

Atherton Youth Advisory Group

Atherton has nine schools in town¹. The combined student population is over 7,000 students. This is approximately the same as the Town's population. The Town has nearly as many high school students (4,500) as registered voters (5,000). The students have no targeted representation in the Town's governance. The Town Council would benefit from hearing the students' voice and perspective on issues affecting youth in the Town.

The Atherton Youth Advisory Group's goal is to provide input and advice to the City Council, Committees, and Staff on issues and projects important to youth and to provide a higher level of civic involvement by youth in Atherton.

The Youth Advisory Group's purpose is to:

- Assist at Town events in the role of student organizers and volunteers;
- Provide input as requested by the City Council, Committees or Staff;
- Create a forum for the discussion of teen issues;
- Plan and implement at least one youth project annually that makes a unique contribution to the Atherton community;
- Help improve Youth understanding of the role and responsibilities of local government by; and
- Participate as guests in at least one City Council meeting where an issue of interest to the Youth Advisory Group is discussed.

The Advisory Group will consist of at least 6 members. The intent to is have two members from each of the three high schools in Town². The group would meet on a periodic basis during the academic year (generally September 1 – April 30).

¹ Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton operates three separate schools: an elementary; middle and high school.

² Menlo-Atherton High School, Menlo School, and Sacred Heart Preparatory, Atherton