



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING (WORKSHOP)

CITY OF BANNING, CALIFORNIA

August 26, 2025
4:30 p.m.
In Chambers

Council Chambers
99 E. Ramsey Street
Banning, CA 92220

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items Only

3. WORKSHOP

3.1 Candidate Interviews for, and Appointments to, the Banning Youth Council

Recommendation: Interview qualified candidates for, and make appointments to, the Banning Youth Council.

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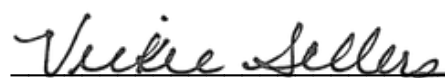
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Vickie Sellers, Elected City Clerk
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CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Arturo Vela, Acting City Manager

PREPARED BY: Sandra Calderon, Acting Administrative City Clerk
Ralph Wright, Park and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

SUBJECT: Candidate Interviews for, and Appointments to, the Banning Youth Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Interview qualified candidates for, and make appointments to, the Banning Youth Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Banning Youth Council is as an advisory board to the City Council established under Chapter 2.42 of the Banning Municipal Code (BMC). The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide City youth with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process of city government, represent and articulate the needs of City youth, as well as advise the City Council on matters affecting the youth and teen population, especially City programs relating to youth and teens.

The Youth Council is composed of nine (9) members who are appointed for two-year terms that can be extended once. Currently two (2) positions are vacant due to graduation.

Today's interviews will include: Faith Banuelos and Josue Sanchez Omana

JUSTIFICATION:

The City opened the application period for Youth Council appointments and publicly posted the vacancies on the City's website. The City Clerk's Office received two (2) applications, and both applicants meet the qualifications to serve.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Interview qualified candidates for appointment to the Youth Council and appoint members to the Youth Council.
2. Do not make appointments to the Youth Council and provide alternate direction to staff.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [YC Application _ Faith Banuelos.pdf](#)
2. [YC Applicaton _ Josue Sanchez Omana.pdf](#)
3. [Banning__CA_Code_of_Ordinances.pdf](#)
4. [Interview_Questions_-_Youth_Council_Applicants.pdf](#)



APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE BANNING YOUTH COUNCIL

This application is to serve in one of nine positions on the new Banning Youth Council. The term of office for all positions are two years and are extendable by up to one year. The Banning Youth Council meets monthly on the **First Tuesday** of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Name	<u>Faith Banuelos</u>
Phone	<u>951-570-7743</u>
Email Address	<u>faithbanuelos4@gmail.com</u>
Address	<u>78 Pendleton Rd Banning CA 92220 United States</u>
What High School do you currently attend?	<u>Beaumont High School</u>
What grade are you in?	<u>11</u>
How long have you lived in Banning?	<u>15 years</u>
Are you able to commit to attend Council meetings on its regular meeting date?	☒ Yes ☐ No

*Information requested below will be used by the City Council as a screening process to determine which applicants will be chosen to serve. **Please do not submit supplemental materials.***

1. Tell us about your background including education, extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, civic involvement, and other experience relative to this appointment?

I am passionate about leadership, education, civic engagement, and making a positive impact in my community. Academically, I choose to challenge myself with rigorous courses such as dual enrollment and AP, particularly in subjects that will set me up to become a patent lawyer in the future. Outside the classroom, I am involved in empowering clubs, such as MECHA and Best Buddies, two clubs that work on fighting oppression and discrimination and bringing people together as a community. I will be the President of Best Buddies next year, and I am so grateful for my opportunity to support the students with special needs at my school. Being in the environmental club also motivated me to learn teamwork and responsibility. I also volunteer regularly in my mother's classroom, a mod-severe class that works with kids who have behaviors and are medically fragile. I am actively seeking in ways to assist my community and make everybody feel welcome, and want to contribute.

2. What unique skills and traits would you bring to the Banning Youth Council?

One of the unique skills I bring is the ability to combine creativity with critical thinking. I approach all challenges with curiosity and purpose. I know how to listen actively, speak respectfully, and maintain an aura of decorum in a chaotic room. I work well with people of different backgrounds who have similar motives as myself. Additionally, I am highly dependable, and am always a text or call away. I follow through on my responsibilities and I try to do everything right. I believe these strengths would help me in any situation and that they will assist me in any team or council I get the chance to be in.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the Banning Youth Council?

