

Henri Gang

To become a Student Ex Officio Commissioner for the Glendale Sustainability Commission

EXPERIENCE

California State Assembly — Candidate for the 43rd Assembly District (Seeking Republican nomination)

Nov. 2020 - Present

Run my own campaign as campaign manager and political treasurer, lead my team of volunteers in canvassing, seeking contributions, and endorsements

Cinema Systems (Home Improvement Company), La Crescenta/Glendale — Part-Time Associate

Nov. 2019 - Dec. 2020

Varying types of projects from construction to electronic installments, efficient management skills, ability to do physically demanding work, and adaptability to changing environments

Chavez & Breault (Law Firm), Torrance, CA — Attorney Assistant/ File Clerk

Dec. 2020 - April 2021

Communication catalyst between offices, organization of hundreds of files and cases, changing environments, and ability to interact as well as work with people from of myriad of different backgrounds

Boy Scout, Troop 509 — Eagle Scout

Achieved the highest rank in scouting, held leadership positions as the Quartermaster and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, lead a troop of 150+ scouts through various camping trips and outings, learned valuable leadership, organizational, and communicational skills

National Honor Society — President

The main leader of the Crescenta Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society and in this capacity, created three different councils to provide members experience opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and expand the presence of NHS within our community

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society — Student of the Year Candidate

Representative of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, corporate sponsorship leader, thousands of dollars raised, increasing awareness of cancers and cancer treatments, assembling a team to win the Student of the Year Competition

Education

Pre-Collegiate Studies-

Stanford University- Political and Elections Analysis

10 AP and Honors Courses-

Rigorous academic coursework to continually pursue knowledge and challenge one's intellectual vitality

Certificate of Merit (Level 9)

- Statewide music program by the Music Teachers Association of California, developed advanced skills and proficiency in piano

The United States Naval Academy Summer Session -

Accepted into USNA's exclusive and prestigious summer program (virtual)

Public Service

The Borgen Project - Nonprofit Leader -

Developing skills in advocacy leadership with Congressional leaders, promotion, marketing, and recruitment

Teen USC PAM Ambassador -

Voice the opinions of the young for the Pacific Asian Museum become the changemakers of the outreach program

PROJECTS

Vaccine Proposal (Beldegrun Center for Innovative Leadership) — *Coaction Coalition for Inoculation (finalist)*

Concocted a bold and innovative plan for vaccine distribution and administration for the opportunity to pitch to former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Bob McDonald

Humane Technology (Beldegrun Center for Innovative Leadership) — *The Technology Council*

Self-devised plan to identify a challenge related to the humane and healthy use of technology and propose a solution that advances systemic change through the creation of a Technology Council at high schools across the country

LEARN (Technological Application, Pocket Homework Planner) — *Hack SoCal* (<https://devpost.com/software/learn-2knaie#updates>)

Mobile application to aid students in developing proper time management, organization, and self-delegation (unpublished)

Project PPE — *Eagle Scout Project*

Fundraised over a thousand dollars, coordinated design, 3D printing, assembly, logged over 550 hours, and distributed over a thousand face shields

AddictionShock (Startup Prototype) — Self-started project

Attempted to create a handheld device that would utilize sound waves in targeting the hypothalamus to stave off addiction, the project was unfortunately unsuccessful and ultimately failed

AI4ALL — Full-Scholarship Recipient

Residential summer program at Arizona State University developing machine learning techniques, learning about artificial intelligence, and implementing into an individual project, with mine being targeted in detecting cardiovascular diseases within at-risk persons

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)-

Community emergency response team to maintain health and security during times of crisis

Vice President of Chemistry Club

Lead the club meetings, manage club funds, and facilitate experiments and deliberations

Green Grin - Environmental activism group within my community, to promote sustainable practices and ideas

Sierra Club Volunteer

Volunteer for the Sierra Club to spread awareness for the environmental issues of our country and society

Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR

Certified - Preparedness for any life-threatening situation

Statement of Interest and Purpose - Henri Gang

With Senate Bill (SB) 1383 enforcement going into effect on January 1, 2022, it is crucial that Glendale properly addresses the requirements, educates its citizens, and efficiently implements enforcement strategies. As a Student Member, one of my priorities will be to push for citizen education and community outreach for SB 1383. This can be through a myriad of ways: expanding the usage of software technologies such as Recyclist (especially with local grocery stores and restaurants), cooperate with the County through programs such as the Los Angeles County Food Drop program to reduce organic waste and donate edible foods, and advocate for incentives for unincorporated County of Los Angeles businesses to donate edible food waste to nonprofits located anywhere throughout the County.

