



**Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner**

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What school will you attend this Fall? Glendale Community College

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

In order from most recent to least

- Physical Geography Lab (Geog 111)
- Physical Geography (Geog 101)
- Cultural Geography (Geog 102)
- Marine Biology (Biol 125)
- Evolution (Biol 123)
- Introduction To World Politics (Pol S 103)
- AP Government and Politics US
- AP Environmental Science

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Community Service/Volunteer work

- IRC(International Rescue Committee) Club- October 2017 - 2019
- Poll Worker on election day- November 09, 2018
- Volunteer at Temple Sinai of Glendale- September 2014 - 2019

Clubs

- Boy Scouts of America/Cub Scouts- March 2011 - 2019
- Glendale Temple Youth (GTY)- March 2016 - 2019

Awards

AP with WE Service Recognition- July 07, 2018

AP Scholar Award- July 03, 2019

50-Miler Award- August 21, 2018

Eagle Scout- May 23, 2019

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Statement of Interest and Purpose

Jeremy Welch
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10th June 2022

Dear Sustainability Commission,

When wanting to learn more about Glendale's new Office of Sustainability I came across the Sustainability Commission webpage and realized that the student commissioner positions had not yet been filled. Since high school, I have been interested in both environmental science and politics. Very quickly, I understood that action on every level is required to create a sustainable tomorrow for myself and future generations. I am applying for this position because how this is being achieved in my own community is especially compelling to me.

Currently, I am working to complete an Associate Degree in Geography at Glendale Community College and intend to transfer to an Environmental Science program once that is completed. This is one step in a lifetime of interest in the natural world. When I was younger, my favorite show was PBS Nature. I continued this fascination by taking part in Scouting, first as a cub scout, then boy scout; all the way to Eagle. That experience taught me to appreciate the impact we could have on the world and our communities. In the local community, I have also taken leadership roles in the youth group at Temple Sinai of Glendale and in the IRC club. The IRC club's goal is to help the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian organization that resettles refugees helping them build new lives in America.

With these experiences and the knowledge I have about environmental issues from both my education and outside research, I believe I am someone who could provide benefit to the Sustainability Commission.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Welch



Dr. David Viar
Superintendent/President

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern,

Jeremy Welch has asked me to write in support of his application to serve as a student commissioner on the Glendale Sustainability Commission. Simply put, Jeremy Welch is one of the most conscientious and determined *Geography and Environment* students in recent memory at Glendale Community College. He is hard-working, highly rational, and committed to both understanding and addressing environmental issues. I also find his demeanor to be both polite and straightforward. This makes it easy for me to envisage him contributing in a meaningful way to your committee.

Jeremy has been a student in three of my geography classes over the last academic year. Like me, he prefers in-person instruction so he took Introduction to Human Geography with me on campus during the fall of 2021. This semester, he is in both my Introduction to Physical Geography class and the associated Physical Geography Laboratory course. He has easily earned one of the highest grades (an A in each case) in these classes based on his outstanding test scores, reliable attendance, excellent homework, and thoughtful research projects. In the physical geography laboratory class, for example, he recently submitted an excellent field report that included detailed photographs and discussion of both native and invasive plants in the Verdugo Hills along the Beaudry Trail.

He is a somewhat soft-spoken and reserved guy at first so I didn't initially realize how thoroughly engaged he was with the course material in my classes and, in particular, the issues of global warming and environmental impacts on the planet. However, once he engages with a subject, it is clear that his polite demeanor masks a deep interest in environmental issues and ethical concerns about the future challenges we are leaving the next generation. In addition to his work in geography, Jeremy has completed coursework in biology, evolution, political science, and environmental science. It is my understanding that he is also an Eagle Scout and has been involved as a volunteer in his local community on issues ranging from refugee resettlement to youth education.

In short, Jeremy is well on his way to completing a true liberal arts education with an emphasis on human impacts on the environment. It's also clear, from his various volunteer work experiences and his choice of coursework, that he is also very interested in contributing in a meaningful way to his community and to the world at large. I wouldn't be surprised if Jeremy finds a way to combine his worldly knowledge with genuine concern for the future of our planet to become a valued member of a government agency or a non-profit organization. I recommend Jeremy Welch without reservation. Please contact me if you have any questions about Jeremy or this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael A. Reed'.

Michael Reed
Associate Professor of Geography
mreed@glendale.edu
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June 10, 2022

To whom it may concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter on behalf of my former student and an extraordinary young man, Jeremy Welch. I had the fortune of working with Jeremy in AP Government during the 2018-2019 school year.

During such time he exhibited in a keen interest both in our subject matter and in grassroots community engagement. His resume is evidence of his commitment to community service and his current course work at Glendale Community College makes clear his continued specific interest in environmental sustainability.

Jeremy would be a perfect student member on the City of Glendale's Sustainability Commission as he brings both academic knowledge via both high school and college coursework and hands on knowledge of both local politics and community service with an environmental protection focus.

Perhaps as important as the background Jeremy will bring, is the person he simply is. Jeremy is thoughtful, inquisitive, open-minded, and wise. As a commission member I am confident he will be open to both learning himself and educating others. In addition to working with Jeremy in class, we traveled together in a group on a Spring Break trip to France. Jeremy was essentially the mayor of our group within a few days of travel. He was friends with everyone and so helpful to those less familiar with travel than he was at the time. He would be an ideal student ambassador of the work of the Commission.

It is with complete confidence and without reservation that I recommend Jeremy Welch to this prestigious position.

Sincerely,

Alicia Harris

Alicia Harris
Social Studies Teacher
Crescenta Valley High School



**Sustainability Commission
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What school do you currently attend? Crescenta Valley High School

Address 2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta CA

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What school will you attend this Fall? Crescenta Valley High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

Over my high school career, I have been enriched by the curriculums of AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, AP US History and AP English Language at CV, as well as the Study of Contemporary Ethnic Women in the U.S. at Glendale Community College.

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

I have been employed as a Temporary Youth Worker for the Department of Parks and Recreation for over one year. I am also the founder of the Crescenta Valley Community Compost Hub that has just been approved by the GUSD school district after two years of working to implement a green waste center in my community. In addition to work in my local community, I have 2 years of experience in collaborative action with youth climate activism groups such as XRYLA, Sunrise LA, and OUALA. Among my academic achievements, I have won the scholarly athlete award for the highest GPA three years in a row for my Cross Country and Track team.

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Julia Linney

Statement of Interest and Purpose

Being appointed to the Sustainability Commission would allow me to engage more directly with the community of Glendale and contribute to the growing effort to catalyze the sustainability of this city. I have spent my high school career brainstorming all the possible ways I could push my community towards a greener future. Through engaging with my fellow students, district administration, youth climate activists, and government officials, I have gained insight on a diverse array of perspectives, as well as a deeper sense of empathy for all points of view. I have witnessed first-hand what stifles the progress of sustainable development and the frustration this can bring to our eager youth, while also adopting an acknowledgement of the importance of government regulation and the cycles of our political systems. I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the commission due to my connection with people, and therefore my community, while also bringing my own passions for the issue. My love for this planet and my rage for the injustice that is being brought upon it drives my deep desire to partake in collaborative action to heal our ecological damage.

My interest in holding a position as a Student Commissioner stems in my realization that the inclusion of our cities in this movement towards sustainability is essential in achieving our goals. For example, I see Glendale's Organics Recycling Program as a bold leap towards reducing the city's carbon footprint and methane emissions. However, I notice that the education necessary to engage individuals with this change is failing to reach them. I believe increasing outreach through community centers and schools to further integrate this program will help to realize the full potential that city-wide composting can achieve. This is the type of work I hope to contribute to as a Sustainability Commissioner.

As a citizen of the Glendale community, I feel that it is my responsibility to devote my efforts to help discover the solutions that will salvage my generation's future. I see the Sustainability Commission as an opportunity to enrich the greater Glendale community with programs and policy that will work to create a greener city. I hope that by contributing my ideas and collaborating with individuals who share similar goals as I, our mission to secure a livable world for future generations will become within reach.

JULIA LINNEY

OBJECTIVE

High school student with a 4.3 GPA and hands-on experience in leading climate initiatives, using art, media, and community engagement, seeks a position as an Ex Officio Student Commissioner on the Sustainability Commission to contribute innovative solutions and apply my analytical and artistic skills, while further exploring passions of civic engagement, design, and environmental activism.

EDUCATION

Crescenta Valley High School, La Crescenta, CA – Class of 2023

Cumulative Weighted GPA: 4.3750

- Humanities Coursework: AP Human Geography (Score of 5 on the AP exam), AP Spanish Language and Culture (Score of 4), AP European History (Score of 5), AP US History, AP Environmental Science, AP Psychology, AP English Language

Glendale Community College, Glendale, CA

Cumulative GPA: 4.00

- Humanities Coursework: Ethnic Contemporary Women in the US

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Youth@Work Program Worker – Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation La Crescenta, CA | Mar. 2021 – Present

- Work to run LA Parks and Recreation Everybody Plays program to safely provide children with outdoor activity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Collaborate with four other youth workers during 12 hours of work per week.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Community Composting Pilot Program Organizer – Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

La Crescenta, CA | Sep. 2020 – Present

- Reached out to local agency of LA Parks and Recreation and school district to initiate Community Composting Pilot Program and crafted a program proposal that has been approved by the GUSD school district.

- Formed a team of motivated, youth peers to collaborate on this program and to work in partnership with the Department of Public Works and currently continuing to organize with the county to prepare for the opening of our local Composting Center in June 2022.

Arts and Social Media Working Groups Lead and Member – OneUp Action Los Angeles/Extinction Rebellion Youth Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA | Mar. 2021 – Present/Aug. 2020- Present

- Oversee and work with a teams of fellow youth climate activists to produce graphic and banner designs to promote OUALA and XRYLA actions and educational webinars.

- Collaborate to produce infographics utilized to spread the climate and sustainability movements through social media.

Water Coalition Negotiator, Organizer, and Communications Manager

Extinction Rebellion Youth Los Angeles/OneUp Action Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA | Aug. 2020 – Present

- Key Negotiator in discussion with LADWP to address the LA water crisis and flawed water management practices.

- Primary organizer of a protest and die-in held outside of the LADWP headquarters to bring attention to our outline of demands for the department to address LA's water crisis.

- Administrate communications between youth climate activists' Los Angeles water coalition and the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission for collaborative action against LADWP's poor water management practices.

COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE

Congressional Campaign Volunteer – Gil Cisneros Congressional Campaign

La Habra, CA | Jun. 2020 – Nov. 2020

- Worked with fellow politically-involved youth to combat voter suppression through daily phone banking efforts.