I love this town wholeheartedly. I want to make a positive impact in our community and represent the voices of my peers. I believe that having the youth give input on city problems is a very important aspect, since they directly affect us as well. Serving on the Youth Council will help me strengthen my skills in leadership, learn more about the government and work alongside other motivated students who want to give back to the community.

4. If appointed to the Youth Council, what is a subject matter you would be interested in discussing about the City of Banning?

A matter that I would like to discuss is how we can create more youth opportunities, specially ones that integrate special education students more with general people. They are also human and I sincerely believe that we should treat them as equals and host events that mix us all up, so we can get to know the beautiful members of this community. I would like to explore ideas for more STEM events, perchance things as fun biology labs that are free for the public to attend and participate in. I would like to add more volunteer opportunities for students that can bring the youth tg

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Signature

Date



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Name	<u>Josue Sanchez Omana</u>
Phone	<u>951-237-4844</u>
Email Address	<u>jsanchezomana789@gmail.com</u>
Address	<u>5011 W Ramsey St, Spc #55, Banning CA 92220</u>
What High School do you currently attend?	<u>Banning High School</u>
What grade are you in?	<u>11th</u>
How long have you lived in Banning?	<u>About 11 years</u>
Are you able to commit to attend Council meetings on its regular meeting date?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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1. Tell us about your background including education, extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, civic involvement, and other experience relative to this appointment?

I am a current student at Banning High school, I also attend MSJC and do some college courses through their Concurrent/ Dual enrollment program. I am apart of National Honor Society, Gardening Club, Key Club, Spanish Club, Band, Native American Club, Animal Club, Bible Club, Broadway Broncos, Solar Boat, Asian American Club, AVID, and Yearbook. I currently hold cabinet positions in AVID, Key Club, and Spanish Club. The one club I do want to highlight would be Key Club I am the current President of Key Club and it has taught me so much, I have learned more about my community with the Community service events that need to be planned over the course of the school year and engaging with the community.

2. What unique skills and traits would you bring to the Banning Youth Council?

Some unique skills and traits that I possess that I would bring to the Youth Council would be my collaboration traits, I am able to freely work with anyone even if we don't share the same opinions, this would benefit the Council when attempting to achieve a goal. Another unique skill that I possess would be my communication skills I am good at explaining ideas and highlighting the needs that this community needs.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the Banning Youth Council?

I am interested in becoming a member of the Banning Youth Council because I want to make a change in the community, I want to be apart of the change that will improve many lives of this community. Growing up in this town made me realize how many lovely people live here and many have helped me and I would like to give back by being apart of this council where many discussions and decisions will be made that will affect their lives so I am here to be their voice, the voice that through many years I was able to find due to the support of this community.

4. If appointed to the Youth Council, what is a subject matter you would be interested in discussing about the City of Banning?

I would be interested in resources in Mental Health and to bring awareness on this topic that many teenagers as adults suffer from mental illnesses and there needs to be resources for these people that community that contribute so much. Another matter that I would be interested in discussing would be environmental sustainability because the world we live in currently is great, but it's not looking too good for the future generations and we have to acknowledge that the kids right now are the future and leaders of tomorrow and we must work together to establish a healthier and more environmental friendly environment to improve our town and improve the future and *In accordance with Banning's City Council Resolution 2012-67, if selected you will be required to submit to a criminal background investigation, including LiveScan fingerprinting prior to your formal appointment.*

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Signature

Date

Chapter 2.42 - YOUTH COUNCIL

2.42.010 - Established—Purpose.

There is hereby established a youth council of the city. The youth council shall serve as an advisory board to the city council. The purpose of the youth council is to provide city youth with a vehicle to learn about government, participate in the process of city government, represent and articulate the needs of city youth, and advise the city council on matters affecting the youth and teen population, especially city programs relating to youth and teens.

(Ord. No. 1590, § 2, 7-11-23)

2.42.020 - Duties and responsibilities.

