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| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | | |
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| NAME | | | DATE |
| Nikita Jadhav | | | 05/19/2021 |
| RESIDENCE ADDRESS | | | HOME PHONE |
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| CITY | STATE | ZIP | CELL PHONE |
| San Marcos | CA | 92078 | |
| HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN SAN MARCOS? | | REGISTERED TO VOTE IN SAN MARCOS? | |
| Nearly 9 years | | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| NAME OF COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE) | ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CONFIRMED (City Clerk Use Only) | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Youth Commission | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| NAME OF ORGANIZATION | DATES SERVED | | OFFICE HELD (If any) |
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| | START DATE | END DATE | |
| San Marcos Youth Commission | 01/2021 | 06/30/2021 | Alternate Member |
| Teach-Technology Organization Inc. | 11/2020 | Present | Head of Social Media and Senior Blog Writer |
| Mission Hills High School No Place for Hate committee with the worldwide Anti-Defamation League | 10/2020 | Present | Nominated by a teacher to be a Founding Member and appointed by teachers and the principal as President |

OCCUPATION/EDUCATION HISTORY

| ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL | DATES SERVED | | TYPE OF BUSINESS/DEGREE |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| | START DATE | END DATE | |
| Mission Hills High School | 08/2021 | Present | High School Diploma (Part of California Scholarship Federation; Student of the Month [March and September]) |
| UC Scouts | 01/2021 | Present | Taking AP Computer Science Principles |
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OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE

Answers attached on a separate, emailed document. (Document was emailed along with this application)

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR IMPLEMENTED?

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MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THIS COMMISSION TO YOU?

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1. Other Relevant Experience/Expertise

I also participated in the national Project CS Girls competition, for which I developed biodegradable plastic that breaks down in water, leveraged bacteriophages to fight antibiotic resistance using technology, and mined data from Twitter to find the drivers of a lack of diversity, for which I won national awards for. Recently, upon coordinating a team from across the world, we won 1st place at the worldwide Helyx 2020 Hackathon. Additionally, I recently won Honorable Mentions for the National Center for Women in Technology, Aspirations in Computing, San Diego Regional Affiliate.

At school, I am a part of Freshman Class Council, I am a member of the California Scholarship Federation, I was the Captain of the Freshman Academic Team, and I am a part of Model UN. Additionally, I was elected to be Vice President of the Women In STEM club at our school for next year, along with Sophomore Class President for the upcoming school year.

Additionally, I am on the social media team at the Southern California chapter of Young Women in Biology, for which I also attend the monthly planning meetings. I am passionate about diversity, therefore I am currently developing a program at my previous middle school to encourage other young girls to pursue STEM. I play basketball for the Junior Varsity girls team at Mission Hills High School. I also do classical Indian dance and I recently got my black belt in karate, both in which I mentor younger students.

I have truly loved being able to serve as an Alternate member on the Youth Commission, because all of my experiences are born from my passion for wanting to make the change that I want to see in our community and society. My continuous passion to learn drives my determination and effort towards leadership.

2. What city programs/projects would you like to see implemented or improved?

I would like to see more events, for they can bring the youth community together. I would like to see events that target all age groups in the youth, and a diverse range of people. Attracting and engaging all types of young members of society, such as from diverse ethnic backgrounds, races, religions, nationalities, sexual orientations, genders, and other factors of diversity, can allow for greater visibility on the welfare of all of the youth of San Marcos, not simply one group. Additionally, I feel that further conveying that the Youth Commission is an advocate for the youth, and ensuring that this message is clear, will allow for more of the youth to approach the Youth Commission to address issues that have arisen in the San Marcos community, considering that they will understand that the Youth Commission is a safe space to identify and navigate issues that the youth is facing. Essentially, I would like to increase interaction with the youth of San Marcos, and do so by focusing on one age group at a time.

3. Most interesting aspect of this commission to you?

I have always been drawn to leadership roles, because I feel that it gives me the incredible opportunity to be able to give others a voice. The San Marcos Youth Commission allows me to do so, while supporting my community that I am incredibly grateful for. I am passionate to address the equity issues in our society, and the Youth Commission allows me to utilize empathy to amplify the voices of those who tend to not be heard as much: the youth.

Nikita Jadhav

Nikita Jadhav

20 May 2021

City Clerk

Dear San Marcos City Clerk,

As a passionate and empathetic young woman, I am always seeking to both learn and assist others. Thus, when I heard about the Youth Commission, I immediately knew that I would apply. My visions and passions align with the goals of the Youth Commission, to assist the youth through a variety of means, for the youth is the future of tomorrow.

Assisting my fellow youth is a passion that I am dedicated to, motivating me to work hard, and put forth my best work. I continuously put forth my best work in what I am involved in and I bring new, innovative ideas to the table, which is reflected in my achievements and school grades.

With the pressures of distance learning, the mental health of much of the youth has deteriorated, thus I have sought to assist my fellow youth through such times by setting up events to reach out to freshmen at my high school, and working towards decreasing hate in my school. I feel that the San Marcos Youth Commission will allow me to reach the youth in a meaningful manner, with the original ideas, passion, and hard work I bring to the field.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and I truly believe that I can valuably assist the youth of San Marcos. Thank you for the opportunity to do so through the San Marcos Youth Commission.