Varsity Cross Country/Track and Field Athlete – Crescenta Valley High School

La Crescenta, CA | Jun. 2019 – Present

- Practice six times per week and promoted to varsity as a sophomore runner with entering mile time as freshman at 8:04 improving to 5:52 during junior season.

- Organize and facilitate team bonding efforts to create a fun and supportive atmosphere among teammates.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Scholar Athlete Achievement Award – Crescenta Valley Cross County and Track Teams La Crescenta, CA | May 2022

- Received award for attaining the highest GPA among teammates.

Annual Bookmark Design Contest Winner – County of Los Angeles Public Library La Crescenta, CA | May 2017

- First place winner for original design of submitted bookmark distributed at public libraries across LA County.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Technical: Graphic Design: Adobe Photoshop (Basic); Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; Google Services; Slack

Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Proficient), Japanese (Proficient)

Interests: TV Animation, Climate Activism, Community Enrichment, Media Representation, Writing, Running, Sewing

Recommendation for Julia Linney

I have the pleasure of writing a recommendation for the sustainability commission position. Julia is an amazing young person who is smart, motivated, compassionate and a team player. I have the fortune to teach her in my AP Environmental Science class this school year and I know how passionate she is about the environment. I also taught Julia her freshman year in Biology and I have seen how much she has grown in the past 3 years.

She has found her place in her community as a young advocate for the environment and actively works to encourage her peers to do the same. Julia is a team player, calm under pressure, articulate, and responsible. Her self motivation allows her to take the initiative to connect with community leaders and create a true impact on the sustainable future of Glendale.

As a Glendale resident myself, it would make me proud to have her on the commission. She will bring the energy and commitment the Commission needs to enrich the lives of individuals with a vision devoted to environmental security. I can't recommend her enough.

Please call me if you have any hesitation. She is truly an asset.

Sincerely,

Christina Engen





To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in full recommendation of Julia Linney holding the position of an Ex Officio Student Commissioner on the Sustainability Commission. Julia is an unstoppable force, a dynamic intellectual braced to face the world and its inevitable challenges. In so many ways, she has already navigated the bumps and ruts of life, and done so with an aplomb rarely seen in any individual. What is most impressive about Julia is her unending optimism, her belief that there are answers to problems, and the faith she has in her own voice: she can be part of the solution.

Julia is an athlete on my cross country and track team. She dedicates two to three hours of every day, six days a week to some combination of running, strengthening, and sprinting. This sport is for the tough and determined. Julia is just that. She has shaved over four minutes off her time in just two years of racing. She not only excels as an athlete, she is a league champion, she is a steady voice and presence for the team. However, our conversations often go beyond the sport. We talk literature, pop culture, and her interests outside of the sport and school. She never hesitates to share her opinions, to lend a listening ear; she is engaged in all that is around her and she has vision and purpose.

So, to understand Julia from a solely athletic standpoint is to leave much of the picture unfinished. She is a passionate and adamant believer in finding new solutions for the climate crisis. One way she lives this is through composting. Julia has worked to make Crescenta Valley the center for La Crescenta's first community composting hub. She is also part of the Extinction Rebellion Youth LA and recently spoke at a meeting with the LA Department of Water and Power to conceive of new solutions to the age-old water crisis in Los Angeles. These are not math problems that are easily solvable, but Julia, undaunted, casts her voice into these local and global discussions because she is not willing to sit idly and watch.

Julia is poised and ready for the next step. This position will allow her to pursue her interests, to reach deeper and wider as she links with others and develops her passions into tangible solutions. Julia recognizes that life can be cruel and unfair, that it is not always easy or gold-plated; yet, she has decided to confront this truth with love, compassion, and joy—to fight those cold moments of life with a warmth of spirit. With her bright smile, and her contemplative glance, we are in good hands. Please let me once again offer my unhesitating recommendation of Julia Linney for Glendale's Sustainability Commission.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Evans

MA English and Comparative Literature



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Phone (818) 248-8324 Contact Ms. Evans-Bye

What school will you attend this Fall? Clark Magnet High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

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| 1) AP Environmental Science | 4) Life Science | 7) Physics |
| 2) Biology | 5) Earth Science | 8) Oceanography |
| 3) Chemistry | 6) Physical Science | |

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

(All information written on additional sheet)

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Community Service, Awards, and Clubs

Community Service and Clubs

1) Teen G.E.N Talks Podcast

- Spoke about consequences of industrialism upon the environment
- Educated the local community on ways to engage in healthy environmental habits
- Spread awareness and knowledge about the importance of a healthy environment

2) Bayha Internship

- Completed a summer internship focused on environmentalism
- Spread awareness on the topic of climate change in the local community
- Received a certificate of completion as well as completed a final project

3) Archery Ambassador

- Posts informative content on social media advertising Pasadena Roving Archers
- Teaches beginner students the basics of archery
- Keeps track of the tournament scores of each archer and awards them pins/medals

4) CharacterStrong Lesson Planning Program

- Wrote interactive lesson plans for kids in the K-12 category
- Taught children about emotional and mental wellness through activities
- Spoke about the importance of emphasizing communication and wellness in the classroom

5) President of Environmental Activism Club

- Holds weekly meetings and discussions with members
- Addresses local and worldly climate issues in informational discussion sessions
- Spreads awareness upon environmental issues in current news

6) President of Think Positive Club

- Holds weekly meetings and discussions with members
- Practicing and teaching healthy coping mechanisms amongst students
- Advocating and educating others upon the importance of mental health

7) President of Creative Writing Club

- Holds weekly meetings and discussions with members
- Learning about new writing styles and how to utilize them in class
- Introducing a new creative prompt each week for members

8) Pacific Recreation Center Lifeguard Program

- 50 hours of lifeguard service over the summer
- Engaged in activities with summer camp attendees
- Supervised recreational swimming hours and classes

9) Downtown Central Public Library Volunteer

- Read books and planned activities for children
- Performed the harp for music/reading events
- Wrote lesson plans and reading schedules

10) GUSD After School Program/CDCC Volunteer

- Supervised children and guided their activities
- Read books and displayed educational videos
- Served as a teacher-assistant and guide

Awards

- Science National Honors Society
- California Scholarship Federation
- Torch and Laurel Award (4.0 GPA for all semesters attended)
- Sharpest Image Award (For completion of community project)
- Math Field Day Competition Award (1st Place)
- National Honors Society (NHS)
- Certificate of Achievement and Completion (2 years in Associated Student Body)

My desire to further extend the roots of my knowledge and create a lasting impact on the environment motivated me to apply for the Glendale Sustainability Commission. As a student at Clark Magnet High School, I believe the educational experiences and background I possess will greatly benefit the program. I carry a formidable work ethic that allows me to pursue research concerning the environment, take on arduous challenges, and most importantly, preserve the well-being of my community, the city of Glendale.

The first and most essential step I took that initiated my passion in benefitting the environment was starting the environmental club at my school. Prior to starting this club, I constantly engaged in educational programs and content regarding the environment. These ranged from TV shows, articles, and any other forms of research obtainable. Within this club, I led discussions regarding climate issues around the world and within our area. From there, I took initiative by spreading awareness through social media, advertising ways to combat climate change, and speaking to other classes about ways they could pitch in to be a part of the solution. My efforts aimed at creating a sustainable community fueled my innate desire to increase environmental prosperity.

My passion for environmental reform was also immensely influenced by my teacher, Ms. Dominique Evans-Bye. She was both my biology and AP environmental science teacher at Clark Magnet. In biology class, I gained deeper knowledge upon ecosystems and their intricate structures. In an attempt to improve my surroundings, I participated in a project involving mapping invasive species in my area. For two weeks, I went around campus and documented any invasive species found. With that data, I created a map using ArcGIS to share it with the school, and hosted a presentation regarding invasive species regarding what one can do to safely deal with them. I strive to create similar projects that will positively impact Glendale and educate its residents on methods of environmental sustainability.

Subsequently, I participated in Glendale Public Library's Teen G.E.N Talks where I spoke about the general impact of pollution on the public and how the people of Glendale can improve their surroundings through simple tasks. I aspire to advocate for more schools to place recycling bins on their campuses, as well as designate areas where kids can safely dispose of masks. The detrimental effects of improper waste disposal are often overlooked, however, with the integration of primary waste disposal sites, positive behavior will be reinforced. My central focus is to expand the range of environmental knowledge accessible to the younger residents of Glendale. Educating them is what will help drive our city towards ecological success.

Based on my accomplishment and my sheer devotion towards the environment, I strongly believe that serving in the Glendale Sustainability Commission will be beneficial towards myself and the colleagues I work with. My passion for reform will not lack in consistency as I will constantly strive to do better and contribute to a greener future for Glendale.



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Principal

June 10, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with my full support that I recommend Lilia Hacoupan to join the Sustainability Commission as a student member for the City of Glendale. I've known Lilia since the Fall of 2021, when she enrolled in my Advanced Placement Environmental Science class. In my class, Lilia gained experience learning to use GIS for environmental science. She participated in assignments pertaining to the focus of the Sustainability Commission such as analyzing solar potential of residential areas, using a mobile app to collect and analyze environmental data, making maps to visualize global hunger, analyzing the effects of sea level rise in the USA, analyzing spatial data to find the best locations for a new wind farm, mapping invasive plants locally, analyzing and mapping soil textures, stream flow in relation to ocean pollution, and using remote sensing to show change over time in both urban and natural areas.

Lilia was a participant in the Citizen Science project, *Crowd the Tap*. She analyzed her tap water and contributed her data to crowdsource water quality assessment. Her web application of that project was one of the best. She visualized the data as both a map and series of graphs for each variable that she tested.

Lilia's submission for the *From the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest*, our final project in AP Environmental Science, was a well written, insightful poem reflecting on the state of our environment.

As a Student Commissioner, Lilia will contribute a working knowledge of GIS, environmental literacy, a strong work ethic and creative approach to help solve environmental issues facing the City of Glendale. Without reservation, Lilia Hacoupan is one of my top students and an excellent candidate for the Student Commissioner position with the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission. Feel free to contact me to discuss this candidate's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

Dominique Evans-Bye
Clark Magnet High School
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May 20, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I became acquainted with the applicant, Lilia Hacouplan, during an after-school program in the summer of 2019. From her first day of volunteering, Lilia impressed me with her stellar communication skills with the students. Her passion for helping others allowed for her to exceed the standards of the average teacher-assistant, and aid the children to the best of her ability. She takes initiative in all the tasks at hand and creates a peaceful environment tailored to everyone's needs. Lilia has an admirable work ethic and personality, earning my highest recommendation for the position of student commissioner.