Diverting organic waste from landfills is a critical aspect of sustainability within the City, as less waste in landfills saves landfill space and lowers methane emissions emitted by organic waste in landfills. Additionally, the push to divert organic waste alleviates food insecurity as the food waste that is still edible will go to food banks, soup kitchens, and other food recovery organizations and services rather than landfills to ensure that more people will have food to eat and stave off hunger.

In preparation for SB 1383, the Commission must readily ensure that current waste collection contracts for residents are modified to include organic waste collection and may be built to expand the procedures that are affected by Assembly Bill (AB) 1826. On top of all of this, I will ensure that the City Council is advised on the different conversion technologies that may most benefit our city. I will recommend procedures for the procurement of recovered waste products in the form of compost, mulch, and renewable energy.

An indispensable sustainable practice is not only to recycle and reuse but to reduce the overall amount of waste itself. As a member of the Commission, I hope to push the City Council to approve an ordinance for restaurants and businesses to reduce single-use plastics and withhold them unless expressly asked for. Furthermore, a push for approval of an ordinance for markets and grocery stores to place older items in front of newer items will decrease the amount of food that gets thrown away, reducing the overall amount of organic waste that is generated. Alongside City ordinance, community outreach is another useful method in reducing waste. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) through radio stations and local news networks, especially during holidays, will bring attention to the wastefulness that the holidays tend to bring, and attempt to educate citizens to curb the copious amounts of waste. PSAs can also help to reduce the amounts of household hazardous waste by informing citizens of the less commonly known types of hazardous waste such as shampoo, conditioner, and makeup so that people are influenced to buy fewer amounts of these products.

I have a great many other ideas to make Glendale even more sustainable and environmentally conscious. I hope that I will be given the opportunity to elucidate more upon this and any further contributions in an interview. Thank you for your time.

May 12, 2021

Letter of Recommendation for Henri Gang Glendale Sustainability Commission

To Whomever it concerns,

I have known Henri Gang ever since he was a freshman at Crescenta Valley High School as his Chemistry and AP Chemistry teacher. I have had the pleasure of seeing him grow throughout his high school career and mentoring him through his three years of involvement in the school's Chemistry Club, of which he is currently Vice President. During the time I have known Henri, I would characterize him as brilliant, erudite, diligent, motivated, passionate, patient, and an excellent leader within the school and his community. Henri is an excellent candidate for the position of Student Ex Officio Member on Glendale Sustainability Commission.

A student leader, Henri participates in a variety of clubs, of which he maintains leadership roles. Henri is the President of the school's National Honor Society and member of the California Scholarship Federation, both involving community service and engagement. Furthermore, Henri is a fervent boy scout, and leads a group of over 150 scouts. During his time in scouts, Henri facilitated a myriad of conservation projects consisting of recycling drives, electronic recycling drives, hiking trail restoration projects, park beautification projects, tree planting events, and trash pick-up outings. To further his understanding of the environment, Henri has completed numerous merit badges, specifically Sustainability, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, and Soil and Water conservation. He has also achieved several conservation awards, demonstrating competency in the areas concerning conservation and sustainability.

For his eagle project, Henri lead a group of community members in raising funds and utilized 3D printers to create a vast amount of face shields, while making sure that he was being as environmental conscious as possible. In total, a thousand face shields were donated, which emphasizes the impact that his contribution has made within the community and to those in need. On top of this, Henri created a vaccine plan for a competition for the opportunity to pitch to key members in the government. This was his way of playing a larger role in fighting the current coronavirus situation. The skills that Henri has learned throughout these experiences will transfer over to make him a knowledgeable and experienced Student Commissioner.

Professionalism is one quality that Henri displays profoundly. With obtaining an internship at a law firm as a high schooler being rare, it is no small feat for him to have gained such an opportunity. In this capacity, I have no doubt that Henri has mastered the necessary mannerisms to carry himself in a professional setting an environment. Subsequently, Henri has reached out to numerous companies, corporations, and local businesses in his campaign for Student of the Year, for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with the opportunity to pitch his ideas to these business and community leaders.