Sincerely,



Nikita Jadhav

Nikita Jadhav

A passionate young woman, Nikita has the ability to quickly learn and thrive in new, professional environments. Nikita is empathetic, allowing her to connect with those she works with and what she is working towards, with innovative ideas.

Personal Brand: Nikita is an understander, she uses empathy to create innovative ideas and lead others, while pursuing her passions.

PROJECTS

Data Science for Diversity and Inclusion - 5th Place Nationally (Project CS Girls)-2020

I utilized data science to mine data from Twitter to identify the drivers of a lack of diversity and inclusion, in the field of technology.

Leveraging Bacteriophages - National Finalist (Project CS Girls) - 2019

I developed a way to harness bacteriophages, to properly sanitize food, specifically battling antibiotic resistant harmful bacteria.

Biodegradable Plastic - Honorable Mentions (Project CS Girls) - 2018

I made biodegradable plastic that breaks down in water, whereas current biodegradable plastics do not.

EXPERIENCE

No Place for Hate Committee, Mission Hills High School—*Founding Member and President*

October 2020 - Present

Empathy, critical thinking, organization, and planning.

- Working with the worldwide Anti-Defamation League, staff, principal, and students

Head of Social Media, Teach-Technology Organization

November 2020-Present

Managing social media platforms and graphic design; 8 hours per week

Qualities:

- Creativity
- Empathy

San Marcos Youth Commission, Serve on Local Government

January 2021-Present

Oversee wellbeing of the youth of our city through serving on this commission

Qualities:

- Creativity
- Empathy

Young Women In Biology Social Media Team, Southern California Chapter

March 2021-Present

Founding Project CS Girls Chapter, Double Peak K-8 School

February 2021-Present

Founding Project CS Girls to encourage other girls to pursue computer science

West Coast Martial Arts Academy, Encinitas, CA — Karate Assistant and Black Belt

January 2021-Present

Assistant in karate (virtual setting); assist instructors to teach younger students and am a black belt.

Versatility, communication, and leadership.

Senior Blog Writer, Teach-Technology Organization

June 2020-Present

Writing skills and professional environment experience.

Freshman Class Council, Mission Hills High School— *Ambassador*

August 2020-Present

Critical thinking, empathy, organization, and planning.

Nrityalaya Dance Academy, San Marcos, CA — *Classical Indian Dance/ Graduation*

2016 - Present

I am learning Classical Indian Dance, and when necessary, I teach it and work with other students, and am on my path to graduation

Versatility, communication, and leadership.

Student Lighthouse Team, Double Peak K-8 School— *Leader*

2017-2018; October 2019-June 2020

Leadership, confidence, and collaboration; I also received the honor to deliver the 8th Grade Graduation Speech

Carlsbad City Library Summer Reading Program— *Leader and Volunteer*

2017-2018; October 2019-June 2020

Leadership, confidence, and collaboration; I also received the honor to deliver the 8th Grade Graduation Speech

EDUCATION

AWARDS

Helyx (2020

Worldwide)

Hackathon- 1st Place

National Project CS

Girls - Honorable

Mentions(2018);

Finalist (2019); 5th

Place (2020)

National Center for

Women and

Technology -

Honorable Mentions

2021 - San Diego

App-A-Thon 2018

(San Diego)- 1st Place

California Junior

Scholarship

Federation - 7th and

8th Grade

Mission Hills High

School September

Student of the Month

SKILLS

Strong work ethic

Strong communication

skills

Professional and mature

Quick learner and

versatile

Detail oriented

Thrives in fast paced and

high pressure

environments

Passionate about learning

LANGUAGES

Python

Java

English

Novice-High Spanish

Understand Hindi

Speak and understand

Marathi

Mission Hills High School, High School— *In Progress (Grade 9)*

August 2020- Present

Straight A+s, Key Club, Academic Team, Women in STEM Club, Red Cross Club, Model UN, Statistics and Data Science Club, Honors Classes, and AP Classes.

UC Scouts, High School— *In Progress (Grade 9)*

February 2021-Present

AP Psychology and AP Computer Science Principles

December 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Nikita Jadhav for the San Marcos Youth Commission. My name is Beth Anne Gutierrez and I teach 8th grade ELA at DPS K8 School in San Marcos. I had the privilege of teaching Nikita in both 6th and 8th grade ELA honors, so I am well aware of how qualified she is as a student and individual.

Nikita will be an asset to anything she is a part of. She consistently maintained an A in my classes due to her excellent writing skills, ability to articulate well, and responsibility as a student. Additionally, she was chosen to speak at her 8th grade virtual promotion due to her unifying and positive message. Furthermore, she works well individually as well as in groups which is obviously a skill she will need while working on a commission. She is a self starter and extremely independent. Her creative nature is evident in all that she does. Overall, Nikita is one of those individuals that any organization would love to have on their team due to her strong work ethic and her ability to make everyone feel comfortable and at ease. In essence, her light shines brightly for all people, regardless of who they are or where they are from.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you have regarding Nikita's ability to enhance the San Marcos Youth Commission. It is without hesitation that I recommend her to be a part of your team to support the youth of San Marcos.