The youth council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. The youth council shall foster increased youth involvement in the affairs of city government.
- B. The youth council shall study problems and hold forums on issues, activities, and concerns of city youth.
- C. The youth council shall comment on existing or proposed legislation, ordinances, resolutions, and policies that impact city youth.
- D. The youth council shall present methods to resolve youth-related conflicts between youths and between youths and adults.
- E. The youth council shall recommend the implementation of community programs to improve the lives of youth.
- F. The youth council shall monitor programs and policies that affect youth to ensure they are achieving the intended results.
- G. The youth council shall work with other youth organizations in the city to collaborate on shared issues and interests.
- H. The youth council shall submit to the city council an annual report of its activities prior to the end of the school year for the Banning unified school district.
- I. The youth council shall utilize social networking sites and/or technology to engage and inform city youth of important city activities.
- J. The youth council shall participate in an annual workshop that will introduce the members of the youth council to the city council meeting agenda process, a mock city council meeting, and the role of city officials.
- K. At the first regular meeting following appointment of members, the youth council shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve for one term.
 - 1. The chairperson shall preside at the regular and special meetings of the youth council.
 - 2. The chairperson shall serve as the youth council's liaison to the city council.
 - 3. The vice-chairperson shall assume the duties of the chairperson in their absence.
- L. The chairperson of the youth council shall attend the regular meetings of the city council and serve as a non-voting liaison to the city council.

(Ord. No. 1590, § 2, 7-11-23)

2.42.030 - Qualifications; composition and compensation; appointment; term; vacancies.

- A. Qualifications. Members of the youth council:
 - 1. Shall be residents of the city;
 - 2. Shall be high school students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades; and
 - 3. Shall demonstrate, in their application, a sincere interest and motivation to work for the community.
- B. Composition and compensation. The youth council shall consist of nine members who shall not receive compensation.
- C. Appointment. The city council shall appoint members of the youth council. Applications shall be made available and the closing date announced by July 1 of each year.
- D. Term. Youth council members shall serve two-year terms. Members may be appointed for a subsequent one-year term, provided that no member shall serve more than three years. Youth council members shall serve at the pleasure of the city council and may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the entire council.
- E. Vacancies.
 - 1. Any member who is unexcused for two consecutive regular meetings of the youth council or six meetings within a twelve-month period, whether the six meetings are excused or not, will be deemed to have resigned their office and the city council shall appoint a new member to serve in the resigned youth council member's place for the remainder of their term.
 - 2.

To be excused from any such meeting, a member shall notify the staff liaison, at least forty-eight hours prior to any such meeting. If a member is unable to attend due to illness, injury, or family matters, a statement by the member at the next regular meeting of the youth council shall constitute an excused absence.

(Ord. No. 1590, § 2, 7-11-23)

2.42.040 - Meeting times and place; conduct of meetings; rules of procedure; staff liaison.

- A. Meeting times and place. The youth council shall meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except the months of July and December, at a regular time established by resolution of the youth council, at the City Council Chambers located at 99 E. Ramsey Street.
- B. Conduct of meetings.
 - 1. The youth council shall be subject to the Brown Act.
 - 2. A quorum of the youth council shall consist of a majority of the members (including any vacancies). A quorum must be present in order for the youth council to hold a meeting.
 - 3. A vote of the majority of members present constituting a quorum shall be required to constitute action taken by the youth council.
- C. Rules of procedure. That certain "Manual of Procedural Guidelines for the Conduct of City Council and Constituent Body/Commission Meetings for the City of Banning" adopted on October 23, 2012, as may be amended from time to time (the "manual"), shall govern the conduct and procedures applicable to meetings of the youth council.
- D. Staff liaison. The city manager shall designate the staff liaison to the youth council. The staff liaison to the youth council shall support the youth council in carrying out its purpose, duties, and responsibilities and provide facilities for meetings and other activities, as necessary.

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Youth Council Interview Questions

1. Why would you like to be on the Banning Youth Council?
2. What kind of work or volunteering have you done in the community or school?
3. What other sports or clubs have you participated in?
4. What do you feel are the biggest challenges for teenagers in Banning today?
5. What is your proudest accomplishment so far?
6. We have concluded the interview. Do you have any questions for us?