

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

CREATING AUTHORITY: Adopted on February 28, 2001 by Resolution No. 2001-23. Amended by Resolution No. 2003-34 on April 9, 2003. Resolution No. 2001-23 amended by Resolution No. 2006-145 on December 13, 2006.

MEMBERS: The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board shall consist of seven members and three alternate members, ages 13 to 21, representing a diverse group of youth from the community. An alternate member may vote in the absence of a member. A non-voting City Councilor liaison shall also be appointed to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

TERMS: In order to create staggered terms, four members and one alternate member shall serve a term of one year and three members and two alternate members shall serve a term of two years. Thereafter, members and alternates shall serve staggered two year terms.

CHAIRPERSON: The committee shall elect the chair and vice-chair, organize and adopt administrative rules and procedures necessary to accomplish its purpose.

REMOVAL: After three consecutive unexcused absences, a board member shall automatically be removed by the chair.

STAFF LIAISON: Victor Vigil, Supervisor Teen Center
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The Governing Body recognizes youth as a high priority in the community. The Governing Body has formally adopted a Children and Youth Strategic Plan for the City of Santa Fe which recommends increased youth participation and involvement in community planning, governance and decision-making in matters affecting youth.

The Governing Body allocates funding annually for youth activities, programs and projects such as the Teen Nights program, the Summer Youth Program, the Monica Roybal Youth Center, the Carlos Ortega Teen Center skateboard parks, recreation centers, and grants to youth programs via the Children and Youth Commission. Youth Summits and other forums have been conducted by youth identifying various issues, concerns and needs youth have in the community.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board shall be responsible for providing future input, suggestions or recommendations to the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe pertaining to issues that affect youth in the community when deemed necessary and appropriate or upon request.