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Youth Advisory Commission Application

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Do you live within Manteca city limits?

Yes



Interests & Experience

Tell us about yourself (i.e. background, education, career experience, interests).

I'm Aagam Nanda, currently a sophomore and I have spent my whole life in Manteca. I have always been passionate about learning new things. This passion led me to the Manteca Historical Society Museum where I still volunteer. I have always been interested in math and how you can explain certain aspects of life with the subject. Coming from an Indian household may help with this interest of mine, nonetheless I have kept going and striving for success in the field of math. The thought of trying new things and learning new stuff makes me strive for a new, greater task I can partake in.

List any experiences you have serving on other Boards & Commissions in the City of Manteca or elsewhere.

I have no experience with serving on a Board and Commission anywhere, but I hope that this will lead me to the opportunity to serve the community with my thirst of knowledge and experience.

What Highschool do you currently attend?

Sierra Highschool

What grade are you in?

10th

How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Commission vacancy?

I heard it from one of my friends who thought I could make use of my skills in helping advocate for our community.

Have you volunteered for any youth or teen programs? Please list and give examples of service provided.

I have no experience as of now with youth programs

Are you currently a member of a local community organization? if so, please list.

Yes, as a volunteer of the Manteca Museum, I consider myself to be a member of a local community organization.



What benefits do you believe you will obtain from being on the Youth Advisory Commission?

I believe I will learn many soft and hard skills through this leadership opportunity. For example, I will learn to speak in a public setting without fear to express my ideas. This can lead to greater opportunities for me to get into many other aspects of helping the city and our community.

What will you bring to the Youth Advisory Commission to better the youth and teens in the City of Manteca?

I hope to bring the dedication of someone willing to learn and bring forth the ideas that share a new perspective on issues in our city

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Do you live within Manteca city limits?

Yes



Interests & Experience

Tell us about yourself (i.e. background, education, career experience, interests).

I am a high school student who is deeply interested in education, civic engagement, and building tools that help people learn more effectively. I attend Sierra High School, where I balance a rigorous academic load with leadership roles, competitive activities, and community work.

Much of my experience centers on education access and youth voice. I am the founder of The Checkmate Project, an organization that provides affordable tutoring in chess, math, SAT prep, and speech and debate. Through this work, I built an online platform called PrepMate that offers free SAT practice questions and AI based study tools designed to help students understand their mistakes and improve strategically. Creating this platform taught me how to turn an idea into something practical that others can actually use.

Outside of my own organization, I work as a part time tutor and ambassador with SuperProf, where I tutor students from diverse backgrounds and host free monthly study sessions to keep support accessible. I also serve as a Teen City Ambassador for the City of Manteca and the Manteca Chamber of Commerce, representing youth perspectives at civic and business events and contributing over 400 volunteer hours to community initiatives.

In school, I am involved in Academic Decathlon, Speech and Debate, and competitive mathematics clubs, holding leadership roles while also competing at a high level. I am a varsity swimmer, which has taught me discipline, time management, and resilience through consistent training and competition.

My interests include competitive chess, programming in Python, public speaking, and music, particularly guitar and singing. Across all of my experiences, I am motivated by one core idea: learning should be practical, accessible, and empowering. I am driven to keep building systems that help people feel prepared rather than overwhelmed as they move into the real world.



List any experiences you have serving on other Boards & Commissions in the City of Manteca or elsewhere.

I have served in youth leadership and advisory roles that connect directly with local civic and community organizations. I am currently a Teen City Ambassador for the City of Manteca and the Manteca Chamber of Commerce, where I represent youth perspectives at chamber coffees, business mixers, and regional volunteer events. In this role, I regularly interact with city leaders, business owners, and nonprofit partners while advocating for greater youth involvement in community decision making.

Previously, I served as the Teen Pumpkin Fair Ambassador for the Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis. In that position, I assisted with event planning, volunteer coordination, and community outreach for a large annual fundraiser. I also designed and hosted a chess tournament fundraiser that raised over \$500 in support of Night to Shine, an inclusive prom for individuals with special needs.

While I have not served as a formal voting member on a city board or commission, these roles required me to work closely with established organizations, represent constituent interests, and contribute to planning and execution of community initiatives. Through these experiences, I gained firsthand exposure to how local organizations collaborate, raise funds, and engage the public, preparing me to contribute effectively in more formal advisory or commission settings.

What Highschool do you currently attend?

Sierra High School

What grade are you in?

11th

How did you hear about the Youth Advisory Commission vacancy?

I was looking online for a way to get involved in the community more and join a youth board of some sort - I had no idea that Manteca had a Youth Advisory Commission! I wanted to apply as soon as I saw the vacancy.



Have you volunteered for any youth or teen programs? Please list and give examples of service provided.

Yes, I have volunteered extensively with youth and teen programs. As a Teen City Ambassador for the City of Manteca and the Manteca Chamber of Commerce, I represent youth voices at civic events, assist with community outreach, and participate in regional volunteer initiatives. I previously served as the Teen Pumpkin Fair Ambassador for Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis, where I helped plan events, coordinate volunteers, and engage families during large community fundraisers. I also designed and hosted a chess tournament fundraiser that raised over \$500 for Night to Shine, an inclusive prom for individuals with special needs. In addition, through my work as a tutor with SuperProf and as the founder of The Checkmate Project, I have volunteered my time to host free monthly study sessions and provide accessible academic support for middle and high school students.

Are you currently a member of a local community organization? if so, please list.

Yes, I am currently a member of several local community and school based organizations. These include the City of Manteca and Manteca Chamber of Commerce Teen City Ambassador Program, Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis as a youth ambassador, and multiple leadership based organizations at Sierra High School such as Academic Decathlon, Speech and Debate, and Link Crew. I am also involved with Manteca Scholars LLC through the World Scholar's Cup program, supporting fundraising and student participation.

What benefits do you believe you will obtain from being on the Youth Advisory Commission?

By serving on the Youth Advisory Commission, I believe I would gain a deeper understanding of how local government operates and how policy decisions are shaped at the city level. I would learn how to collaborate with city officials, commissioners, and community members in a more structured setting while strengthening my ability to advocate thoughtfully and responsibly. At the same time, I hope to develop the skills needed to translate youth concerns into practical recommendations that can be acted upon. This experience would help me grow as a civic leader and better prepare me to continue serving my community with intention and impact.



What will you bring to the Youth Advisory Commission to better the youth and teens in the City of Manteca?

What I would bring to the Youth Advisory Commission is not just ideas, but a real connection to how teens in Manteca actually experience school, pressure, and opportunity.

I spend a lot of my time listening to students. As a tutor, mentor, and Teen City Ambassador, I hear about stress over grades, confusion about the future, and the feeling that adults make decisions for teens without really understanding them. I know what it feels like to be invited into leadership spaces but not fully heard, and that has shaped how I show up now.

I bring the ability to translate what young people are saying into clear, practical recommendations. I am comfortable speaking with city leaders, but I stay grounded in student realities. That means advocating for programs that feel useful, not symbolic. Things like life skills education, accessible academic support, and youth events that are designed with teens rather than for them.

I also bring initiative. When I see a gap, I try to build something to fill it, whether that is hosting free study sessions, organizing community fundraisers, or creating tools that make learning easier. On the Commission, I would bring that same energy, following through on ideas and helping turn conversations into action.

Most importantly, I bring consistency. I am someone who shows up prepared, listens carefully, and takes responsibility for representing others well. My goal would be to make sure youth voices in Manteca are not just present but genuinely respected and reflected in the decisions that affect them.

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