



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 26, 2025

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Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing The Significant Service Of The Sonoma County Youth Commissioners on Human
Rights**

Whereas, the Sonoma County Youth Commission on Human Rights (formerly known as Junior Commission on Human Rights) has engaged high school youth in education and activism around human rights issues within Sonoma County since 2013; and

Whereas, the Youth Commission on Human Rights mentors and provides human rights education for countless students, many of whom are still providing human rights services, education, advocacy and leadership within their communities across the country; and

Whereas, the Youth Commission on Human Rights was developed to provide an opportunity for youth to foster leadership skills by educating their peers, develop a voice for advocacy, and bring awareness to human rights issues affecting members of our community; and

Whereas, Youth Commissioners are human rights students, advocates and leaders representing schools like Maria Carillo, Sonoma Academy, Casa Grande, Rancho Cotate, Cardinal Newman, Sonoma Valley, Petaluma, Credo, Tech and Piner High Schools; and

Whereas, Youth Commissioners dedicate an academic year to meet about once a month for field trips, to listen to local speakers, connect with community groups and to work on their human rights ad hoc projects; and

Whereas, Youth Commissioners are leaders of their own ad hoc projects and choose their focuses for the year, giving them the opportunity to lead groups of peers and pursue their interests unimpeded by external influence; and

Whereas, it is crucial to encourage our community and people's power against human rights violations, and youth are actively shaping our future in spaces where they are re-empowered; and

Whereas, Youth Commissioners continue to bring awareness to human rights issues, provide a youth perspective to human rights in our county and exemplify extraordinary service to the community, Youth Commissioners have provided Sonoma County with countless hours of volunteerism through project meetings and supporting local human rights events.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors, recognizes the significant service by the Sonoma County Youth Commissioners on Human Rights, whose passion, curiosity and initiative lead the way for a positive human rights change in the world.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.