



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: January 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Banning Youth Council Appointment - Position 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7, terms ending January 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

Extend the terms of five members of the Banning Youth Council with expiring terms for one year, terms ending January 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Banning Youth Council's rules and responsibilities are governed by Chapter 2.42 of the Municipal Code. The Council's main function is to serve as an advisory board to the City Council and provide a vehicle for the city youth to learn about and participate in local government and provide a vehicle to represent and articulate the needs of city youth.

The Banning Municipal Code Section 2.42.030, Section D, establishes two year terms for appointed Youth Council members with the ability of City Council to extend appointments for subsequent 1-year term for those Youth Council members that are still in high school and would like to continue to serve. A maximum of three total years of service is allowed.

Since its establishment, the Banning Youth Council has provided a conduit to the teen community, creating and leading events for families and teens, volunteering internally and with external groups, adopting a park, offering community clean up events and aiding in policy development for the community.

At this time, five of the existing Banning Youth Council members have terms set to expire on January 31, 2026 and have all requested to extend their terms the additional year afforded within the Banning Municipal Code Section.

The Banning Youth Council positions requesting the additional one year term are as follows:

Position 2 - Amaya Diaz;
Position 3 - Maya Geronimo;
Position 4 - Kal-El Hernandez;
Position 5 - Malia Lopez;
Position 7 - Luana Patterson

The terms would be extended to January 31, 2027 for these five positions if the Council chooses to do so.

JUSTIFICATION:

Banning Municipal Code, Chapter 2.42.030, Section D, allows for the extension of the appointment terms from 2 years to 3 years for appointed Banning Youth Council members who have not graduated high school. The Banning Youth Council as a whole and these five members have been instrumental in positively impacting the City of Banning and the youth in Banning and extensions of their terms would be an asset to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The Banning City Council could choose to extend the terms of the five Youth Council members;
2. The Banning City Council could choose to extend the term of certain Banning Youth Council members;
3. The Banning City Council could choose to not extend the existing terms and direct staff to open a new recruitment.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Chapter 2.42_Banning Municipal Code - Banning Youth Council.pdf](#)