



**AGENDA MATTER:**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BARSTOW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

City Council to adopt Resolution 4468 -2009 establishing the Barstow Youth Advisory Council.

**DISCUSSION:**

By unanimous vote on February 17, 2009, staff was directed to bring back a resolution establishing the Barstow Youth Advisory Council (YAC) setting forth the goals and objectives of the YAC. The Council directed that the application deadline for appointment to the YAC be extended to March 30, 2009. The YAC will consist of 13 members of which 11 members would be in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, one (1) member shall be a member of the Associated Student Body (ASB) from a local Junior High School (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and one (1) member from the Barstow Community College (ASB) Board. All members must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and must provide verification of his/her grade point average at every quarterly report card period in order to continue as a member of the YAC. The City Council also recommended that two letters of recommendation be provided.

Applications have been revised to reflect the direction of the City Council and as of the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 23 applications have been distributed with the City Clerk's Department receiving numerous phone calls regarding the YAC. Advertisements are scheduled for publication on March 10, 17 and the 20 in the Desert Dispatch with public service announcements scheduled for local radio stations and on Channel 6.

Upon the close of the application deadline, Mayor Pro Tem McIntyre and Mayor Gomez will screen the applications submitted and distribute the applications to the rest of the City Council. The Mayor and Council will appoint two (2) YAC members and the City Clerk will appoint one (1) member. The nominations and appointments will be approved at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The Council is asked to review and approve the attached Resolution establishing the Barstow Youth Advisory Council.

Motion: Silva / Saenz 4-0 Unanimous  
(McIntyre absent)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

City Council to adopt Resolution 4468 -2009 establishing the Barstow Youth Advisory Council and to waive the reading.

<b>PROPOSED BY</b> Mayor Gomez/City Clerk	<b>FUNDS BUDGETED</b> N/A	<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b> N/A	<b>MEETING DATE</b> March 16, 2009
<b>C.M. APPROVAL</b> Richard D. Rowe	<b>AMOUNT REQUIRED</b> N/A	<b>CATEGORY</b> City Council	<b>ITEM NUMBER</b> 19

**RESOLUTION NO. 4468-2009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA CREATING THE BARSTOW YOUTH ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City Barstow desires to foster involvement of young people in the work of the City; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Youth Advisory Council is an appropriate means to foster that involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Barstow, as follows:

Section 1. *Youth Advisory Council Created; Purpose.* The Barstow Youth Advisory Council is hereby created to serve as an advisory body to the City Council in matters related to the needs of youth in Barstow, and to promote youth involvement in the community.

Section 2. *Duties and Responsibilities:* The Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Foster greater involvement of youth in municipal government affairs.
- Study problems, activities, and concerns of youth, especially as they relate to municipal programs or projects of the City of Barstow.
- Hold forums on problems, activities and concerns of youth, either alone or in conjunction with other governmental agencies and community organizations, as the Barstow Youth Advisory Council deems desirable.
- Recommend the implementation of community programs which the Youth Advisory Council deems desirable.
- Review those municipal matters referred to by the City Council or other City committees and, as appropriate, and make recommendations on those matters.
- Encourage youth participation in City and Community events.
- Promote and conduct healthy, safe and fun activities for the youth of Barstow.

**Section 3. *Members and Officers.*** The Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall be comprised of a total of thirteen members. Eleven (11) members shall be in grades 9 through 12 at the time of appointment. One (1) member shall be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a member of the Associated Student Board (ASB) of his or her school at the time of appointment, and (1) member shall be a current student of the Barstow Community College and a member of the Barstow Community College ASB at the time of appointment.

From the members who are appointed to the Barstow Youth Advisory Council, one shall be selected annually from among its members to serve in each of the following offices: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council, and shall provide a quarterly report to the City Council on all activities and recommendations of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson or when the Chairperson is unable to serve in such capacity and otherwise assists the Chairperson in executing the duties and responsibilities of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council. The Secretary shall preside at all Youth Advisory Council meetings, and keep accurate record and minutes of all actions taken by the Barstow Youth Advisory Council. The Secretary shall prepare the quarterly reports which will be presented by the Chairperson to the City Council.

**Section 4. *Eligibility; Appointment.*** Any student attending a school in the Barstow Unified School District or the Silver Valley Unified School District and who has at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average is eligible for appointment to the Barstow Youth Advisory Council. Each member of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average during his or her term on the Youth Advisory Council.

The appointment of members to the Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall be as follows: 1) The Mayor and City Council will each appoint (2) members and the City Clerk will appoint one (1) member to the Youth Advisory Council for the positions occupied by members who are in grades 9 through 12. The position to be occupied by a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and ASB member of his or her school shall be appointed by the student's ASB and Advisor. The position to be occupied by a student and ASB member of the Barstow Community College will be appointed by the student's ASB and Advisor. All appointments must be supported by verification of grade point average and two written recommendations from the appointee's school advisor, counselor, teacher or professor or other individual.

**Section 5. *Tenure.*** Each member of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall serve a term of two (2) years or until he or she graduates from high school whichever occurs first or is no longer eligible to serve on the Barstow Youth Advisory Council. The Barstow Youth Advisory Council members shall serve

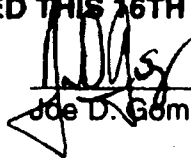
without compensation and shall incur no expenses chargeable to the City without prior authorization of the City Council.

Section 6. *Quorum; Attendance.* A majority of the members of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council then in office shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The Barstow Youth Advisor Council Chairperson shall inform the City Council of any member who fails to attend three meetings in any twelve-month period and the City Council may excuse the absences or replace the Commission member in its discretion.


Section 7. *Brown Act and Conflicts of Interest.* All meetings of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall be held in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Sections 54950 et seq. and members of the Barstow Youth Advisory Council shall conduct themselves consistently with state laws governing potential conflicts of interest, including the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Sections 81000, et seq.

Section 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.**

  
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Joe D. Gomez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk

I, JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk of the City of Barstow, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 4468-2009 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Barstow at a regular meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

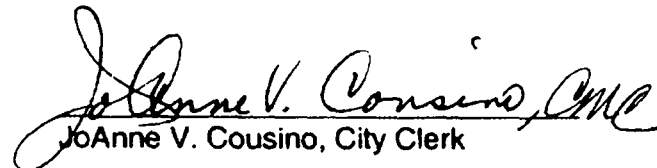
AYES: Councilmembers Silva, Saenz, Hailey and Mayor Gomez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem McIntyre

ABSTAIN: None



  
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JoAnne V. Cousino, City Clerk