County school system, ages 14 to 19. Their mission statement is to identify, connect, and advocate for the issues facing Nevada County Youth. The purpose of the Commission is to serve as a bridge between the youth and the Board of Supervisors, while advocating for Nevada County youth and providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to facilitate positive change.

The current recommendation to amend the Bylaws to increase the Youth Commission membership from 14 to 18 stems from the overwhelming enthusiasm observed during the recruitment process. The response exceeded expectations, with a diverse pool of applicants showcasing varied geographical and demographic backgrounds. This diversity promises a wealth of perspectives and ideas that will significantly benefit both the Commission and the County of Nevada. The proposed increase in membership aims to accommodate this wealth of interest and ensure broader representation of Nevada County youth on the Commission.

Through discussions held during the Commission interview process, it became evident that the originally selected meeting day (Thursdays) posed conflicts with numerous school activities. Considering this feedback, the recommendation is to amend the bylaws and shift the meeting day to Tuesdays. This adjustment aims to facilitate increased participation among youth members without compromising their academic or extracurricular commitments.

These proposed amendments align with the ongoing commitment of the Nevada County Youth Commission to effectively identify, connect, and advocate for the issues facing Nevada County youth. The changes not only respond to the expressed needs and interests of the youth population but also enhance the Commission's ability to fulfill its mission.

The proposed changes have been carefully considered to optimize the Commission's functionality and better serve the youth of Nevada County. Therefore, staff recommends adopting the attached Resolution amending the Nevada County Youth Commission Bylaws.

Item Initiated:

Approved:

Submittal Date: