



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Interview And Appointment Of Youth Intern Applicants To Community Development and Human Services Committee and Library Board

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Elizabeth Linn for appointment as a Youth Intern to the Community Development and Human Services Committee; and
- B. Interview applicant Eileen Saltman for appointment as a Youth Intern to the Library Board.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On February 7, 1995, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 95-025 that established a Youth Intern Program for Charter Boards and Commissions. The Resolution was established to expand the opportunities for City youth residents to participate in the City's governmental and advisory role process.

On June 6, 2000, Council adopted Resolution 00-044 rescinding Resolution No. 95-025. The new resolution extended the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits. Participating students learn about City government and how City departments function in providing public services.

### **Elizabeth Linn**

Elizabeth Linn has applied to serve as a youth intern with the Community Development and Human Services Committee. Ms. Linn is a senior at Dos Pueblos High School with a strong commitment to and an interest in the community, and a desire to contribute her ideas.

Her letter of recommendation states that she is an excellent student both academically and as a contributor to the school campus. Ms. Linn has attended the Community Development and Human Services Committee meeting, and members have expressed their interest in having a Youth Intern.

**Eileen Saltman**

Eileen Saltman has applied to serve as a youth intern to the Library Board. Ms. Saltman is a junior at Dos Pueblos High School with a wide variety of interests and activities in the community.

Her letter of recommendation states that she, through her coursework and extra-curricular activity, shows a strong interest in civic affairs and that her Mock Trial involvement will serve her well in her participation in local government issues.

The Library Board has expressed an interest in having a Youth Intern.

Staff is confident that Elizabeth Linn and Eileen Saltman will be excellent additions to the Community Development and Human Services Committee and the Library Board, respectively.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. Elizabeth Linn Youth Intern Application and Letter of Recommendation
  2. Eileen Saltman Youth Intern Application and Letter of Recommendation

**PREPARED BY:** Susan C. Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office

YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

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Parks & Recreation Department  
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION  
P. O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 897-2650

Name: <u>Elizabeth Y. Linn</u>	Grade: <u>Senior</u>	Age: <u>17</u>
Residence: <u>6231 Momouth Avenue</u>	City: <u>Goleta</u>	Zip: <u>93117</u>
Email Address: <u>elizabeth.y.linn@gmail.com</u>	High School: <u>Dos Pueblos High School</u>	
Parent/Guardian: <u>Leefen Linn</u>	Phone	
Number: <u>(805) 964 3819</u>		
Emergency Contact: <u>Richard Linn</u>	Phone	
Number: <u>(805) 284 2026</u>		
High School: <u>Dos Pueblos High School</u>	Recommender: <u>Mr. Jeff Sofro</u>	

I. Advisory Body/Commission Applied for (list them in order of preference)

- Sister Cities Board
- Community Development & Human Services Board
- Planning Commission

Are you able to provide the two-hour commitment per month?  Yes  No

II. Are you active in any clubs on campus?  Yes  No If yes, please list:

President of Ballroom club (and instructor), President of  
Good Food Club, Vice President of Chinese Culture Club.

III. Extracurricular activities (On & Off Campus)

Piano, Cafe volunteer work, Student Senate, office Assistant,  
Mentor of The Academy.

IV. Reasons you believe you should be appointed to this group (Please use separate page.)

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Recommender's Signature MM - Jeff S. fro Date: 8-31-11

I have read Resolution No. 93-134 of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara and if appointed, will follow it in the conduct of my duties.

Applicant's Signature [Signature] Date: 8-31-11

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date distributed to Mayor /Council  
offices: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates

Interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

If appointed: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

I grew up in a very strong Asian background and travel to Taiwan about every couple years. Both of my parents are immigrants from Taiwan and have brought me to understand Taiwanese and to speak fluently in Mandarin. Since I am the first generation from my family to grow up in America, I understand the many cultural differences, and my experiences and recollections can be used in the Sister Cities Board to avoid many misunderstandings Santa Barbara may have with other cities from around the world. I also have developed a strong interest in researching and reading about different cultures across the world, which has made me attracted to applying for the internship for the Sister Cities Board. If I am appointed to the Sister Cities Board, I can bring many new creative ideas to the table as well as my knowledge about the Asian culture. I also have experienced giving tours to new incoming students from Asia and other places in my school and found it exciting to develop new friendships with people with different and similar cultural backgrounds. Recently, I have also been appointed Vice President of our school's Chinese Culture Club; we teach club members about Chinese culture and integrate food and fun with the learning.

Helping other has always been a passion of mine since I enjoy seeing others happy and less burdened. I also find pleasure researching and analyzing food safety which makes me more eligible for this board since it involves with food safety. I am part of the Wellness Committee in the School District and the President of the Good Food Club which makes sure that our school is keeping their food to the right nutrition levels the government set. Serving others is also one of the many things I take delight in as well. I volunteer occasionally at a church cafe and often give food to those who have low income and cannot pay. When I work, I am very dedicated – some even call me a workaholic because I cannot put down what I have not finished. I am glad to live in such an area where strangers are nice and forgiving; and that is because our leaders have put their hearts into this community to make it pleasant to live in, and I will now like to contribute part of myself to keep on building our city to be an even better place for the next generation to live in. I know that I will have new ideas and many inputs for the Community Development and Human Services Board. And since I am a youth, I can represent what the youth wants and how the youth sees our city.

My parents raised me to respect and nurture the land I live on. We have a garden that we work on very often and it taught me that anything alive needs love. However, I also know the balance between overly protective of our environment, and the safety of trimming our natural surroundings. For awhile, I was very interested in architecture and interior design, which brought me to read and learn about building structures – but mostly designing and how to make rooms look more sophisticated. A few adults have told me that I had a gift for designing. If I am appointed to the Planning Commission, I can help input creative ideas for Santa Barbara's new buildings, design, and environmental layouts.



# Dos PUEBLOS High School

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September 9, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of Elizabeth Linn. As her counselor at Dos Pueblos High School, I can attest to her excellent standing both academically and as a contributor to our campus. She is gracious, capable, motivated and respectful. I enthusiastically recommend her to be considered for a youth intern position. Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sofro,  
Counselor  
(805)968-2541 ext. 238



it in the conduct of my duties.

Applicant's Signature

Date:

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Date Received:

Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices:

Dates Interviewed:

If appointed: Date:

Term Expires:



# Dos Pueblos High School

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To the Selection Committee:

I am writing to recommend Eileen Saltman for an internship at the Planning Commission. Eileen is an outstanding student who has challenged herself with a rigorous course load and achieved a GPA of 3.96. Eileen's course history and extra-curricular involvement demonstrate her curiosity about the world around her and her interest in civic affairs. Specifically, Eileen's involvement in Marching Band and Mock Trial will serve her very well as an observer of and participant in the administration of local government.

I am fully supportive of Eileen's desire to work with the Planning Commission. I know it will be an invaluable experience for her growth and will help to develop her as a productive future citizen. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Carey".

Shawn Carey

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