

RESOLUTION 2021-017

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-015 AND APPROVING REVISED ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES AND A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$2,300

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2021, the City Council approved the concept of an essay contest to encourage civic engagement in local government; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-015 which included the formation of a judging committee and adopted essay contest guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the judging committee met and in the spirit of inclusivity, recommends the contest guidelines be revised to allow anyone within the Calistoga Unified School District boundaries who is actively pursuing their high school diploma or equivalent, to participate in the essay contest as reflected in the revised essay contest guidelines as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, anonymous donors have pledged \$1,700 for prize awards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA DOES HEREBY Rescind Resolution No. 2021-015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The formation of a five-member judging panel consisting of two Councilmembers and three members of the public at large, and essay contest guidelines and prize awards as reflected in the recitals and Attachment 1.
2. The acceptance of \$1,700 in donations for essay contest prize awards.
3. A budget adjustment creating a new project – Government Essay Contest - under Community Enrichment Grants, account 01-4107-4566 with \$2,300 in appropriations derived from the \$1,700 donations account 01-3289 and \$600 transferred from the unreserved general fund balance.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **6th day of March 2021**.

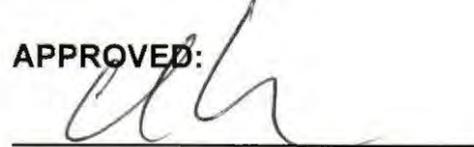
I, Marni Rittburg, City Clerk of the City of Calistoga, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held on the **6th day of April 2021**, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gift, Kraus, and Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega and Mayor Canning
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Marni Rittburg, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Chris Canning, Mayor

Announcing the City of Calistoga's

Government Essay Contest

To encourage civic engagement in local government, the Calistoga City Council is sponsoring an essay contest for persons pursuing a high school diploma (or its equivalent) who reside within the Calistoga Unified School District boundary.

Purpose: The City Council wishes to:

- 1) encourage local participation in government;
- 2) formally recognize skillful written communication;
- 3) foster thoughtful consideration of the role of formal government.

Process: Contestants will submit an essay of 500 - 750 words addressing this topic:

How Can Government Foster Unity in a Diverse Community?

(i.e., "How Can I Help the Calistoga City Council Improve on Diversity and Inclusion Efforts for All Members of the Community?")

The essays should be double-spaced typed. A separate cover page should be submitted with the author's name, address, and school or course of study. The essays should be delivered to the City Clerk at 1232 Washington Street, Calistoga, CA 94515, or mrirtburg@ci.calistoga.ca.us.

Judging Criteria: The winning essays will offer a main thesis effectively supported by ideas and examples. They will be well organized, free from errors in grammar, usage, and the conventions of written English.

Dates: The essays must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on April 16, 2021. The winners will be announced at the city council meeting on May 18, 2021.

Prizes: The city council will award five prizes:

1st prize: \$800

2nd prize: \$600

3rd prize: \$400

Honorable Mention: \$250

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