

April 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager
Victoria Yarbrough, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Emily Duchon, Manager, Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services

SUBJECT: Request for Agenda Item Placement
Resolution 2023-025, Appointment of Aubrey Travis, Sophia Rosa, Ryann Brooks, and Ryley Absalon to the Sierra Vista Youth Commission.

Recommendation:

Council Member Mark Rodriguez, Council Liaison

Background

On March 9, 2023 the City Council unanimously approved Resolution 2023-015 which re-established, among others, the Sierra Vista Youth Commission as a Council Advisory Commission, As a Council Advisory Body, appointment of Commissioners by Council Resolution is now required. There were three active commissioners in the nonregulatory Youth Commission, Sophia Rosa, Rylee Absalon, and Aubrey Travis, and one new applicant, Ryann Brooks, all have requested appointment to the new Council Advisory Commission.

The terms would begin immediately and expire April 30, 2025.

Budget Appropriation:

Not applicable.

ED/dlc

Attachment

RESOLUTION 2023-025

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; APPOINTING SOPHIA ROSA, RYANN BROOKS, RYLEY ABSALON, AND AUBREY TRAVIS TO THE SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION, SAID TERMS TO EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2025; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reestablished a Youth Commission to advise on matters of concern to the youth of Sierra Vista, and to recommend and encourage action programs and legislation beneficial to the youth of the community; promote better understanding and integration of youth and the local government, and assist in the planning, operation, and evaluation of the local service delivery system for youth related services as consumers of these services; and

WHEREAS, four applications have been received to fill five vacancies, and it is in the best interest of the citizens to have a full complement of Youth Commission members to address the concerns of the youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That the City Council policy on term expirations and appointments to boards and commissions when qualified applicants are available is hereby reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The City Council hereby appoints Sophia Rosa, Ryann Brooks, Ryley Absalon, and Aubrey Travis to the Sierra Vista Youth Commission, said terms to expire April 30, 2025.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 4TH DAY OF 2023.

CLEA MCCAA II
Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

NATHAN J. WILLIAMS
City Attorney

JILL ADAMS
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Emily Duchon, Manager, Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services



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APPLICATION TO CITY BOARD/COMMISSION

DATE: 1-3-23

BOARD/COMMISSION: Youth Commission

NAME: Ryley M. Absalon TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] (ONE PER FORM)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED] (HOME) (WORK)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CITY: Sierra Vista ZIP: 85635

MAILING ADDRESS: Same as above

CITY RESIDENT? Y REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY? N/A

EDUCATION: Currently in 8th grade at American Leadership Academy

OCCUPATION: Student

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (IF RETIRED, INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION)
In music & theater at school,
active with supporting Cochise Family Advocacy Center
"Lori's Place"

QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN BOARD/COMMISSION: 8th grade student who
is active & interested in both politics as well as
the city of Sierra Vista's Youth being active in
the community.

REFERENCES: 1. Michelle Rutherford [REDACTED] (NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)
Absalon
2. Lori Rutherford [REDACTED] (NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM ABOVE DATE.

AS A CANDIDATE TO A COUNCIL APPOINTED BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

Under 18 - Please use mother's phone
Ryley Absalon / Michelle Absalon
(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

Please return completed application to the city clerk's office - 08/29/05



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APPLICATION TO CITY BOARD/COMMISSION

DATE: 3/30/2023 _____

BOARD/COMMISSION: Youth Commission _____ (ONE PER FORM)

NAME: Ryann Brooks _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: Sierra Vista _____ ZIP: 85635 _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Same _____ CITY _____

RESIDENT? yes REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY? N/A

EDUCATION: High School _____

OCCUPATION: Full Time Buena High School Student (sophomore _____
(IF RETIRED, INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: I currently serve as a volunteer youth flag football coach and referee. I also serve as a youth mentor as well. _____

QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN BOARD/COMMISSION: I am very interested in what the youth commission is doing in the Sierra Vista Community as far as the community services such as the highway clean up and coat drive. I have participated in these types of events in the past on my own and can bring my past experiences with me. I think that as member I could bring fresh ideas on how to improve our community from a youth prospective. I realize as a teen that there are very few activities for us to in town and I would like to help change that.

REFERENCES: 1. Robert Brooks _____
(NAME) _____
2. JD Downing _____
(NAME) _____ (ADDRESS) _____ (PHONE) _____

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Ryann V. Brooks

(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

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APPLICATION TO CITY BOARD/COMMISSION

DATE: 2 Sept 22

BOARD/COMMISSION: Sierra Vista City Youth Commission

NAME: Sophia Rosa

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

(ONE PER FORM)

(HOME)

(WORK)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: rosasophia115@gmail.com

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY: Sierra Vista

ZIP: 85635

MAILING ADDRESS: Same as Above

CITY RESIDENT? REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY?