Henri has also demonstrated physical ability and perseverance through his involvement with the school's cross country and track teams. Furthering his community involvement, Henri had committed himself into becoming a lifeguard with certification in the necessary skills to pursue his passion for community involvement and emergency preparedness. In his free time, Henri loves to explore the wilderness and the natural environment by hiking, camping, and fishing.

Henri is an ambitious young man with a dream of entering into politics and is currently pursuing a seat in the California legislature. With his experiences, virtues, and passion to brace him, I have

no doubt that he will be able to forge his own path and achieve his goals. I have had the opportunity to participate in particularly enjoyable barn burners with Henri and am confident in his ability to think critically and decisively, which have been reflected in his test scores of As. The Glendale Sustainability Commission would undoubtedly benefit from Henri and all that he will bring to enact change and action. With this, I give Henri Gang my recommendation for the position of Student Ex Officio Commissioner for the Glendale Sustainability Commission.

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Henri Gang April 30, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to give praise to Henri Gang. I am fortunate to teach Henri in AP United States History this current school year. I have gotten to know him over the course of this year and in that time, I have found Henri to be intelligent, inquisitive, thoughtful, disciplined, and focused. Because of this, I am certain that Henri Gang is an excellent candidate for the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission.

In class, Henri is an excellent student and always respectful. He carries with him a vast collection of knowledge which he utilizes and applies, no doubt, throughout his entire high school career. His ability to think critically allows for him to solve any problem he puts his mind to and provide apt analysis and reflection. His test scores are superb, and his essay writing is phenomenal. He writes with a talent that conveys a complete grasp of the material, reflects unrivaled organization, and certain shrewdness of understanding of human nature as written throughout history. This year has been exclusively remote learning. Some students react differently to the freedom of attending school without teacher supervision. Henri has never missed a single assignment, nor gone beyond a single deadline. Punctuality and professionalism are two concepts that Henri seems to have mastered, achieving top grades each quarter. To me what made this achievement even more impressive is the challenging course load that he has his junior year. He was able to excel in my course while taking other extremely difficult academic classes (four AP courses).

Henri is a fervent community leader. He volunteers on a regular basis for various organizations, from his church, to local youth organizations, and all the way to nationwide causes such as the Borgen Project and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Passionate of the world around him, Henri spends much of his free time enjoying the outdoors by hiking, camping, fishing, rock-climbing, and sight-seeing. An accomplished Eagle Scout, he has even earned numerous awards for establishing dozens of miles of environmental-friendly hiking trails for Philmont Scout Ranch and sustainable showers for Camp Cherry Valley. For his eagle project, Henri shaped his project around the immediate circumstance of COVID-19, which created face shields to distribute to those in need, while being environmentally friendly. While leading this project, he had to plan, properly budget, organize community outreach, and coordinate volunteers. Just as Henri developed his abilities of leadership with this project, the Sustainability Commission would benefit from his abilities to execute innovative projects and community events efficiently. Without a doubt, Henri is and will be a force of change and innovation within the Glendale Sustainability Commission.

Henri is one of the best students I have seen throughout my teaching career. It is so much easier to teach when you have a student like him who is eager to learn, disciplined to get the work done, applies his skills and knowledge to his work, and excels in evaluation. Henri has shown tremendous maturity and self-discipline. This quarantine challenge was especially revealing into the types of students I had. Unlike many, Henri's love of learning motivates him, rather than the pursuit of a grade. On countless occasions, Henri stays back after every

Zoom class, to engage in both personal and history related discussions. In the future, Henri plans to enter the government and help everyone that he can. He has shown me an incredible understanding of the connections between the people, the government, and their environment throughout history. He understands what has worked, what has not worked, and what he will be able to realistically strive for. Henri possess an aptitude for looking at a problem from every angle and consider all the possibilities. He is always leading the class discussions on the issues such as deforestation, global warming, pollution, and dwindling resources. Henri shows great passion for the areas that he considers to be critical to the world with one of them being the environment.

He proved to me that he is ready to take on any challenge with an industrious attitude. He will be a prominent member of the Sustainability Commission and will utilize his skills and knowledge to accomplish all that he sets his mind to. I give, to Henri Gang, my recommendation for selection to the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission as a Student Ex Officio Commissioner.

Sincerely,

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