

RESOLUTION NO. 10-14**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUSA
ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Colusa values the input and development of youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Colusa believes that youth participation in City government educates, empowers and provides valuable experience to tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies within the City government structure provide the City an opportunity to disseminate useful information; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colusa would benefit from a forum for open discussion of issues affecting youth within the City, and the City Council desires to receive the ideas and opinions of the City's youth on matters affecting them; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a formal program to encourage youth participation in open and public meetings of City legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colusa has worked with the Colusa Unified School District to initiate, develop and ensure proper oversight of a youth advisory program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a youth advisory program, in conjunction with the Colusa Unified School District, to provide an opportunity for youth participation, input and education on matters impacting youth within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUSA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution.
2. Creation of Youth Advisory Program. The City Council hereby establishes a youth advisory program for the City of Colusa. The City Manager is hereby directed to work with representatives of the Colusa Unified School District to establish specific rules and regulations for the youth advisory program consistent with the guidelines set forth below.
3. Content of Youth Advisory Program. The youth advisory program established by this resolution shall include the following components:

(a) One member of the Colusa community between the ages of 13 and 18 shall be appointed as a Youth Advisory Member ("Youth Member") to each of the following City legislative bodies:

- (i) City Council
- (ii) Planning Commission
- (iii) Parks and Recreation Commission
- (iv) Tree Commission
- (v) Historic Preservation Committee

(b) Youth Members shall serve one-year terms commencing in September and concluding in August of the following calendar year (consistent with the Colusa Unified School District classroom education schedule).

(c) Youth Members shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of each respective legislative body. Youth Members will receive agenda packets, participate in discussions and express opinions in the same manner as other members of the legislative body, but will not have the authority to cast a vote on any matter before the legislative body or participate in closed sessions or other matters designated by the mayor and/or chairperson.

(d) Applications for participation in the youth advisory program shall be coordinated in conjunction with the City Manager and representatives of the Colusa Unified School District. Applications shall be received by the City Manager in late August and early September of each calendar year, and the appointment of a Youth Member to each respective legislative body shall be made by the City Council at the second meeting in September of each year.

(e) Youth Members, once appointed, will be expected to attend the regular meetings of the Youth Member's designated legislative body. Youth Members serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Manager and/or the Colusa Unified School District may request that a Youth Member be removed and replaced for any reason, including three or more unexcused absences.

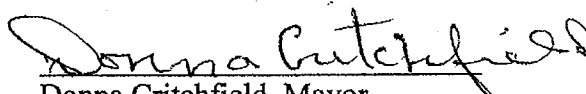
(f) Youth Member absences may be excused by contacting the appropriate City staff person prior to the meeting. The mayor and/or chairperson shall have the authority during roll call to excuse an absence of a Youth Member.

4. Further Actions. The Council hereby directs the City Manager to take any and all further actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

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Passed and adopted this 1st day of June, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Reische, Landreth, Kelleher, Hosmer, Critchfield
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None


 Donna Critchfield, Mayor

Attest:


 Shelly Kittle, City Clerk