Lilia is exceptionally talented when it comes to spreading awareness. She uses this skill to actively advocate for environmental issues in her local community. She is an active member of Teen G.E.N Talks podcast, a part of the Glendale Central Library, in which she speaks about society's role in the path to a better environment. Not only does she speak eloquently regarding these issues, she also provided examples for which residents of Glendale could contribute to the environment themselves. Her passion for the environment is also reflected in her AP Environmental Science class, where she completes projects and participates in events for the environment.

As the president of "Environmental Activism Club" at Clark Magnet High School she listens carefully to her peers and absorbs every perspective when discussing important issues and events. During her meetings, Lilia makes sure to address all the questions and concerns posed by her club members. Not only does she verbally undertake these issues, she takes immediate physical action, doing everything in her power to solve these problems. Her participation in donating to environmental organizations, as well as creating informational presentations for the public, makes her an excellent and trustworthy candidate for the position.

Along with her enthusiasm, positive energy, and attentiveness to her community needs, Lilia enlightens those around her with her charismatic persona. Her limitless tenacity in her passion towards the environment makes me confident that she'll make an incredible addition as a student commissioner in Glendale.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or AKassakhian@Glendaleca.gov if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Kassakhian", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ardy (Ardashes) Kassakhian, Mayor
City of Glendale, California



My enthusiasm for being a community engager has persisted since my preteen years. From working as a childcare teacher at Calvary Bible Church, a local church in Burbank, to representing the City of Glendale and Clark Magnet High School at the California STEAM Symposium in Long Beach, I have been a staunch advocate for environmentalism and empathy in our city and local county. At the symposium, my colleague and I compelled the Mayor of Long Beach to enact a restriction on the fishing of Bigeye Tuna, a key organism in the ecosystem. I also received an award from the State Superintendent of Instruction, Tom Torlakson, for my skill and dedication in using my STEAM education to pursue my creative and innovative ideas. I was the Secretary of the Mental Health Club in Clark Magnet High School and the Treasurer for Model United Nations simultaneously. Additionally, I received an award for my outstanding achievement in American Government from Clark Magnet High School.

Mike Borisov

To:

Office Of Sustainability

613 E. Broadway,

Glendale, CA 91206

16 June, 2022

Statement Of Interest And Purpose: Student Ex Officio Commissioner for the City of Glendale's Office Of Sustainability

Dear Office Of Sustainability,

During my early studies, I had little interest in environmentalism; however, I wanted to help my community out. My passion for sustainability was initiated in the 2nd grade by my teachers. I quickly realized that I have a great interest and curiosity for the natural world and its multitude of ecosystems. My future interest in political science culminated in my enthusiasm for how government can accomplish a vast impact on the environment.

Both my art teacher and science teacher guided me to go out and explore what the city had to offer for extracurricular activities. There I had an opportunity to work closely with city officials who planted trees across the campus of Mark Keppel Elementary School. I found myself to be incredibly comfortable in after-school programs that combined art, nature, and culture.

When I was writing an abstract for the California STEAM Symposium at Long Beach I remember how my biology teacher shared a quote by Samuel Johnson, an English Author, in which he stated that "Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must be first overcome". This kickstarted my current admiration for individuals who think outside of the box and reinforced my tendency to break the status quo and try new things in an attempt to find answers to pressing questions. My studies and educators have assisted me in gaining the relevant, valuable, and effective skills and experience that the City Council is searching for.

Looking toward the future, we face a dire crisis. Climate change, pollution, and inequitable policies are threatening the city and the world at large. We have a unique opportunity in Glendale to be an example, the gold standard, in what it means to be a socially just, environmentally conscious, and thriving modernized city. Green spaces, public spaces, and human spaces increase social cohesion, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage community engagement. It bolsters local happiness, creates prospering businesses, and teaches our young unique values. This city needs individuals with experience, passion, and a love for the City of Glendale; therefore, I believe I am exceptionally geared toward propagating sustainable, green, and equitable development for the City of Glendale's Office Of Sustainability.

Sincerely,
Mike Borisov



Dr. David Viar

Superintendent/President

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June 15, 2022

It is my pleasure to recommend Mike Borisov for the role of student commissioner for the City of Glendale's Office of Sustainability. I am a history professor at Glendale Community College, and I had the pleasure of having Mike as a student. In my class, Mike stood out as an organized, dedicated, intelligent student who regularly enhanced our class discussions with his insightful contributions. In our class, he also demonstrated his dedication to making positive change in our world. He regularly connected historical issues with national and global issues of today, including environmental and social issues. I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mike will contribute greatly to the Office of Sustainability.

If you have any questions or if you would like me to elaborate on Mike's skills or his potential for success, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email mpeterson@glendale.edu or phone at 818-274-4534.

Respectfully,
Maite Peterson
Professor of History
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Department of History
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Dear Office of Sustainability Committee,

It is with distinct pleasure that I write this recommendation on behalf of Mike Borisov.

I had the pleasure of working with Mike as his AP Psychology teacher during the 2020/2021 school year. Despite having the disadvantage of working from home during remote learning, Mike was determined to succeed. With hard work and dedication Mike was not only able to progress in our class but he was able to support his peers along the way.

Mike is a studious worker who is dedicated to academic excellence and he collaborates well with others. He is organized and intuitive and sensitive to the diverse needs of others. When presented with a challenge, Mike is able to go above and beyond and overcome any obstacle. His strong work ethic and determination has helped Mike thrive.

Mike's commitment to academics was matched by his passion for social justice and environmental advocacy. Mike is not only a great student but a firm believer of working hard to make his community a better place for all. Mike Borisov possesses exceptional qualities and he would be an ideal candidate for your program.

Kind Regards,

Patrick Davarhanian
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**Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner**

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What school do you currently attend?: Crescenta Valley High School _____

Address: 2900 Community Ave La Crescenta, California 91214 _____

Phone : 818-249-5871 _____ Contact: _____

What school will you attend this Fall? : Crescenta Valley High School _____

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

- AP Environmental Science
- AP Biology

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

- A term served at the Huntington Gardens as a high school volunteer
- Teen Council member at the Eagle Rock library branch
- CVHS Varsity Girls Soccer Pacific All-League First Team
- CVHS Environmental club
- Co-coordinator of the action working group of an environmental justice organization called XRYLA
- Top 10% of the Junior class at CVHS as of 2022

Please attach a **250 to 500-word Statement of Interest and Purpose** explaining your interest in the Sustainability Commission, your potential contributions, and your vision for Glendale's environmental future. Please also attach **two letters of recommendation**.

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After a couple of years of being immersed in environmental and political activism, I have learned much from my peers regarding the balance between action and education. When I heard of the opportunity to be a part of the Sustainability Commission from my AP Environmental Science teacher, I recognized the chance to advance the knowledge I have accumulated with my experience in amateur political activism, with real legislative involvement.

I see the position of Student Sustainability Commissioner as an opportunity for a broadened perspective for the board. Youth bring a passion and voice that is important for guiding the decisions that will be made regarding the city they will inherit. I am co-coordinator of the action working group of XRYLA (Extinction Rebellion Youth Los Angeles), and we often work in tangent with the adult group XRLA. Working with adults in that context has made me realize the value of bringing young voices into the conversation of sustainability. Whether it is advice on how to reach a wider audience through use of social media, how to be more intentionally intersectional, or how to broaden the adult group's ethnic diversity, us youth have brought creative problem solving and knowledge valuable to their table.

On top of extracurricular interest, I opted for an intensive academic schedule to grow my interest in sustainability and environmental science. This year, I took AP Environmental Science and AP Biology to deepen my knowledge on the inner workings of the Earth, and therefore how to better preserve it. In addition, I am investing seven weeks of my summer working in Costa Rica to build habitat corridors in the carbon-sequestering forests of the Cloud Forest national park. Although my knowledge of sustainable practices is not as extensive as I would like it to be, I am committed to learning and educating myself in a wide range of subjects, and gathering knowledge that I would be able to bring to the Commission to make the best decisions for the future of our city.

Glendale has the responsibility of being home to a huge population, and with that responsibility rests the potential to transform the city and lifestyle of almost 200,000 people. My vision for a greener Glendale involves further shifts towards solar energy and less dependence on natural gas, public transportation that serves all neighborhoods, composting programs, enforcement of garbage separation, groundwater recharge areas, water recycling, incentives for planting drought-resistant gardens, and much more. In addition to keeping the city's diversity in mind during decision making, holding public meetings in which community members can come and make comments, giving suggestions to continue to improve the sustainable infrastructure that we seek to build, is integral to an effective commission. All representatives in government should represent the people and their best interests, which can only be achieved by listening to the public and their demands.

I am excited and proud to be able to apply for a Glendale city position that serves my community. Thank you for considering me!

I have the pleasure of writing a recommendation for the sustainability commission position. Stephanie is an amazing young person who is responsible, kind, considerate and a team player. I have the fortune to teach her in my AP Environmental Science class this school year and I know how passionate she is about the environment. Stephanie is also a team player and works well under pressure. She is articulate and responsible. I can't recommend her enough.

Please call me if you have any hesitation. She is truly an asset.

Sincerely,
Christina Engen
626-487-3015



THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens

May 17, 2022

To whom it concerns,

I am pleased to recommend Stephanie Schaupp for the Sustainability Commission. I have observed Stephanie's volunteer work over the past four months as her supervisor at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. During this time, I have learned much about her incredible work ethic, drive, and dedication to her role as a volunteer Art & Garden Cart facilitator.

In February of 2022, Stephanie began volunteering at the Huntington at our Art & Garden Carts, an interactive learning space around our gardens. In spite of her very busy schedule, Stephanie has volunteered for two hours each weekend over the past four months, accumulating over 30 hours of service. Of the seventy high school volunteers that I supervise, Stephanie is one of the most responsible and dedicated. At these carts our volunteers teach cultural, historical, and botanical knowledge to the public and assist with craft projects for children. Stephanie has always maintained a professional presence, while still being inviting and informative to visitors, old and young. Whether teaching paper-folding designs in our Japanese garden, explaining cultural connections to cochineal bugs, discussing desert plant adaptations, or addressing problems, Stephanie remains welcoming and knowledgeable.

Stephanie has gone beyond the role of a typical high school volunteer. Even though Stephanie has only been volunteering for several months, she has the skills of a much more seasoned volunteer. I know that I can count on Stephanie to be a leader in her shift and regularly ask her to take on more responsibility, from delivering supplies to different cart locations, to managing carts when other leaders are sick. She is outgoing, responsible, smart, and kind. She shared with me that her favorite parts of volunteering are getting to spend time in her favorite parts of the garden that she enjoyed when she was younger, and helping young visitors engage with activities to enjoy the gardens as well.

