



City of Gilroy Board, Committee, & Commission Application

**All Commission, Board, and Committee applications are a public record.*

Board/Committee/Commission of Interest:		Youth Commission	
Name:	Emily Lai		
Phone number(s):	Mobile - [REDACTED]	email address*:	[REDACTED]
Are you a registered voter within the City limits?		No	
Physical Address*:	[REDACTED]		
Driver's License or ID No.:		Date of Birth*:	Last 4 of SSN:
List your qualifications for this appointment:			
- founded a community service club in Gilroy and is serving as co-president - journalist position for non profit organization - leadership role for church and religion school - served as vice president on asb for 2 years - job as a tutor - school tutor			
List any service to the community including any prior appointments:			
I am the president of a community service community club that began as a school club, but now is available for anyone from (hollister to morgan hill). It is known as interact club. I work hand in hand with my rotary club/Rotarians. I participate in community service as well as host/organize events for community service opportunities for other teens to be an active member of their community. For instance, I have have organized community service projects for senior citizens, children in hospitals, military workers, and many more events. Additionally, I serve as a journalist for a non profit organization to engage youth in community service and projects. Lastly, I worked on a leadership board, volunteering for churches and religion schools. We went on retreats and organized events for our churches.			
What are your goals while serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?			
I would like to be apart of the Youth Commission Board as I want to better Gilroy's community, making it more inclusive and adequate for the youth to thrive. By being apart of the youth board, I can advocate for myself as a 16 year old girl, but more importantly represent and speak for my friends, neighbors, and peers to make a difference in their community, allowing them to become a more involved member of their community. The biggest problem I have faced as being a youth in Gilroy is having a lack of activities or places to socialize with my friends. I strongly believe this is a major aspect of building a community, as people need places to build relations and have a fun time. If I am appointed to be on this board, I plan to pitch ideas to fundraise to earn			

money, Therefore we can further have funds to plan and organize events and socials, that allows youth to go to. Additionally, if possible, I would love to offer ideas of what the City of Gilroy should build to make the city more inclusive for teens.

Why are you the most qualified to serve on this Board/Commission/Committee?

I am most qualified to serve on this board as I have the leadership skills and experience that are necessary for this role. Additionally, as I am an active youth of this community, I know what issues or topics need to be addressed, but more importantly I have plenty of ideas on ways to help.

School: Dr. TJ Owens Gilroy Early College Academy / Grade: 11th

✓	By clicking on this box, I declare under penalty of perjury that I am currently a registered voter within the City limits of the City of Gilroy. Furthermore, I understand that this application and any attachments are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act and must complete mandatory Open Government Ordinance Training. I further understand that members of the Planning Commission, Building Boards of Appeals, and Physically Challenged Board of Appeals are also subject to filing the Fair Political Practice Commission's Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 relating to financial disclosures.
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