EDUCATION: Junior in H.S.

OCCUPATION: High School Student and Crew Blue Member Culver's

(IF RETIRED, INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Please see attachment for full Community Activities. On 30 August

forwarded letter of interest to Mr. Rodriguez, Mark. Member of the National Society for High School Scholars.

Buena High School Key Club, JROTC Leadership Position 1SG Echo Company. Community Student Intern.

QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN BOARD/COMMISSION: _____

Interested in being a Member of the Youth Commission. Please see attached on qualifications to be a member of the

board and provide community activities and resources to Youths in Sierra Vista which focus on Teen Mental Health

and Youth Entrepreneurism.

REFERENCES: 1. See Resume Attached

(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

(PHONE)

2. See Resume Attached

(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

(PHONE)

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[Signature]
(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

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Dear Councilman Rodriguez,

31 Aug 22

My name is Cadet 1SG Sophia Rosa and this email is to express my interest with becoming a member of the 2022 Sierra Vista City Youth Commission.

As a high school Junior, student athlete in Softball, and JROTC Cadet 1SG at Buena High School, I have participated in many programs that have not only supported my academic and career goals, but provided me with the unique opportunity to develop myself as an JROTC leader, excel in the physical fitness activities, and perform various community service events with various Veteran and non-profit organizations that support the Sierra Vista's community members.

From academic school years of 2020-2022, I have excelled academically by taking Honors and AP courses at Buena H.S. while also being enrolled in ASU Prep Digital School to take courses concurrently and during the summer in order to advance my learning in other subjects. Despite having a rigorous academic schedule and maintaining a G.P.A. over 3.5 weighted, I'm also a part time employee at Culver's in Sierra Vista. Also prior to the start of the Buena Softball Schedule, I was on a 16U Competitive Softball Team in Tucson, Arizona where we competed throughout the state of Arizona and Texas.

Since the COVID 19 pandemic, many students like myself experienced several obstacles that affected our physical and mental wellness due to the restrictions and fear of the pandemic. In the summer of 2021, I was confronted those obstacles in the extreme way by attending and graduating from XMC Cadet a 2-Week Extreme Basic and Leadership Training Military Camp in Alabama.

This military leadership and training program taught me many values in personal courage, perseverance, drill and ceremony, water survival, leadership, team work, combatives, marksmanship, and physical fitness. Moreover, I was the only female of color to place in the top 4 in marksmanship.

In addition, I have accomplished and participated in school and community service activities such as performing my Color Guard Duties as an JROTC Cadet with the opening ceremonies at NASCAR in Phoenix, participating in the Color Guard during the Buena H.S. Football and Volleyball games, and helping various community service organizations with fundraising by helping with car washes. Also in 2020 I spearheaded a Strike Out Hunger Food and Turkey Drive with the Salvation Army by soliciting my previous 14U Travel Softball team to collect Turkeys and can goods for the Salvation during the Thanksgiving season. This food drive resulted in over \$1,000 to be donated from Safeway and over 10 Turkeys and several boxes of non-perishable items to be donated in 1 day. In addition, during the 2021 Presidential Campaign I completed 8 Volunteer hours to support Get out the Vote campaign by working the Voting Phone Banks up until the week of the local and Federal elections.

Moreover it was my distinct honor to be nominated, selected, and attended the National Youth Leadership Forum – Law & CSI Conference in Washington D.C. July 10, 2022. During this Youth Leadership Forum I immersed myself in learning about American Judicial Process, career exploration workshops, mock trial simulation, and toured colleges and Federal buildings. This academic school year, I plan on attending the National Youth Leadership Forum - Intensive Trial Law 10 day program session at Stanford University.

Also, currently another community activity I'm involved with is as a Student Intern with the SV Democratic Office to learn about the American Democratic Process. As a Student Intern I attend various campaign events and was a guest speaker twice to talk about problems youths have today. This Internship is scheduled to end November 2022.

I'm a strong advocate for Teen Mental Health specifically bringing awareness to Teen Mental Health among the Males with the goal to remove the stigma for this group to understand that everyone has stress and struggles with being a teenager. In addition, I believe that diversity of ideas and equal representative is important for communities to grow. Also, I would like to explore the opportunity for the Commission to have an Young Entrepreneur's Program where the program would have Business Mentors for Teens seeking to open their own small business. The Youth Commission could even have a Youth

Wellness and Business Expo in Mall with Youth Vendors to promote their products and services and receive wellness information! Finally, I feel that my leadership experience and passion to serve my community could contribute to goals and mission of the Youth Commission.

Finally, I look forward to discussing further on how we, the Youths of Sierra Vista, can support and bring meaningful resources and events to the youths in SV.

Sincerely, Sophia Rosa 

Below is a list of JROTC Accomplishments, Ribbons and Awards:

Completed the JROTC NCO Academy – Academic School Year: 2021-2022

Color Guard Member – 2021-22

1SG, Echo Company

Recipient of the 2022 - The Military Order of the World War Merit Award – April 2022

Ribbons: Recruiting, Color Guard, Adventure Training, Proficiency, Perfect Attendance, Commendation, Good Conduct, SAI/Instructor Ribbon, LET Service 1, Personal Appearance, JROTC Athletics, Parade.

SOPHIA J. ROSA

SUMMARY

Pursing a dual degree of field of study in Environmental Studies and Law. Seeking opportunities and high school courses in Science and Law while developing my leadership skills by participating in JROTC programs. Aspiring to be a Cadet at one of the U.S. Military Academies or joining an Academic Institutions ROTC program. Driven and team oriented Cadet.

Attended 2022 National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington D.C. in Law – July 10, 2022

Nominated and member to the State of Arizona Department of Education Superintendent Student Advisory Board – 2019

3rd Place Winner of Youth Engineering Science Fair (YES) - 2019

EXPERIENCE

TRUE BLUE CREW MEMBER & CASHIER

CULVER'S, 632 AZ-92, SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635

January 2021 – Present (Part-time)

- Performs walk-in and drive-thru operations by greetings customers, taking orders utilizing computerized cash registers to process payments, assembling products and items for delivery, conducts quality control of order items prior to dissemination to customers, resolves customer complaints in a compassionate and professional manner, notifies managers of unresolved customer complaints.
- Follows organizations cleaning protocol hourly by checking the lobby, sanitizing tables, chairs and common areas. Checks restrooms and restock products. Ensures the workstations are clean and meets the safety standards to avoid accidents.
- Restocks and rotates food and products items by expiration date and notify management team of product shortages for re-ordering.
- Provides excellent customer service to patrons regarding menu options and seasonal items to increase sales.
- Performs hostess/hosts duties by greeting and meeting customers at the door and lobby during visits. Directly delivers order items to the lobby and curbside. Takes online and phone orders.
- Trained in safety and occupational health standards.
- Completed Food Handlers training 2021.
- Works with other True Blue Team Crew members, Porters, and Managers in a respectfully manner.

FORT HUACHUCA CHAPEL SERVICES – VOLUNTEER ALTAR SERVER 2018 – 2021

- Performed weekly Altar Server duties by preparing items for service, representing the organization during various ceremonies, and following the directions for service.

EDUCATION

2020 – CURRENT

BUENA HIGH SCHOOL

Academic School Year: 2022-2023 – Junior

Academic School Year: 2021-2022 – Sophomore G.P.A. 3.5

Courses: AP Biology, AP English, AP Environmental Sciences, Teacher Assistant, Economics, Personal Finance, English Honors, World History Honors, JROTC – Cadet 1SG & Previous Color Guard Member, Geometry, Forensic Science.

George Mason University – Envision National Youth Leadership Law and CSI Forum

- July 10-16, 2022 – Washington D.C.
- Attended an extensive 6 day training on the American Legal Process, site visits to Admission offices at George Mason and Georgetown Universities.
- Interacted with Legal Professionals and Advocacy organizations during plenary sessions.
- Participated in session Legal Mock Trials.

XMC Military Academy - Battleground, Alabama End of the Freshman Year of H.S.

July 2021 – Two Week Resident Military High Adventure Leadership & Training Academy <https://www.xmccamp.com>

- Basic Training Cadet Graduate: Completed an extensive training academy that focused on drill and ceremony, physical fitness, marksmanship, military discipline, water survival, and communication.
- Only female to be in the top 5 in the marksmanship competition.

2020-2022 ASU PREP DIGITAL

June 2021/2022 - Summer School, French 2A/2B

August – December 2021 – Government Honors (Concurrent Enrollment)

June – July 31, 2020 – Summer School French 1A&B

SKILLS
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Microsoft Applications: Proficient in MS Word, Excel, and Power point.
- JROTC Ribbons: Recruiting, Color Guard, Adventure Training, Proficiency, Perfect Attendance, Commendation, Good Conduct, JCLC, LET Service 1, Personal Appearance, JROTC Athletics.
- Buena H.S. JV Softball Team
- 16U Competitive Softball Team – SOZO Team. Competed Nationally Arizona and Texas locations.
- Volunteer Service: JROTC Car wash, NAACP Car wash, American Legion Community Service, Salvation Army Strike Out Hunger Fundraiser.
- Student Intern with Democratic Society
- 2021 Presidential and Arizona Elections Volunteer – Called voters to provide voting information.

REFERENCES: Mr. Tyler Godsil, Teacher, [REDACTED]

CSM Paul Heredia, JROTC Instructor, [REDACTED]



Arizona Department of Education
(Office of the State Superintendent)

To Whom It May Concern,

Sophia Rosa served on the inaugural Student Advisory Council at the Arizona Department of Education. Her leadership and insights were invaluable additions to the council.

At each of our meetings, Sophia Rosa demonstrated a concrete belief that every student in Arizona should have access to a high-quality education. By sharing her experiences and the experiences of their community, Sophia Rosa helped my team understand how we can continue to build an equitable pipeline that serves the needs every student in our state.

I deeply appreciated the insight and thoughtfulness that Sophia Rosa put into every project. From the 2020 Census video to the student survey, her commitment to the work of this group is deeply valued.

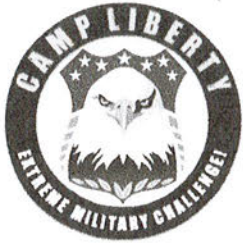
I feel confident that Sophia Rosa is on a path to lead her community and school. The thoughtful questions and leadership her brought to our Student Advisory Council have shown me that her will be a tremendous asset to any team.

If you need more information, please reach out and I am happy to provide a more thorough recommendation.

Best wishes,

Kathy Hoffman

Kathy Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Arizona Department of Education



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August 28th, 2021

Re: **Sophia Rosa**

I am writing in regards to Sophia Rosa, a young woman that completed 2 weeks of our Extreme Military Challenge (XMC) programs. XMC is designed for teens interested in a possible military career, we are not a correctional camp. The young men and women that attend our programs have a history of doing very well within the military with many having been accepted to a U.S. Service Academy or to ROTC programs across the country.

While at XMC Sophia Rosa worked with service members from every branch of the U.S. military most notably our Drill Instructors which include USMC DIs, US Army Drill Sergeants and US Air Force MTIs. Our programs cover a wide range of topics but focus on basic military knowledge and bearing along with high-adventure training. Cadet Rosa completed the following tasks; obstacle course, marksmanship training, combat water survival, pugil stick training, level 1 Army Combatives, military inspections, rappelling, academic test, physical fitness test and critical thinking exercises. Cadet Rosa has participated in training on-par with (and in many cases surpassing) college ROTC activities and excelled.

Many young men and women attend our courses but only a fraction really push themselves the way Sophia Rosa has and as such she had leadership positions during her course. Our Basic Cadet Training 2-weeks is very realistic in nature with constant corrections by the DIs and a focus on motivation and attention to detail, it is a stressful program and can test the mettle of even the most dedicated young person. Cadet Rosa showed amazing fortitude and strength to complete these courses and exhibited the leadership traits that we were hoping for.

Sophia Rosa is a young woman full of potential. It is my opinion that Cadet Rosa has truly absorbed the purpose of our programs and is motivated for her future and that she is ready to show the world what she has to offer.

If you need any further information regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (855) 962 2267 or by email at jlandjr@xmccamp.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Land Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joseph M. Land, Jr.
Admissions Director
Extreme Military Challenge!
Liberty Communications, LLC



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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

*The National Youth Leadership Forum: Law & CSI
bestows honor and distinction upon*

Sophia Rosa

*in recognition of academic success and commitment to
the legal and forensic science fields*

7/10/2022 - 7/15/2022

Washington, D.C.

Amanda Whitener

Amanda Whitener
Vice President

Greg Johnson
Director

The National Society of High School Scholars

To whom these letters may come



This certifies that

SOPHIA J ROSA

in recognition of academic achievement and excellence, has been granted membership in The National Society of High School Scholars and is hereby awarded all rights, honors, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

This membership is for meritorious scholastic achievement and the pursuit of excellence at

BUENA HIGH SCHOOL



Claes Nobel

1930 - 2021

Cofounder

The National Society of High School Scholars

James W. Lewis

President and Cofounder

The National Society of High School Scholars

2022



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APPLICATION TO CITY BOARD/COMMISSION

DATE: 1/23/23

BOARD/COMMISSION: Sierra Vista Youth Commission

NAME: Aubrey Travis TELEPHONE: [REDACTED] (ONE PER FORM)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED] (HOME) (WORK)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] CITY: Sierra Vista ZIP: 85635

MAILING ADDRESS: Same as above

CITY RESIDENT? Yes REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CITY? No

EDUCATION: Sophomore at Buena High School

OCCUPATION: Student

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____ (IF RETIRED, INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION)

Avengers Inclusion Organization, Innovative Fusion
Dance Convention Dance Assistant, National Honor Society.

QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN BOARD/COMMISSION: Interested in getting more
youth involved in the community and more things for
youth activities.

REFERENCES: 1. Seyon Washington [REDACTED]
(NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)

2. Michelle Henrietta [REDACTED]
(NAME) (ADDRESS) (PHONE)

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Aubrey Travis
(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)

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