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Newest YAC Members Sworn in



Perris City Clerk Nancy Salazar administers the oath of office to 10 Youth Advisory Committee representatives in a June 6 City Hall ceremony.

The City's Youth Advisory Committee members elected new officers while 10 representatives were sworn in by City Clerk Nancy Salazar June 6 in a ceremony at Perris City Hall.

Salazar administered the same oath to the high schoolers as the one taken by the Mayor and City Councilmembers and other elected state officials.

"This is an exciting day for these young people," Salazar said. "I am impressed that so many of our young people want to get involved in making our City a better place. I think it is very special to be sworn into any office. It will create a memory that will last a lifetime."

Created in 2013, the Perris Youth Advisory Committee has taken on a number of projects aimed at youngster and teenagers as well as participating in numerous City-sponsored projects. The committee created an "open mic night" to give aspiring musicians, poets and artist a chance to show off their stuff. Perris YAC members have organized anti-bullying and distracted driving seminars, helped install solar panels on residences and taken part in community cleanup projects. The group also supports City events like the annual Health Fair.



Ten new representatives of the Perris Youth Advisory Committee on June 6 took the oath of office administered by City Clerk Nancy Salazar: The new representatives are Ashley Ruiz, Aaliyah Upson, Angel Upson, Jacqueline Reliford, City Clerk Nancy Salazar, Kimberly Sotelo, Jocelyn Palomera, Courtney Hamilton, Dianne Ochoa and Ebere Amadi-Azuogu.

The 10 new representatives sworn in are Aaliyah Upson, 15, a freshman at Orange Vista High School; Angel Upson, 14, a freshman at Orange Vista; Ashley Ruiz, 14, a sophomore at the California Military Institute; Brianna Espinoza, 14, a freshman at Orange Vista; Courtney Hamilton, 15, a sophomore at Citrus Hill High School; Dianne Ochoa, 16, a sophomore at Citrus Hill; Ebere Amadi-Azuogu, 16, a junior at CMI; Jacqueline Reliford, 16, a junior at Rancho Verde High School; Jocelyn Palomera, J 16, a junior at Heritage High School and Kimberly Sotelo, 16, a senior at Citrus Hill.

The newly elected YAC officers, who will serve one-year terms, include Jacqueline Reliford, president; Ebere Amadi-Azuogu, vice president; Dianne Ochoa, treasurer; Aaliyah Upson, historian and Jocelyn Palomera, historian.



At-large members of the Perris Youth Advisory Committee were recognized at the June 6 meeting: Jaylyn Burke, Iridiana Rayo, Naomi Acosta, Kenneth Hamilton and Gabriel Vallin.

In addition, five teenagers will serve as at-large members of the YAC. Those include Gabriel Vallin, 17, a senior at Rancho Verde; Iridiana Rayo, 14, a freshman at CMI; Jaylyn Burke, 15, a sophomore at Orange Vista, Kenneth Hamilton, 16, a senior at Citrus Hill and Naomi Acosta, 14, a freshman at Nueview Bridge High School.

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