



**g. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Scheduling a storage unit clean-up and inventory day**

**V. Adjournment:**

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## Palms Neighborhood Council Application

I used to fear the idea of death. The inevitable reality that one day, I will no longer be alive on this earth. It used to haunt me. Used to wake me up in the middle of the night where I would be forced to deal with this hard truth all by my lonesome. But then I got older.

While in college, I began to understand that there was more to fear beyond my own end. As a low income African American/Latino I knew that my own people were subjugated in this country, but through my higher learning, I began seeing that the injustices of this world spread so much farther. People died from being unable to afford a trip the hospital, parents worked two jobs just to keep their kids from starving, even my own classmates were crippling themselves with hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt just to get an education that maybe allowed them to overcome generations of systematic disparity.

It was from there, my fear changed. It was no longer just death, but a fear that I would die in a suffering world. This one carried with it more of a sense of defeat. That even after I was gone, the world would continue turning on its hateful path of exploiting others. It is an understanding that can make one catatonic. But inaction and sadness have never improved anything. Which is why I started volunteering with the PNC in the first place.

The Youth Representative Position is an opportunity for me to make actual change. As I have learned, the best way to make the world a better place is to positively impact youth. Adolescence is a fragile time when children start gaining an understanding of what is right, wrong and the proper way to treat each other. I believe that if we nurture the incoming generation, help guide them with support and opportunities to express themselves healthily, we can mold this generation into powerful leaders that get this planet on a track that ends the constant string of suffering it has endured for generations.

My background is predominantly in literature and creative writing, something I feel has the potential to make the greatest impact on youths. Stories are usually a child's first experience with developing empathy. Either they read about a world different from their own or they create one. I want to use my experience with writing to give young people a workshop environment where they will be encouraged to write and connect with their emotions.

Most importantly, however, I would like to dedicate a good chunk of time to educating the youths of the area on the existence of the PNC. I grew up in Palms and I did not even know we had a Neighborhood Council until I came across that yard sign advertising the general meeting 7 months ago. Palms is a very culturally diverse neighborhood, and it is my intention to reach out to various POC groups to teach them that they do have a voice, despite the hopeless nature of our cultural discourse. And I know what that hopeless feeling is like, to look around you and see no real solution. With this understanding, I want to show them that you just have to get up and start doing something, because every action you take has a larger impact. A belief I think should be carried by every member of the PNC.

Ideally, I believe that the PNC should always think beyond Palms. Our primary duty should be for the benefit of the neighborhood. However, the actions we take here should be enacted with the intention of having a positive effect overall. We outreach to the children because we want underrepresented groups to have a voice in the future. We plant more trees because we want there to be the beauty of nature for future generations. We fight to educate people about affordable housing because feeling safe and secure should be a right that no human being should do without. Each of these actions benefits Palms, but undoubtedly, even minimally, benefits the world as a whole.

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**EDUCATION**

**University of California Santa Cruz, June 2018**

**Santa Cruz, CA**

Bachelor of Arts in Literature with Creative Writing Concentration  
Cum Laude, 3.76 GPA

**EXPERIENCE**

Dreamscape Immersive

**Los Angeles, CA**

Tech Associate (Temporary Hire)

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018-Present

- Troubleshooting and repairing Virtual Reality related technology
- Maintaining virtual reality experiences for consumer consumption
- Logging issues, overseeing staff with team to ensure technological standard of company is upheld

Palms Neighborhood Council

**Los Angeles, CA**

Volunteer

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019-Present

- Participating in neighborhood clean ups and plant life maintenance
- Attending regular council meetings to understand and perpetuate the standards of the neighborhood.
- Campaign for candidates in the Palms area

88.1 FM KZSC

**Santa Cruz, CA**

Managing Editor of Morning News Broadcast/Disk Jockey

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

- Supervising reporting team, developing and assigning stories for contributing, affiliated and senior reporters
- Editor for news broadcasts, arranging the production of the news, compiling and creating audio documents, and maintaining the weekly news broadcast
- Working sound board and upholding FCC regulations on various live radio shows

Matchbox Magazine

**Santa Cruz, CA**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016-July 1, 2018

- Evaluating submissions for magazine, the only University of California wide literary publication
- Curating select prose, poetry, art, music and spoken word submissions from students, copy editing for grammatical mistakes
- Fundraising and development for the organization, and community outreach

**Skills and Programs**

Microsoft Office, Tableau, Amadeus, Audacity, Copy Editing, Content Editing, Community Outreach

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As my high school schedule ramps down and i approach college, i have more free time and would like to use it to do good. I want to do my part in improving the lives of people, and specifically youth in the community. I have a strong sense of right and wrong, and want to be an active participant in doing whats right. Because of these things, i believe i would be a good fit for this position. I think the PNC should strive to make positive change for impactful issues such as homelessness, education, law enforcement, transportation, and many more.

I look forward to meeting with you and hope you consider me for the position!