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Stephanie Schaupp. Her interest in giving back to her community and experience communicating botanical information to the public would make her an excellent addition to your team. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Warmly,

Kathleen Alva
Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
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Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Community Service

Service Activity	Hours of Service	Supervising Adult and Contact Information
McGroarty Arts Center Festival (Greeting/Attendance Tracking)	13	Frank J. Valadez info@mcgroartyartscenter.org (818)352-5285
Oshkosh International Pathfinder Camporee (Navigation Aid/Translator for Japanese Pathfinder Group)	144+	Katsura Iizuka iizuka@icloud.com +81-80-6787-0810
Little Tokyo Koban and Visitor's Center	68.5	Takashi Ooishi info@littletokyokoban.org (213)613-1911

Awards/Recognition/Achievements

Recognition, Award, Achievement	Supervising Adult and Contact Information
Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate of Results and Scores (JLPT N3 2019)	JLPT https://www.jlpt.jp/e/ Tae Okuda tokuda@gusd.net
Japanese Language Proficiency Certificate of Results and Scores (JLPT N2 2022)	JLPT https://www.jlpt.jp/e/ Keiko Kadomasu (818)979-5836
Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education 2020	Steven Frazer sfrazer@gusd.net
Outstanding Achievement in AP Environmental Science 2022	Dominique Evans-Bye devans-bye@gusd.net
Outstanding Achievement in Precalculus 2022	Amir Ghavam aghavam@gusd.net
2021 Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition MVP Award	Melissa O'Gara mogara@gusd.net
2022 Cornell Moot Court Competition Speaker Award	Paul Landau Pauam2@aol.com

Mock Trial Class of 2022 Thirst For Knowledge Award	Melissa O’Gara mogara@gusd.net
Global semi-finalist of the Spellman Clean Tech Competition 2022	Dominique Evans-Bye devans-bye@gusd.net

Clubs/Community Activities

Clubs/Community Activity	Supervising Adult and Contact Information
Charles Music Flute	Micah Layne (818)242-6597
Colburn Community School of Performing Arts	Anthony Crespo acrespo@colburnschool.edu
Verdugo Young Musicians Association	Samvel Chilingarian Samvel@juno.com
Film Critics Club 2020	Joshua Bishop Jbishop@gusd.net
Clark Magnet CTE After School Program Science Competition camp	Dominique Evans-Bye devans-bye@gusd.net

Statement of Interest and Purpose

I am looking forward to the opportunity to become an ex officio student commissioner to promote environmentally-conscious actions, active community participation through citizen science projects, and environmental equity. Taking the AP Environmental Science class was one of the most impactful decisions I made in my high school career. I gained a new perspective on my actions but most importantly, I discovered a newfound academic passion which I hope to further through this position. My extensive academic background in a variety of subjects, as demonstrated in the application, has taught me valuable skills applicable to the duties of a student commissioner.

I am interested in becoming a student commissioner because I see this as an opportunity to inspire positive change in Glendale. I have always been invested in my community and feel that my unique connection with Glendale's Japanese Dual Language program will allow me to bring the cultural groups of Glendale together to build a brighter future. I am hands-on in the betterment of communities and will ensure that reform and improvement have been executed. My strong foundation in public speaking, critical thinking, environmental research, remote sensing/mapping technology, and citizen science projects have empowered me to make a change.

As a student commissioner, I will promote active participation in citizen science projects. Involving the community with projects concerning the environment will spread awareness of issues that threaten the health of our environment, and inform the public on how they can make a positive impact. I have participated in citizen science projects and have developed one myself. My project established me as a global semi-finalist in the Spellman Clean Tech Competition. I based my project on a common concern in my neighborhood—undisposed pet waste. The web app I designed, named Poo Patrol, collects data on the location of pet waste and waste

stations/trash cans. The data is analyzed in ArcGIS to recognize problem areas, which is used to advocate for the implementation of pet waste stations or trash cans in those areas. The app encourages the community to keep our streets clean and also informs the public that undiscarded pet waste can threaten the health of our environment. By advocating such citizen science projects as a student commissioner, I will work to involve the community in environmental solutions.

My vision is to make Glendale a place where its residents– humans and pets alike– can live sustainably through environmentally-integrated lifestyles. I also vision a Glendale where its citizens feel that learning about our environment with citizen science projects is fun, accessible, and empowering. I hope to support a community that is deeply in touch with the environment to preserve the natural beauty of Glendale for future generations.

The skills I gained through various experiences, my vision for Glendale's environmental future, and my passion to involve the community in environmental solutions has equipped me to make advisory suggestions to support decisions that will impact our community and create a sustainable Glendale for everyone.

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Vivian Ekchian
Superintendent of Schools

Lena Kortoshian
Principal

May 27, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Yuzuna Kudo as a candidate for the position of Student Commissioner of the Sustainability Commission for the City of Glendale. I met Yuzuna approximately two years ago when she enrolled in my Spanish 1-2 (first year) course. In a year where most students hid behind the screen during distance learning, Yuzuna stood out for her constant willingness to participate, learn and connect. Yuzuna interacts easily with her peers, and is never afraid to speak up or ask questions. In Spanish class, she was able to pick up on grammar concepts quickly. Her work habits were impeccable, and her projects were always done with thought, creativity and attention to detail.

At the end of her Freshman year, Yuzuna applied, and was accepted into, Clark's Mock Trial program. I am the team's Teacher Coach and my husband, a Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles County, volunteers as the Attorney Coach. It is in this role as the Teacher Coach that I have had the opportunity to get to know Yuzuna better, and can more accurately speak to her unique talents. From my observations and experiences with her, I believe she possesses many skills and characteristics that would make her an outstanding asset to your program.

The Mock Trial class at our school is competitive, demanding, and rigorous. Students must apply to the class, maintain at least a B in all English classes, and submit a positive teacher recommendation to be accepted into the program. There is a wait list of over fifty students. Her acceptance into the program is an accomplishment in itself, and sets her apart from other classmates of her age.

Everyone in the class auditions to receive a role on one of the competing teams, but certain roles are reserved for students with specific skills. The role of an attorney is generally assigned to advanced students who are in upper grades or have had previous experience in Mock Trial. When I, along with the student leaders, watched and listened to Yuzuna's audition, we unanimously agreed she had strong enough potential for an attorney role. Because of her ability to break down and analyze the facts of the case, we assigned her the role of Pretrial Attorney. This role is one of the most challenging, as it requires the student to argue directly in front of the judge and respond to spontaneous questions regarding numerous court cases and holdings. This role requires a student to work more independently, without the help of teammates. During rehearsals Yuzuna quickly showed her abilities to speak with confidence and conviction. Both my husband and I were instantly impressed with her critical thinking skills and her ability to grasp the complex legal issues the Constitutional Rights Foundation builds into these cases. My husband and I do not believe in hand-feeding the answers to the students, but we do question them and try to lead them down a path of discovery. Yuzuna was able to pick up on my husband's line of questioning and continue the process of formulating proper arguments on her own. She showed that she could take criticism well, and apply the instruction to the situation immediately.

During the actual competition, Yuzuna proved that she had the skills to perform under pressure. She was able to conduct herself with poise and professionalism.

Yuzuna is also well-liked by her peers. Recently she was elected by teammates to serve as Secretary of the Mock Trial Program for the 2022-23 school year. She willingly volunteers to help others and takes on tasks that do not always receive recognition or points. She continually demonstrates a genuine desire to be of service to others. During the months in which we were not working on the competition, Yuzuna worked together with a classmate to participate in a moot court competition through Duke. She and her partner worked tirelessly to learn and improve, and both won awards for their outstanding abilities to argue their cases. Yuzuna has excellent time management skills. Despite her own rigorous course load, she is able to juggle school work, Mock Trial, and other demanding extracurricular endeavors. Yuzuna is a strong leader and a positive role model.

Yuzuna is a very ambitious and dedicated young lady. She is also friendly, happy, and approachable. She is easy to work with, and has many friends because of her caring nature and maturity. She is a young lady I know will attain any goal she sets for herself. She will make a great impact on those with whom she comes in contact.

It is with great pleasure and certainty that I recommend Yuzuna to your program.

Sincerely,

Melissa O'Gara
Mock Trial/Spanish Teacher
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June 6, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Yuzuna Kudo for the position of Student Commissioner of the Sustainability Commission for the City of Glendale. I've known Yuzuna since the Fall of 2021 when she enrolled in my Advanced Placement Environmental Science Class. Yuzuna has been an exceptional student. She consistently does more than required, and exceeds expectations for work quality.

In my class, Yuzuna used the Los Angeles County Solar Map Application to determine the solar potential of her home. She learned how to use ArcGIS Online to make interactive web maps and apps focused on environmental issues. She also became proficient in the use of the Survey123 mobile app to collect and analyze data. With these GIS tools, Yuzuna has created thematic maps of global undernourishment and food insecurity, mapped the effects of sea level rise, performed a site suitability analysis for a new wind farm, mapped invasive plants on our school campus and in her neighborhood, collected and analyzed soil samples at school and at the neighboring Dunsmore Park to create an interpolation map of soil type. She mapped our local watershed and performed a downstream trace to show how litter and pollutants generated on our school campus will eventually make their way to the ocean through our storm drain system. Yuzuna has used satellite imagery through remote sensing viewers to create Before/After swipe maps to illustrate the extent of clearcutting in the Amazon rainforest and the expansion of fracking in Texas. She participated in the Citizen Science project, *Crowd the Tap*, to analyze drinking water quality in the community. She extended that project and [created a web application](#) that visualizes the data as both a map and series of graphs for each variable that was tested.

In another project, Yuzuna analyzed a dataset of island biodiversity using graphs and statistical analysis in Excel. Her analysis was so thorough that she has submitted her abstract for publication. Yuzuna will have a Library of Congress publication to her name come this Fall.

Yuzuna was the only student who accepted the challenge to enter the Clean Tech Competition. For this competition, she [created a survey](#) to document pet waste that was not properly disposed of, in relation to the presence or absence of pet waste stations and trash cans. She will use the data she collects to advocate for pet waste stations and/or trash cans in areas of high need identified by data. In her project, Yuzuna detailed the connection between pet waste contributing to an excessive nutrient load in local waterways leading to eutrophication. We just got notification that Yuzuna's project has been selected as a semi-finalist for the competition.

Over the summer and next school year, Yuzuna will be taking two of my GIS classes back to back. She will enhance her skills and be ready to investigate local environmental sustainability issues through spatial analysis using GIS at a professional level.

Yuzuna has a proven track record of putting in the extra hours to work on projects she is passionate about. Environmental sustainability is a topic that Yuzuna cares deeply about. She has the background education, training and aptitude to make a positive impact for the City of Glendale in this area.

