



# 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:	Chad Knauss		
Phone number(s):		email address*:	
Are you a registered voter within the City limits?		No	
Physical Address*:			
Driver's License or ID No.:		Date of Birth*:	
		Last 4 of SSN:	
<b>List your qualifications for this appointment:</b>			
<p>I applied for and was selected by the Junior High faculty at my school to be a member of our student Campus Leadership Team. As a member, I served for two years. The goal of the Campus Leadership Team was to improve student morale for sixth, seventh and eighth graders and to act as a liaison between students and faculty. Some of my duties included mentoring incoming sixth graders, meeting with small groups monthly so that they felt comfortable throughout their first year of junior high. I was also involved in planning, budgeting and executing school events to foster student spirit throughout the school year. This included our Fall Festival, Cultural Fair, Christmas Rally, Summer Extravaganza and more. As part of the student leadership team, we also raised funds to distribute to local charities and homeless shelters.</p>			
<b>List any service to the community including any prior appointments:</b>			
<p>We moved to Gilroy in 2020 and unfortunately, COVID limited my ability to get involved in city events, but I am eager to get involved now.</p>			
<b>What are your goals while serving on this Board/Commission/Committee?</b>			
<p>I would like to be appointed to the Gilroy Youth Commission because I want to contribute to the betterment of my community. I believe in the power of youth voices and want to make a positive impact on the issues that affect the youth in our city. Civic engagement is extremely important to me and having an opportunity to serve on the Youth Commission and make a difference within my city truly excites me.</p>			
<b>Why are you the most qualified to serve on this Board/Commission/Committee?</b>			
<p>Being a two year member of my junior high Campus Leadership Team has given me an opportunity to find creative ways to improve student morale for over 700 students. I was part of</p>			

a small leadership team that planned, budgeted and executed student led events and activities while also raising funds for local charities. I have a passion for, and closely follow, local, state, and federal government. My personal goal is to be civically engaged throughout high school and to pursue a degree in political science in college and continue to be involved in government at some level thereafter.

✓	<p>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.</p>
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