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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: September 7, 2021

Subject

Consider adopting a resolution allowing Sudha Kasamsetty and Adhya Kasamsetty to serve simultaneously as commissioners on the Teen Commission and Fine Arts Commission, respectively

Recommended Action

Adopt Resolution No. 21-XXX allowing Sudha Kasamsetty and Adhya Kasamsetty to serve simultaneously as commissioners

Discussion

Sudha Kasamsetty has been a member of the City's Fine Arts Commission since January 29, 2019. On May 25, 2021, the City Council appointed Adhya Kasamsetty, Sudha Kasamsetty's daughter, to the Teen Commission.

The appointment of Adhya Kasamsetty requires a waiver of enforcement of Cupertino Municipal Code section 2.95.010 and Resolution No. 18-019, which provide: "None of the Teen Commissioners shall be otherwise officials or employees of the City of Cupertino nor be related by blood or marriage to any official or employee of the City."

Staff is aware of at least one prior instance in which a Teen Commissioner has served on the Commission at the same time as a relative has served on another City commission. Thus, considerations of fairness and consistent application of the law weigh in favor of waiving enforcement of section 2.95.010 and Resolution No. 18-019 in this instance. Council may also consider directing the City Manager to prepare amendments to section 2.95.010 to relax the restrictions on service of related persons as commissioners on different commissions.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

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Attachments:

A – Draft Resolution