Sincerely,

Beth Anne Gutierrez
8th Grade ELA Teacher
beth.gutierrez@smusd.org

12/11/2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Nikita Jadhav. As the ASB Director at Mission Hills High School, I have witnessed Nikita put forth a sincere and dedicated effort to get involved in Mission Hills and in the San Marcos community. Nikita is simply remarkable – highly conscientious, hard working, and dedicated-and I am proud to recommend her for a position in the San Marcos Youth Commission.

I first met Nikita during her 8th grade year when she interviewed for a position in ASB at Mission Hills High School. ASB is a very competitive program and only a few students were selected to join our class- Nikita was one of them. Unfortunately, Mission Hills switched to a 4x4 model in late August, which meant freshmen were no longer able to join the ASB class. Nikita met the challenge with a positive attitude and instead joined the Freshman Class Council where she has faithfully served this semester as representative for her class. In her role as a class representative she has planned events for her class and helped ASB stay connected to the Class of 2024, which has been more important this year than ever.

In addition to ASB, Nikita is also involved in the No Place for Hate Committee. Mission Hills High School is working with the ADL and No Place for Hate to help us incorporate new anti-bias and bullying prevention resources into our existing programs to have one consistent message of inclusivity. The No Place for Hate Committee was formed by reaching out to teachers to seek nominations for students who would be able to help us amplify other student voices. Nikita was nominated by her AVID teacher as the freshmen representative in the program.

Lastly, I want to mention that Nikita's personality is as impressive as her extracurricular accomplishments. As an extremely kind and encouraging girl, she has already made an impact at Mission Hills High School. I sincerely hope that you will be able to offer a spot in your program. If you have any questions you can contact me at laura.hinman@smusd.org.

Sincerely,

Laura Hinman
ASB Director, Mission Hills High School



December 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Nikita Jadhav for San Marcos Youth Commission. Since Double Peak School's opening, Nikita continued to amaze. She was a conscientious and passionate student leader. Her commitment to herself and her school was exceptional and positively impacted Double Peak School.

Nikita started at DPS as a 6th grade student and it was evident from the beginning that she was a special young lady. During her three years at DPS, she was a student mentor working with our younger students, an integral part of the Student Leadership Team, help develop our school's SUNS TV program, and was a key note speaker at our 8th grade promotion. She truly lives the 7 Habits.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Nikita for the Youth Commission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at _____ or email me at steve.baum@smusd.org.

Sincerely,

Steven Baum
Director of Secondary Education
Former Principal - Double Peak School



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| Chelsea Johnson | | | 05/19/2021 |
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| CITY | STATE | ZIP | CELL PHONE |
| San Marcos | California | 92069 | |
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| California Scholarship Federation | 1/13/20 | current | |
| Link Crew | 5/4/21 | current | Leader |
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OCCUPATION/EDUCATION HISTORY

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| | START DATE | END DATE | |
| Mission Hills High School | 8/21/19 | current | graduation: 2023 |
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OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE

- MHHS JV Girls Soccer (2020)
- MHHS Varsity Tennis (2021)
- Competitive soccer for 6 years and San Marcos Youth Soccer for 4 years
- Member of the MHHS Girl Up Club
- Taken numerous AP and Honors courses (AP Human Geography, AP World History, Honors Geometry, Honors English 9, Honors English 10, Honors Algebra 2)
- Infant and child CPR certified
- My father works in local government and I have been exposed to many public events. I have volunteered at events with him which has included setting up, participating in events, and cleaning up. I would really like to take part in my own community events in this same manner.

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR IMPLEMENTED?

I would like to see more youth activities and city hosted events for the teens of San Marcos to take part in. Activities that would get them engaged in outdoor events such as hikes, more involved in the environment, and keeping active, especially during these times where it is vital to take a break and disconnect from all of the technology surrounding our daily lives. There are many possibilities for events to be coordinated or held but I believe that the downtown of San Marcos is very centered around the community near CSUSM, causing a lack of unity for children and teens especially, thus the importance of these events. Fun and entertaining events such as glow in the dark dodgeball can be held. Rewarding and educational events that still contain the fun aspect can be put on as well. For example a trunk or treat Halloween event where children and teens can come in a fun and safe environment to learn about the different services offered in the city. The departments such as Sheriff, Fire, Recreation, and many more can showcase themselves to help the younger residents of our city understand the importance and what they do for them every day. These events can bring a sense of unity but also inform and inspire the youth of our community.

MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THIS COMMISSION TO YOU?

The most interesting aspect of the commission to me is being able to represent and serve as a voice for other teens and children in my community. Getting to make a difference in the city I was born and raised in and being apart of something bigger than myself is personally very inspiring and motivating. I would love to be able to reach out and be more connected with my neighbors all throughout the city.