If selected as a Student Commissioner, Yuzuna will bring her extensive skill set and creative approach to help solve environmental issues facing the City of Glendale. Without a doubt, Yuzuna Kudo is my top choice for the Student Commissioner position with the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this applicant's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominique", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Dominique Evans-Bye
Clark Magnet High School
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**Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
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What school will you attend this Fall? Crescenta Valley High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

- AP Environmental Science
- Chemistry
- Medical Biology

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

- School Site Council Board Member for 2 years
 - Student Senator
 - Student Senator on subcommittee advocating for mental health
- Student Senator on subcommittee advocating for equal treatment of men and women in the school environment
 - Special recognition award for being an active member on the School Site Council.
- Adopt a Family club raising awareness for homeless families, while raising donations to provide Christmas presents
 - Working as a Teen Ambassador for the Pacific Asia Museum of USC

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The saying "There is no planet B" was something I recently came across when discussing environmental factors of carbon production with a classmate of mine. This saying stuck with me over the recent weeks when thinking of the reasons why I want to become a Student Ex Officio Commissioner. When brainstorming all the reasons why, I was reminded of the importance in protecting the green community of Glendale. Which sparked an interest in furthering the sustainable development of the city around us.

Growing up and spending summer after summer in the nature of Griffith Manor Park in Glendale, built an undying love for the surrounding environment within our suburban areas. Constantly surrounded by the trees and grass of Glendale Parks grew a desire within myself to create a greener future for the lives of the children ahead. After being a camper at Griffith Manor, I was given the opportunity to become a Counselor in Training. In doing so, I spent even more time surrounded by the outdoors, leading me to love nature even more than before. Looking after the youth of Glendale, I thought more about life ahead of them and how to protect and grow our green spaces. Becoming a Student Ex Officio Commissioner gives me the opportunity to continue my passion of creating a greener future for the children of tomorrow.

If given the opportunity to become a Student Ex Officio Commissioner, I would connect the student voices and concerns to Glendale's City Council. Spending time as a Student Senator and a member on School Site Council gave me experience working with both the people's concerns and specification of rules to create plans, take action and effectively move towards a better school community for both the school administration as well as the student body. If given this opportunity, I would create a space for student voices to be heard, whilst also working with in community and local legislators to better the city of Glendale in way that makes every party feel seen and heard.

My own personal vision for Glendale is one where policy makers, community members and students blend together to take action both at home and in the city creating a greener, cleaner, more sustainable Glendale.

Dear Sustainability Commission,

I am writing today to express my support for Ava Watson as her teacher at Crescenta valley High School.

Compassionate, ambitious, and dedicated are just a few of many adjectives that come to mind when I think of Ms. Watson. With the pandemic affecting students in all different ways, Ms. Watson's hardworking nature has never wavered. I especially appreciate the fact that Ms. Watson would come to my room during lunch/break when she realized that she needed extra support. This is how I know that Ms. Watson would make an excellent candidate in a leadership position, for this is someone who understands her strengths and weaknesses, and is still determined to succeed.

Ms. Watson's leadership and community involvement are also evident through her academic and extracurricular work. For example, Ms. Watson's dedication to her school and her desire to make changes landed her on the Student Senate and the School Site Council for two years (going on three). Furthermore, Ms. Watson also serves on the Dress Code and the Student Mental Health subcommittees. Through these organizations, she is able to help reconcile student needs and school policies. I believe that it is this sense of duty that inspired Ms. Watson to contribute over 300 community service hours to the Glendale Parks and Recs, aiding in summer camp volunteer work after she had started her AP Environmental Science course. From there, I was not surprised when she brought up her desire to join the Glendale City Sustainability Commission, to have a voice to advocate for the youths of Glendale, and to preserve the environment for generations to come.

Ms. Watson wants to get involved where she can, and all of her activities only confirmed what I already know about her in class – that Ava Watson is a hardworking, determined, and committed individual who not only goes above and beyond for her own development, but also for the betterment of society. I recommend Ms. Watson full-heartedly, and believe that she is the right candidate for this organization.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach me at achang@gusd.net.

Sincerely,



06/15/22

Ame Chang
French Teacher
Crescenta Valley High School

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christina Engen, and I am the AP Environmental Science (APES) teacher for Crescenta Valley High School. Ava Watson is a responsible and caring student in my AP Environmental Science class and has a strong interest in addressing current environmental issues through regulation and legislation. Based on many positive interactions with Ava, I nominated her to be the class-elected Student Senator to advocate for promoting mental health awareness and de-stigmatization within our community, and as the student body representative for school dress code policy. Outside of Student Senate, she was also elected as a Student School Site Council Member, where she was effective in discussing current school issues. Outside of the school community, she also showed a very strong initiative to support the community through volunteering as a Counselor in Training (CIT) and working in a small local shop.

Ava took immense pride in becoming a Student Senator, constantly going above and beyond to be informed and demonstrate the importance of listening to student body representatives' voices. She is an active and engaging leader and met with fellow Student Senators and brought attention to key high school issues, including highlighting student safety concerns, increasing mental health awareness, and education regarding the policy on the female dress code as discriminatory. Working in the Student Senate, Ava spent time working closely with the Principal to discuss current school issues impacting the student body. Spending time participating in her subcommittees, Ava sat alongside the Principle, Administrators, and several other student representatives to advocate for mental health education, acceptance, and awareness of mental health within the student body. In addition, Ava advocated for the change in the school dress code. Meeting with the Principal and Wellness Advisor, Ava highlighted the concern on how teachers and administrators would confront the female student body, making them feel excluded, outcast and embarrassed. By bringing attention to the administrators, and improved welcoming and more educational environment resulted.

Additionally, Ava has worked on the School Site Council, approving the budget, advocating for the student body, and ensuring the needs of the student are met. As she worked on the School Site Council, Ava brought awareness to current issues affecting the student body, attempting to find resolutions both administrators and students could agree upon. Ava has held this position for two consecutive years as an elected member of the School Site Council. Ava truly invests herself within the school community attempting to make it a better place by continually advocating for the best possible solutions.

Outside of the school community, Ava is an active member of the Glendale community, Ava has spent time working with Glendale Parks and Rec as a Summer Camp Counselor in Training, in doing so she has earned over 350 community service hours as a Counselor in Training. By spending time as a Camp Counselor in Training, Ava has created a strong work ethic, bond with the community members, and created an ability to aid and communicate with people of all ages, while also creating a fun, enjoyable, and safe environment for children ages 5-13 throughout the summer. Furthermore, Ava spends time working a local part-time job in the area of Montrose, La Crescenta. Spending her free time working in a small business within the community gave Ava an opportunity to deepen her connection to the people around her. Submerging herself within the heart of Montrose, Ava has gained a broader perspective on the wants and needs of the people in the Glendale area.

Regards,
Christina Engen

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List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

1. AP Calculus AB
2. AP Chemistry
3. AP Psychology
4. AP English Language and Composition
5. Technological Home Management

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

(additional sheet attached)

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Statement of Interest and Purpose

I have lived in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, UK and Korea. Having had experienced different environments in a short span, I came to understand the value of nature since I was a child. The middle eastern countries I lived in were frequented by sandstorms and the only plants were palm trees sparsely located around the areas. So, when I moved to my new home, la crescenta, I fell in love it with the moment I laid my eyes upon the beautiful scenery in my new neighborhood. Not only were the strapping mountains, the imposing yet graceful cacti and my mom's now favorite rosebush eye captivating, I understood their value, which motivated me to find ways to preserve the area and enable it to flourish.

So, throughout my high school years, I have assumed leadership positions in clubs dedicated to foster critical thinking in STEM fields, to learn to innovate different strategies to solve the global crisis. Particularly, I have attended a club that recently conducted research focused on studying microbial fuel cells in soil to identify favorable conditions of soil to power electricity.

This year, because I am particularly interested in ocean acidification, I have started projects this summer to explore this topic in depth and raise awareness. I will be uploading weekly videos to present ways to cook meals by using sustainable seafood sources as a way to incorporate my love for cooking and my interest in ocean acidification. Further, I will experiment with locally found kelps to define the kelp that can help mitigate the ocean acidification process the most. Moreover, as I was accepted into the COSMOS program to study 'biofuels from renewable sources' at UC San Diego this summer, I hope to learn cost efficient and environmentally friendly ways to implement biofuels within our community.

If I am to be selected as the student commissioner this year, I hope to implement my knowledge on STEM to help protect the nature within our community. I am particularly interested in developing new ways so that people in our community can easily recycle regularly with broader items like plastic and paper. Also, I hope to help develop programs to educate younger students starting from elementary schools so that they may be able to familiarize themselves with the prevalent environmental problems early and start pondering about different methods to help mitigate the ever-growing issue from an early age.

After high school, I want to attend a 4-year university to study civil engineering or environmental engineering. So, I believe that my experience as a student commissioner will help broaden my perspective on our community and the nature that surrounds it.

Eungyeom Kim

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Cooking for a Cause

Publicist

2020 – 2021

- Generate advertisements on various social media platforms to increase membership and participation

Vice President

2022 – Present

- Lead certain meetings and events while supporting the President as needed

Chemistry Club

Secretary

2022 – Present

- Record meetings and keep track of minutes and notify ASB of news

Hackathon Club

Treasurer

2022 – Present

- Manage club funds and work with the President and Vice President to secure sponsorships

Key Club

Division treasurer

2022 – Present

- Act as a liaison between the club treasures and the division, keep track of dues and funds, and fill out a monthly budget of funds in every school and in the Kiwanis account of each school

Solar Army

Team Leader

2022 – Present

- Lead members to conduct research on 'soil-based microbial fuel cells' and engage in a SealCon event which is hosted by Caltech

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SWENEXT

Member

2020 – Present

- Attend meetings and engage in various events, such as college panels to empower women in STEM fields

GM (Green Meadows)

Teacher Assistant

2022 – Present

- Engage in various volunteer activities to serve people with disabilities within the church community

COSMOS (summer program)

Participant

2022

- Intensive four-week summer residential program that focuses on a laboratory intensive experience on renewable biofuels

Daewon International Middle School Basketball 2019
Member

- Train regularly and foster love for basketball

Social 119 2019
Member

- Participate in fundraising activities to send essential resources for children in poverty

CNN/TED club 2019
Member

- Interact with CNN news and TED talks to broaden perspective on modern day events

The Education Project 2020 – 2021
Volunteer

- Read books for children without access to resources during the pandemic

Korean School (every Saturday)
Korean School London 2017 – 2019
Korean School Abu Dhabi 2013 – 2015
Korean School Dubai 2012 – 2013
Korean School Saudi Arabia 2009

- Attend Korean school every Saturday to learn subjects in Korean to keep in touch with Korean cultural identity

WORK/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Teacher
Korean School Teacher Assistant 2021
Korean School Teacher 2021- Present

- Plan classes for Korean American students to cultivate their learning and understanding of the Korean language and Korea's culture

Broadcasting
SBS internship 2022 – Present

- Help behind the scenes of a renowned Korean news broadcast

HONORS AND AWARDS

Daewon International Middle School
Green Point Champion Award 2019

- For setting a good example for her fellow students by having good manners, helping other students and acquiring excellent grades

The English Best Book Report Award 2019

- For excellence in the English Best Book Report Award

1st place in Girls Basketball Award 2019

- For outstanding performance in the tournament of the Daewon Sports Club Championship

Certificate of commendation (silver prize) 2019

- For excellence in the 2019 English Essay Contest

Best Student Award 2019

- For outstanding academic performance as stated in the 1st semester music board



Crescenta Valley High School

Christine Benitez, Principal

June 12, 2022

Personal recommendation for Eungyeom Kim

Dear Sir or Madam:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Eungyeom Kim to you. I have known Eungyeom for this past school year as my student in AP Chemistry and as a member and now officer in the Solar Army and the Chemistry Club, which are clubs I sponsor on campus. During this time, I have found her to be an exceptional student who is highly motivated, responsible, and caring.

