

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 5/12/10**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

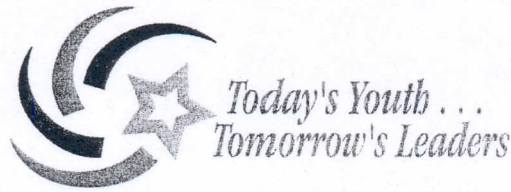
**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Application for Membership**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council approve Ms. Paula Mason, Resident Services Coordinator, Housing Authority of the County of Merced, for membership on the Youth Council.**

**DISCUSSION: 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, she has chaired fundraisers for various youth organizations, has twenty plus years in community involvement by teaching youth in grades K-12, has 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.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): Application**



**MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL**

Workforce Investment Board  
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1880 West Wardrobe Ave. Merced, CA 95341  
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Youth Council  
Rennise Ferrario, Chair  
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**Application for Nomination  
to the  
Youth Council**

Date: March 24, 2010

Name: Paula Mason Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax: None

Home email: None

Place of Employment: Housing Authority of the County of Merced  
Occupation/Position: Resident Services Coordinator

Work Address: 405 "U" Street Merced, California 95341  
Work Phone: 209-722-3501 EXT. 145  
Work Fax: 209-722-7364  
Work e-mail: paulam@merced-pha.com

Please answer the following questions with as much pertinent information about yourself as possible. This form will be used to evaluate your qualification for nomination to serve on the Youth Council.

If you need more room for your answers, please use an additional sheet of paper.

**1) List past or present involvement in community-related activities (i.e., committees, volunteer work, commissions, boards, chambers of commerce, etc.).**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1 - 4.

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2) Explain your understanding of the purposes, responsibilities, and services offered by the Youth Council.

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3) List all experiences you feel would be advantageous to the Youth Council.

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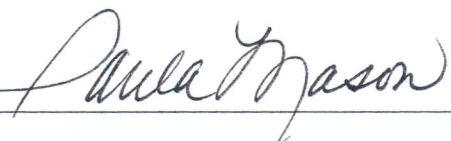
4) Please list any other information that you feel would be pertinent to this application.

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5) REFERENCES: List two references who can attest to your suitability for appointment to the Youth Council (please provide name, address and phone number).

Name: Gina Thexton  
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Merced, California 95341  
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Name: Rennise Ferrario  
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Applicant Signature: 

MERCED COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

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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.