



CITY of CALABASAS

PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 7, 2021

TO: PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MARTY HALL, COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTING DIRECTOR *MH*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ANIKA KOLANU TO THE PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION AS A STUDENT MEMBER

MEETING DATE: APRIL 12, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the appointment of Anika Kolanu to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission as a student member.

BACKGROUND:

The Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission regularly appoints one high school resident of Calabasas to provide input on community matters. The Student Member serves as a non-voting member of the Commission providing insight on the needs and priorities of local teens.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Commission Chair, Laurel Ford and Facility Supervisor, Aimee Haber interviewed a number of qualified candidates in March, 2021, before recommending Anika Kolanu to the position. Having grown up in the LVUSD school system, she is currently serving as the leader of promotions on the

Calabasas High School Associated Student Body. She is also an active member of the Mayor's Youth Council exploring both local and global issues and developing Citywide programs in response. Lastly, Anika provided the selection committee with innumerable insights from her own direct experience with Community Services programs, events and park facilities.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the appointment of Anika Kolanu to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission as a student member.

ATTACHMENTS:

City of Calabasas Application for Appointment



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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

AS A MEMBER OF:

- Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Board
- Architectural Review Panel
- Art in Public Places Advisory Committee
- Arts Council
- Communications and Technology Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Commission
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Parks, Recreation & Education Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Commission
- Traffic & Transportation Commission
- Student Member Name of School: Calabasas High School
- Other:

Grade: 11

ARE THERE ANY WORKDAY EVENINGS YOU COULD NOT MEET? YES NO

If yes, when:

NAME: Anika Kolanu

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Check one: Calabasas, 91302 Calabasas, 91301 Topanga, 90290

HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]

CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]

E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

REGISTERED VOTER IN CALABASAS? YES NO IF STUDENT, PRE-REGISTERED: YES NO

OCCUPATION: Student

EMPLOYER:

BUSINESS TELEPHONE:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:

EDUCATION:

I culminated from Lupin Hill Elementary School in 2015 and culminated from A.E. Wright Middle School in 2018. I am currently enrolled at Calabasas High School and will be graduating in 2022.

CIVIC AFFILIATIONS:

I am the Commissioner of Publicity at Calabasas High School and a member of the board of the Mayor's Youth Council. As a part of my school's Associated Student Body, I work hard to promote the events that are going on and to find new ways to keep the student body engaged.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS:

Being a part of the Calabasas community has been a great experience. My interests include beautifying the city and bringing people together to celebrate our city's great traditions such as the Pumpkin and Earth Day Festivals. I also love utilizing the beautiful parks and hiking trails for more recreational activities because they can not be found anywhere else in LA.

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMISSION OR BOARD:

I am committed to the City of Calabasas and have been for all of my life. I am particularly interested in serving on the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission because I believe that Calabasas's natural landscapes, recreational parks, and facilities are an integral part of this amazing city. They serve as areas for members of the community to come together and celebrate amazing traditions, but they are also places where kids and families grow up. Living so close to De Anza Park and the Calabasas dog park has been one of the best parts of growing up and I want to make sure that others have that same experience. I also have a passion for environmental sustainability and I want to extend that passion to this commission by sharing ways that our parks and facilities can remain beautiful, but also clean and efficient. COVID-19 has presented challenges that nobody could have foreseen but it has also forced the city to be adaptable, which I believe is a character trait that I possess. Being a part of this commission will help me understand community programming better which will, in turn, allow me to be a better leader for the future generations of Calabasas residents.

February 25, 2021

DATE:



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Please attach any additional information relating to this application and return to the City Clerk, City of Calabasas, via US Mail at 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302; or by email at mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com. For more information, please call (818) 224-1600.

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