Eungyeom has excelled in her coursework at Crescenta Valley High School. She challenges herself with Advanced Placement courses and maintains a high grade point average. In my AP Chemistry class, she displays a very mature approach to her studies. She is always attentive and eager to learn. She is an active participant in class discussions. She approaches problem solving and laboratory work with enthusiasm.

Eungyeom is very curious and delights in the discovery processes that result from experimentation. She is an officer in the Solar Army Club, which is a club I sponsor on campus. In this club, she works with other students, to create and test microbial fuel cells from mud found at various locations. She works under the guidance of mentors from Caltech. She recently presented our research findings at a conference with other high school groups on the Caltech campus.

She also enjoys sharing the fun, experimental side of Chemistry as an officer in the Chemistry Club. The club engages students in fun Chemistry activities and officers conduct demonstrations of interesting Science phenomenon. As an officer, Eungyeom is responsible for planning member meetings and assisting in presentations.

Eungyeom is a very mature, self-directed, hardworking student. I have no doubt that she will be an asset to your program and believe she will greatly benefit from it as well.

Sincerely,

Julie Patton

Chemistry Teacher

June 17th, 2022

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Eungyeom for the position of student commissioner.

As one of her friends, it is impossible not to see how passionate she is in the environmental field and how she is very involved in shaping a healthier future for our community.

She is especially interested in ocean acidification. I have seen her preparing for her summer project regarding this topic. She has decided to research ocean acidification by searching for different plants that grow in the local sea. Through the different ocean plants she is going to record data from a prototype of the ocean by adding some PH indicators. Her main motive for this research is to find which kinds of ocean plants can lower the PH levels the most, and what positive differences it would be able to cause to the ocean.

Furthermore, she is also showing great achievements in chemistry, since she is currently a secretary in a chemistry club and an active member in the Solar Army club. As a chemistry club secretary, she records meetings and keeps track of the meeting times to notify the ASB of any important news about the club. As a Solar Army member, she has attended SealCon in Caltech to compare the results and data of the findings for the topic of microbial fuel cells. I have also seen Eungyeom's great interest and high involvement for this club when she helped other team members understand how to find soil-based microbial fuel cells. Recently, she was also elected as the next team leader for this club. I think that her involvement in this club shows her high potential and determination.

In addition, she has also shown great interest as a woman in the engineering field. She is interested in the stem field and through the SWENEXT club she has attended various events, such as college panels, to empower women in STEM fields.

As someone who has seen her for a long time, I can confidently say that Eungyeom is a passionate and determined person, and an unrivaled fit for the position of student commissioner for your program.

Kind Regards,

MIngyeom Kim



Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner

Name Kim Kenneth
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What school do you currently attend? Crescenta Valley High School

Address 2900 Community Ave, CA 91214

Phone (818) 249-5871 Contact (FAX) (818) 541-9531

What school will you attend this Fall? Crescenta Valley High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

- AP Environmental Science
- Korean 7-8

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

- Helping a poor club
- State house of representatives award
- Helpful neighbors club
- Presidential volunteer service award - Gold
- Environmental club
- City of Glendale Mayor's commendation
- Hwarang Youth Foundation

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Interest and Purpose

I wish to join as a commissioner so that I know that I am a part of what helps make Glendale clean, and hopefully make innovative changes along the way. I have seen the work that the Glendale district has done to make our city clean, so it would be an honor to be able to work with and for those who made this city as clean as it is. As the sustainability commissioner, I hope to work with the city to further improve the environmental impact it makes, and gain experience in local government, and leadership. Being able to see the duties of the City Council would be great as well. I see this position not only as an extracurricular benefit for me, but an educational one as well. This position would teach me about how the city works to help let us stay clean and sustainable. My motivation to help the environment started when I took the AP Environmental Science class this year. Learning about the damage caused by humans inspired me to take a larger role in my community to help us live a more sustainable life. In order to help the environment, I decided to be more active in volunteering so I began to clean local areas, in order to open my eyes to the issues at hand. After seeing the damage we caused, I wished to find another way to help fix this problem, which was when I was told about the Sustainability Commissioner position by my AP Environmental Science teacher. I knew immediately that this program would be the perfect way for me to see first hand what damage we have caused, and to help make our city more sustainable for all lives.

Irene Chong

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9th June 2022

City of Glendale

Sustainability Commission % Management Services
613 E. Broadway, Suite 200
Glendale, Ca 91206

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Irene Chong, and I am happy to support and recommend Kenneth Kim to the student commissioner position. I have known Kenneth for 10 years as a close friend of my son's since elementary school. I have watched Kenneth grow up to be the kind, confident young man he is today.

Kenneth is one who takes the initiative to meticulously research his information. His desire to be an ex officio student commissioner does not come as a surprise since he has always shown interest in making the world a better place. At a very young age, Kenneth gravitated towards nature-related activities. Inspired by his AP Environmental Science, he has patiently been teaching his family and friends about the environmental benefits of reducing plastic, going green, and has even created his own composting bin at home.

I know Kenneth to be family-oriented, honest, and respectful. He will be a great student representative for your advisory team.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Irene Chong



June 16, 2022

RE: Kenneth Kim

Dear Commission Members:

It is with great honor that I submit a recommendation for Kenneth Kim in support of his application to become a student commissioner. Kenneth is an excellent student with high academic achievement who is passionate, responsible, and enthusiastic. Kenneth is self-motivated and is highly engaged in the learning process. He is a very well-round student who has actively seeks volunteer and leadership opportunities.

Kenneth is a very strong student who is not only respectful, but humble and kind. He is very diligent and always ready to learn. Kenneth is always good about looking back at his work and thinking about areas in which he can improve and learn from his experiences. Kenneth is very much a student who finds value in the experience rather than the results. He is someone who is present and there to contribute and make a difference in whatever project that he is involved in. He is also very good about communicating with his friends and teachers. He is willing to explain his point of view but is also a good listener.

I believe that this volunteer experience is a perfect opportunity for Kenneth because he is passionate about the environment. Through his education in AP Environmental Science, he has really become excited about environmental related issues. He also likes to spend his time volunteering with environmental cleaning projects. He is a very dedicated individual who has also already amassed over 650 community service hours.

Accepting Kenneth as a student commissioner, is to bring an advisor that is diligent, passionate, and honest in all aspects of life. Knowing Kenneth's passion, I know he will take advantage of the opportunities afforded to him by your program and will do his best to contribute and learn from the experience with the utmost respect and appreciation. Once again, I enthusiastically recommend Kenneth for this program. Should you need additional information, please email me at Janethong@gusd.net.

Sincerely,

Janet Hong

MA: Education – Counseling
Crescenta Valley High School



**Sustainability
Commission APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner**

Name Moore Walker Mia Lee
Last First MI

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Street City State Zip

Telephone HM [REDACTED]) CELL ([REDACTED]

[REDACTED]) E-Mail [REDACTED]

What school do you currently attend? Flintridge Prep

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Phone 8187901179 Contact [REDACTED]

What school will you attend this Fall? Flintridge Prep

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

AP Biology
Speech and Debate
Online courses in Animal behavior and Environmental science
Honors chem

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Clubs:

Zoology club
Speech and debate
Science olympiad
Girls who code
Computer science club
Research in school jellyfish lab

Awards:

La county fair qualifier
Star qualifier in congressional debate
1st place Sigma gamma rho Oratorical contest

Community service:

Volunteering for River clean ups and habitat restorations with FOLAR

Bi weekly Endangered bird data collection for Dept of Wildlife

Feeding the homeless monthly

Teaching underprivileged kids computer science with steam coders

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I would love to be a student Commissioner for Sustainability in Glendale. I have always been passionate about the environment and the organisms that live in it. I also love the Glendale community and I am passionate about making our city and our world a better place to live.

I moved to Glendale when I was ten years old and six years later I am still shocked by how awesome our city is. The feeling of community is so strong and I've seen it showcased so many times. As an African American teen, I was most proud of our city during the Black Lives Matter protest in Glendale where I was able to see so many diverse groups of people come together to help protect people like me. This sense of community makes me believe that Glendale can band together and start a new era where sustainability is a top priority.

Though Covid had many downfalls, one of the positives was that nature was thriving. I hope that the committee can help Glendale to attain the perfect nature and modern life balance. I have always been passionate about animals, I am president of the zoology club at my school, Flintridge Preparatory School, and I love making bird houses and hanging them up around my house! I also try to do my best to protect the planet we live on. I collect all the plastic water bottles that I use and then I trade them at a recycling center!

My summer goal is to volunteer more at LA River clean-ups and hopefully expand into habitat restoration and composting. I also hope to get my entire family to join me. If I was on this committee, I would bring so many new ideas for how to improve Glendale's environment and appreciate the wildlife in it. I am also very dedicated, hardworking and passionate about environmental and ecological science and would love to apply my knowledge to real-life problems. Some of the ideas I have are increasing the number of trees in Central Park because I often see birds in the open field with no habitat. I also think recycling challenges could be a good idea to motivate the community and get them excited about sustainability. Overall, I would love to be on the committee and help make Glendale greener.

Dr. Marlena Gasper, DACM, MSAOM, M.Ed.

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To Whom it May Concern,

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Mia Moore-Walker to the Glendale Sustainability Commission. I have known Mia for seven years both as her mentor, language arts teacher and tutor.

