

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 09/16/10**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Youth Council Membership – Paula Mason**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Workforce Investment Board ratify the Youth Council's decision to recommend the approval of Ms. Paula Mason, Resident Services Coordinator, Housing Authority of the County of Merced, for membership on the Youth Council and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**DISCUSSION: Ms. Mason is a representative from the local public housing authority which is a mandated membership category of the Youth Council (Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Section 117(h)).**

**Ms. Mason applied for membership on the Youth Council. Ms. Mason has served as a Girl Scout Leader, Board Member for the International Order of Job's Daughters, has chaired fundraisers for various youth organizations and brings over twenty years of community involvement through teaching youth in grades K-12. Ms. Mason has also assisted in securing employment for students and monitored the student's work progress. Currently, Ms. Mason is assisting the Southwest 4-H Club in an organizational capacity.**

**If recommended for membership, Ms. Mason will represent the local Housing Authority on the Youth Council.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): Membership Application.**





MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

TO THE

YOUTH COUNCIL

QUESTIONS 1 – 4

1. LIST PAST OR PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES (i.e. COMMITTEES, VOLUNTEER WORK, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, ETC.). I have previously served as a Girl Scout Leader, as a Board Member for The International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel #65, Merced, California, chaired fundraisers for various youth organizations, coordinated social events , trips, and receptions for youth organizations, chaired a fundraising project for the Merco Bike Race, and have participated in Chamber activities and events.

Currently I am assisting with the Southwest 4-H Club in an organizational capacity.

2. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PURPOSES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE YOUTH COUNCIL. The Council helps develop youth employment and training policy, linking with other community agencies providing youth services, and determines what issues in our local labor market will have a significant impact on the success of youth employment opportunities within our community. Youth Council member are responsible for recommending youth organizations to be considered for grants or contracts, oversight of providers, coordinating approved youth activities, disseminating information regarding youth providers/programs, and serving as an advocate for the youth in our community regarding employment and training opportunities and other services that will work toward empowering our youth with the knowledge and skills they need to become responsible citizens within our community.

3. LIST ALL EXPERIENCES YOU FEEL WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL. My previous work experience includes twenty plus years of community involvement, teaching youth in grades K-12, securing employment opportunities for my students and monitoring their work progress, and working for several non-profit children's services organizations. I have a B.A. in Social Science and minored in Psychology. I have had several upper division college courses relating to child development and am aware of the needs children require in order to become healthy, well adjusted adults who can contribute to our community in a positive way. I have

conducted academic assessments with students and implemented the strategies and methods needed to increase their academic skills.

4. PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE PERTINENT TO THIS APPLICATION. I enjoy working with children and children's services organizations. I feel very strongly that we must provide quality education and activities for our youth – they are our future leaders.