Mia is the most motivated student that I have worked with in all of my time teaching. She enjoys learning and is eager to accept all challenges. During our time together both as my mentee and student, I have come to know Mia as a honest, dependable and overall pleasant student. She goes out of her way to help her peers whenever possible. Additionally, she has strong ideas and is great at communicating them in a respectful and easily understandable way.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Mia to join your commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss Mia further.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Marlena Gasper, DACM, MSAOM, M.Ed

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend Mia Moore-Walker for your Glendale Sustainability Commission. Mia has been my student for four years (two years as her primary math homeschool teacher and two years as her Algebra and AP Biology tutor) and I think she would be an excellent candidate for your commission. Mia has an unmatched love for environmental science and geology. I have watched Mia's passion for environmental science grow from a general love for STEM in middle school to a more focused passion for environmental science in high school. Mia is a highly motivated student and her passion would be a benefit for your commission.

During my relationship with Mia I have experienced a goal-oriented student who shows up early to class, is always over-prepared and brings a ray of sunshine to every room she is in. Mia is also very polite, respectful and an excellent communicator. I believe she will bring her motivation, preparation and ideas to your sustainability commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you need anymore information.

Best,

Ted Kim Young




**Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner**

Name Reedy-Solano Aurora G
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Address 2900 Community Ave, La Crescenta-Montrose, CA 91214

Phone (818)249-5871 Contact ahairapetian@gusd.net [REDACTED]

What school will you attend this Fall? Crescenta Valley High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

AP Environmental Science

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

LEOs Club (community service club)- President (2020-21) and Advisor (2021- present)

Organizer for Youth Climate Strike LA (2022)

BAYHA Group Internship for Environmental Activism (2021)

Pear Tree Foundation Club (local environmental aid for our community) (2022)

Special Olympics Club (community service) (4 years)

Volleyball- CVHS girls volleyball team (4 years) and Club Koa (2 years)

Scholar Athlete award (2019, 2020, 2021)

Scholar Athlete- highest GPA on CVHS volleyball frosh/ soph team (2019)

Camp Counselor for La Crescenta Presbyterian Vacation Bible School (2019)

Falcon Award for CVHS girls' volleyball frosh/ soph team (2019)

Adelante Latinos Award (2019)

Student Senator (2019- 2020)

Journalism- Social Media Manager of the CVHS Falcon Newspaper

Quill and Scroll Honor society (for 2022-23 school year) President

Sunrise La Crescenta (2020-21)

California Scholarship Federation (2022)

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Statement of Interest

The future of our Earth is dependent on the actions we take today. There are many ways to make small adjustments to conserve and preserve Earth's resources. Using less water, driving energy efficient cars, and recycling plastics are just a few things that I and many other people have done to help our Earth's ailing environment. Unfortunately, these small actions by a handful of people have not led to the change necessary to save our planet from its impending destruction. That is why I want to take my actions a step further and be apart of the change on a higher level. I would be honored to be a part of Glendale's sustainability commission. As a student commissioner, I hope to be able to help our environment by aiding in plans to protect and conserve Earth's vital resources. Local, state, and national governments have the power in their hands to implement serious changes in our society.

If elected as a commissioner, I plan on bringing many things to the table. Both my experience in leadership and environmental programs and classes has given me lots of knowledge that would be beneficial to the commission. Being apart of on organization like Youth Climate strike, I am aware of many of the issues that teens are concerned about in Los Angeles, especially regarding the climate. Coming from 3 generations of my family being citizens of Glendale, it would be an honor to serve our city and protect its prized environment.

I envision Glendale's environmental future to be a place where nature, animals, and humans all live in harmony together. Southern California has a unique climate that only a few places on Earth also share. Those living in the chaparral biome can appreciate warm summers, mild winters, and nature all around. I hope to use this knowledge to our advantage and implement ways to enhance our distinctive environment. One plan would be to plant native species in dense urban areas and adding small, local parks. This would help our wildlife, climate, and citizens. Increasing the amount of green spaces would help cool our localized climate and in turn save energy from using less air conditioning, prevent wildlife from venturing from beyond their habitat in search for water, and overall, help the global climate crisis. This is just an example of one change that could lead to more impactful changes for our environment. I hope for my generation to enjoy all the natural beauty this planet has to offer and help foster an environment that welcomes generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

June 14, 2022

To whom it may concern,

It is with immense pleasure that I write a recommendation on behalf of Ms. Aurora Reedy-Solano and the outstanding work she has accomplished with regards to promoting and teaching about sustainable practices. As a member of the Environmental Activism Deep Dive experience during the summer of 2021 for the Bayha Group Summer Internship program, Aurora went above and beyond to educate her peers about environmental issues surrounding the fishing industry and the growing list of detrimental effects on marine ecosystems and cetacean populations. In observing her research and her presentations on such issues, it quickly became very apparent that Aurora was extremely dedicated to both researching environmental issues and brainstorming effective solutions. Her determination and passion always shone through her work, and she always communicated in a compelling way that made people want to listen. When she presented her final project, it was live streamed and viewed by school district officials. In voicing and spreading awareness about such issues, Aurora has been able to make a real world impact in ways that inspire more youth to do the same. Ms. Reedy-Solano is a prime example of a youth that embodies the goals for the future success of this planet, and I have no doubt in observing youth like her that there is hope for a more sustainable, environmentally focused future where students continue to make real world impacts with the work they do. I have no doubt that Aurora will continue such excellent work in everything she pursues, especially given how dedicated and passionate she has proven to be with educating her peers and superiors. If given the chance, I know Ms. Aurora Reedy-Solano would take on the world and advocate for its benefit.

Sincerely,
Emily Brent
Bayha Group Co-Designer

Christina Engen

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6th June 2022

Sustainability Commission

City of Glendale
613 E. Broadway
Glendale, CA 91206

To Whom It May Concern,

As the AP Environmental Science teacher at Crescenta Valley High School, I am happy to recommend my student, Aurora Reedy-Solano, to be a member of the student sustainability commission for the City of Glendale.

Aurora has shown dedication to the course and topics surrounding the environment during this school year. Aurora has been a positive member of this class by staying on top of her assignment and participating in discussions with peers. Her desire to learn more about the environment and how to help has been exemplified through her work in AP Environmental Science this past year.

I am confident that Aurora would be a positive addition and a great fit for the student sustainability commission for the City of Glendale.

Sincerely,



Please call if you have
any questions 626-487-3015

Christina Engen



**Sustainability Commission
APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissioner**

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Telephone HM [REDACTED] CELL [REDACTED]

E-Mail [REDACTED]

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Phone 818-242-3161 ext. 4136 Contact Chad D. Horton

What school will you attend this Fall? Glendale High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

Chemistry
Pre-calculus,
Life science

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Heal the Bay – Santa Monica
Save the Seas Club – Glendale High School
Key Club – Glendale High School (start up in progress)

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June 16, 2022

Dear Glendale Sustainability Commission:

I have always admired nature from a young age. I have fond memories of staying in our family cabin in Big Bear. We would go on hikes through the woods seeing all kinds of wildlife. Although it has been a long time since I've been to Big Bear, I still admire the calmness and tranquility that comes with being around nature. I have participated in multiple Heal the Bay efforts to clean up our beaches and am currently a cabinet member of the Key Club, a student run offshoot of the Kiwanis Club which we are starting at my school. It is my hope to be able to promote and protect the sustainability and tranquility of Glendale through efforts focused on sustainable lifestyles.

Nature can be difficult to find and connect with when living in an urban community like Glendale. Unless we find better ways to live, that connection could be lost. Our many years of urbanization have severely affected the ecosystems that have always been here. Lately we have started to feel the repercussions of those decisions. Preserving our resources has become an important issue. Although sometimes it can be difficult to comprehend how one person can make a difference on a larger scale, I think one of the best places to start is at home, in our own community. It is my hope to help create and promote a sustainable Glendale by working with others to brainstorm and construct effective recycling, water preservation, and pollution reduction methods that the community will embrace and be proud of.

As a potential student member of this commission, I would like to contribute to innovative new perspectives and ideas to help the Glendale community create a sustainable future. I look forward to obtaining insight into how new policies are formed and what effect they have on the community. I hope you consider me for this position. I will be hardworking and dedicated and will take seriously any responsibilities I may acquire in the process.

Thank you.

Elsa Graham

June 12, 2022

Dear Glendale Sustainability Commission,

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Elsa Graham to be selected as an Ex Officio Student Commissioner.

I have known Elsa for four years in my capacity as a Japanese teacher at Wilson Middle School and Glendale High School in Glendale, California. Starting in kindergarten, and up through her sophomore year, she has participated in the Japanese dual immersion program in Glendale. Her culminating achievement was completing the AP Japanese course and the exam. As a result of her commitment and long-term dedication to her language study, she is now sufficiently bilingual in English and Japanese. This proved her tremendous dedication to her Japanese language study, and her commitment will lead her to further success.

During my experience as Elsa's teacher, I had the opportunity to get to know an individual who is highly motivated, goal-oriented, and always shows her responsibility to strive to do her best. For example, during the pandemic, many students struggled with the new schedule of online classes. In contrast, Elsa consistently navigated her studies with ease. She was always punctual both in person and with her assignments, and she adapted to this difficult time by utilizing her concentration and dedication to her learning.

One of Elsa's most outstanding attributes is how she works with others. She is very observant and in tune with the needs of others. She has been a very respectful and considerate person to classmates and teachers in class. She is good at listening to others, and she always participated actively in class discussions and provided profound input in the class. Once, in class, we discussed Japanese views on having sustainable life in the Edo period. While listening to her comments during our discussion, it became clear how well she understands and how much she cares about environmental sustainability. She is deeply committed to the environment and willing to take action.

With her integrity and diligence, I am sure that Elsa will be an excellent member of the Glendale Sustainability Commission as a fully bilingual student who can value diverse cultures and opinions, and contribute to communities and environmental health in Glendale. Elsa is a highly determined individual, and if accepted as an Ex Officio Student Commissioner, she will surely be able to contribute to a greener, more sustainable Glendale.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tae Okuda
Japanese teacher
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To: Whom it may concern

I am writing this letter as a personal recommendation for Elsa Graham for the Glendale Sustainability Commission. I have been Elsa's science teacher this past year and think she would be a great addition to the Commission.

Throughout the year Elsa has shown determination and hard work in my class. She actively participates in class, and is always timely with assignments - never sacrificing quality to do so. She easily grasps new concepts and seems excited by the material presented.

Given the opportunity to participate in the Sustainability Commission, I believe Elsa could present this committee with fresh perspectives and useful ideas to help make Glendale a better place to live.

For these reasons, I endorse Elsa's application for the sustainability Commission without reservation.

Sincerely

Mrs Jahshan

Chemistry teacher at GHS

June 1st, 2022

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When the world stopped revolving and everyone was caged in their own homes, it got me thinking about the state of the world and self-reflecting. After falling down a rabbit hole of research, I made a decision to help sustain Earth in whatever way I could. First, I started walking to Trader Joe's instead of having my parents drive me there. Then, I started using reusable shopping bags. I ditched the straws at Starbucks and started drinking straight out of the cup. I started exploring thrift shops down on Magnolia in Burbank and falling in love with 90s and 2000s apparel. And finally, my best decision yet was going vegan. Twenty-one months strong, I feel healthier and have a better conscience knowing I am even impacting others around me to try vegan options. I hope to use all that I learned from being vegan to help make Glendale a greener place. Additionally, I learned many things that could help me sustain Glendale in my AP Environmental Science course I took this year. I learned about renewable and nonrenewable energy, greenhouse gases and their sources, climate change, the harmful effects of fisheries and other animal industries, ecosystems, etc. I hope I will be able to apply what I learned in this class into making choices for the sustainable future of Glendale. Deep down, I love caring about the Earth and environment. I hope by earning a position in the Sustainability Commission, I can help voice my concerns about the environmental issues in Glendale. I hope to address concerns about water shortages and what steps could be taken to reduce water waste. Additionally, I would like to discuss ways in which people could reduce how much electricity they waste. This summer, I will be going to Virginia to participate in The Washington Journalism and Media Conference. I believe that the skills I learn in media and journalism can help me excel in the Commission by enabling me to spread our messages to Glendale residents. If given the opportunity to serve in the Sustainability Commission, my goal would be to create solutions to existing sustainability issues to earn Glendale the nickname, "Green City, Glendale."



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Lena Kortoshian
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June 10, 2022

Glendale Sustainability Commission
Re: Emily Simonyan

Focused, driven and hardworking, Emily Simonyan has proven herself to be a stellar student. Since freshmen year, Emily has demonstrated that she is dedicated to achieving academic excellence. She continually challenges herself with rigorous coursework across all academic disciplines while maintaining a strong grade point average. To date, she has taken and successfully completed eight AP/Honors courses and is slated to take four more AP classes in her senior year. This is a student who truly embraces the process of learning and is always looking for opportunities to broaden her horizons; thus, it is my pleasure to write this recommendation letter for her as she applies for a student member position on the Glendale Sustainability Commission.

As her counselor for the last three years, I have witnessed Emily's tremendous growth as a student and individual. She has vigorously pursued her passions both within our school and in the community. At Clark, she is a senior member of our Mock Trial team and has earned accolades for her performance at the trial competition this year. Emily was tasked with writing the closing argument for the prosecution and shined in this role. In addition to this she is committed to animal welfare and volunteers at a cat shelter every weekend as well as serving as president of the Anti-Animal Cruelty Club. This summer, Emily will be attending a journalism and media conference at George Mason University. With an eye towards a career in journalism, she is hoping that this enrichment program will enable her to further explore the field. Coupled with her extracurricular activities, Emily is also deeply interested in science. Currently, she is completing AP Environmental Science, a class which will inform her work on the Sustainability Commission.

On an interpersonal level, Emily is a poised and mature young woman who takes a serious approach to not only her education, but any task that she undertakes. Her professionalism, work ethic and strong sense of responsibility will enable her to make meaningful contributions to the work conducted by the Sustainability Commission. I am confident that if afforded the opportunity to serve, she will prove herself to be a valuable member. Thus, she has my enthusiastic recommendation.

Sincerely,

Anna Margaryan

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Counselor



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June 9, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with my full support that I recommend Emily Simonyan to join the Sustainability Commission as a student member for the City of Glendale. I met Emily in the Fall of 2020, when she was enrolled in my *The Living Earth* class over distant learning. Over the course of a year in lockdown, Emily participated fully in the class, easily earning an "A."

This year in my Advanced Placement Environmental Science class, Emily learned to use GIS for environmental science. She was able to determine the solar potential of her home using the Los Angeles County Solar Map Application. She learned to use the Survey123 mobile app to collect and analyze data. Emily has created thematic maps of global hunger, used data from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to analyze the effects of sea level rise in the USA and performed a site suitability analysis for a new wind farm. She's made a local map of invasive plants, participated in a class project collecting and analyzing soil samples at school and at the neighboring Dunsmore Park to create an interpolation map of soil type. She has used GIS to map our local watershed and perform a downstream trace to show how litter and pollutants generated on our school campus will eventually make their way to the ocean through our storm drain system.

Emily used satellite imagery through remote sensing viewers to create Before/After swipe maps to illustrate the extent of clearcutting in the Amazon rainforest and the expansion of fracking in Texas. She also participated in the Citizen Science project, *Crowd the Tap*, to analyze drinking water quality in the community. Her web application of that project visualized the data as both a map and series of graphs for each variable that she tested.

Emily loves to collaborate with her peers on projects. For example, she and her friends made a short video submission for the *From the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest*. In the video, they addressed this year's theme of the contest, *The Funny Thing About Climate Change*.

If selected as a Student Commissioner, Emily will bring her experience in environmental science, knowledge of GIS and her creative approach to help solve environmental issues facing the City of Glendale. Without a doubt, Emily Simonyan is one of my strongest students and an excellent candidate for the Student Commissioner position with the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission. Feel free to contact me to discuss this candidate's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

Dominique Evans-Bye
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APPLICATION
Student Ex Officio Commissione:

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Last First MI

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What school do you currently attend? Glendale High School

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Phone (818) 242-3161 Contact Chadman Horton

What school will you attend this Fall? Glendale High School

List specific subjects studied applicable to this position

- Biology
- AP Language Literature
- Save the Seas Club

Community Service, Awards, Clubs (attach additional sheet if necessary)

- Save the Seas Club, President of Creative Writing Club, Book Club, WE Club
- Packing meals for needy elderly, making care packages for the homeless, selling goods to aid Artsakh, beach cleanup
- National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, 4-time winner of the GUSD Invention Convention, Commission on the Status of Women student ex-officio

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Sustainability and the environment has always been something I have been passionate about. Learning about extinct or near-extinct animals and depleting ecosystems, has inspired me to make choices that better serve our planet's well-being. Through taking part in this committee, I hope to address issues concerning sustainability in Glendale, and also gain further insight on challenges facing the environment worldwide. Some of the areas I am hoping to address are making sure there is more than adequate opportunities for Glendale citizens to practice recycling, city government, and also implementing more programs to educate members of the community on the climate crisis. Being a passionate environmental activist and gaining more knowledge about ecological issues and how to solve them are my main reasons for applying to be part of this commission.

As a girl scout troop leader, my service to nature and holding a position of power are predominant parts of my life. I pride myself with the ability to lead young members of the community through reducing their carbon footprint. Whether it be through eco-bricking with spare plastic, using beeswax wraps instead of plastic bags, or making an effort to recycle everything they possibly can, I plan to urge them to advocate for change. Not only do I plan on hearing from our youth, but also from knowledgeable members in our community who can provide insight on how sustainability has developed in Glendale over the decades. I also plan on working with the Commission to use the information gathered from different members of our community to better reach out to the public and have them seriously consider taking more action in protecting the planet for future generations.

Growing up in a world in which profits trump our planet's welfare, I understand first hand the many ways that the simple, daily actions one takes can have serious impacts in the long run. As a proud activist, my unique stance in the movement has allowed me to learn about the

critical role individuals have in making the world more eco-friendly. I am educated on the plethora of ways past generations have contributed to the climate crisis and am determined to rewrite the wrongs we've made in order to ensure the world doesn't suffer from a self-inflicted problem. However, I am so fortunate to be surrounded by members in the sustainability movement who have always encouraged me to advocate for better laws to protect our environment and work towards making my life more eco-friendly. I am confident that I too can aid in setting an example for all of Glendale to more carefully consider their actions and how they can reduce their carbon footprint. Equipped with past academic knowledge from girl scouts and Save the Seas Club about issues concerning the planet, I hope to be a voice on this commission as we advocate for a more sustainable environment in a polluted society.



"Dynamiter Pride"

To Whom It May Concern:

Emma Gonzalez is a remarkable young woman, full of promise and potential. She is a hard worker with endless determination and a positive attitude as well.

Emma is a top student in my AP Language and Composition class this year. She is an exemplary role model for the class, displaying what it takes to be a successful student.

Emma is a hard worker and very driven to achieve her goals. She is bright, focused, and knows what she needs to do to achieve what she wants. She is an incredibly talented writer, and has exceptional critical thinking skills.

She is a great student academically in every discipline, but she is also a down to earth and kind person. Her heart is always in the right place, and she is genuinely helpful to her peers. Her positive attitude and thoughtful insights to class discussions make her an ideal member of a class community.

She is involved in school activities, keeping her busy and occupied with extra-curricular activities. She is an active member of the swim and water polo teams. She has learned how to strike a balance between a rigorous academic schedule and an active social life, making her a well-rounded young woman.

Emma is actively involved in clubs on campus and shares her passion for conservation and sustainability by being an active member of the Save the Seas Club. She is a passionate and responsible person who will make a great impact on the world. I highly recommend her for the position at the City of Glendale Sustainability Commission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Keefer".

Lisa Keefer
English Teacher/ Advisor Save the Seas Club
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To whom this may concern,

My name is Michelle Reyes and I was Emma Gonzalez's science teacher during her freshman year. I have stayed in contact with Emma ever since. She is kind enough to reach out to me once in a while to check how I am doing. Knowing Emma even beyond her time with me as one of my students, I can attest to her abilities thoroughly. It is an absolute honor to support Emma in her endeavors, by writing this letter. There is no one more qualified than Emma to fill this position.

Emma is such a well-rounded candidate, both academically and in personality. She is extremely intelligent and is a very hard worker. She only does her best and definitely performs above average as a student, she additionally was one of my students of the month. She is also able to work both independently and in teams if need be, as she is both a great leader and listener. She can delegate yet take direction very well.

Emma has a very warm kind energy about her that is so welcoming to others, which is an especially important quality to have for this position. For example, I had a student join us during the second semester from another country and immediately introduced her to Emma, because I knew Emma would be a friend and mentor to this new student. Emma took care of this student the entire semester, helping her and being a friend to her. In addition, Emma is a very respectful person towards her teachers and fellow classmates. She is also full of strength and courage, as I saw her overcome some challenging situations. That especially is not easy for such a young adult, but I think she came out of those challenges even stronger than she was before.

Emma is also involved in extracurricular activities such as sports and school clubs. She can handle and balance her responsibilities effectively while highly performing in all of them. She has a lot of skills but she is pushing herself to take on new challenges to enhance her skillset. This will also help her achieve her future goals of college and career. I know she always wants to help others but in us giving her the challenges she is asking for, we help her as well. We need to strengthen and prepare her in all the ways we can to ensure she is well equipped for her bright future ahead.

Emma's strength, caring personality, positive warm energy and integrity for her work are all ideal qualities to have for this position. She is the ideal candidate and I support her 100%. She will definitely make a positive impact on this organization.

I look forward to her election. Feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Michelle Reyes
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