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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma –
Requested for January 31, 2023
DATE: January 19, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution appointing the following individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team to fill an unexpired term to expire June 30, 2023.

- Theo Wygle, Environmental Health Committee Chair
- Ellana Meas, Education, Arts, & Culture Committee Co-Chair
- Ava Sims, Education, Arts, & Culture Committee Co-Chair

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Woodards, Council Member Blocker, and Council Member Ushka

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, Resolution 40502 established the formal structure of the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma and appointed the inaugural leadership team. Each year since then, the Mayor's Youth Commission elects a 10-member Leadership Team from the general membership to serve a 1-year term: a Chair and Vice-Chair of the entire Commission, as well as a Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the four committees. The Leadership Team is confirmed by the City Council. The Leadership Team meets twice each month and hosts a General Assembly meeting once per month.

The Mayor's Youth Commission Leadership Team is presenting these students to represent all members of the Commission and have submitted their names for confirmation. At this time, 3 additional individuals are being recommended to the City Council for confirmation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The recruitment for new leadership was led by the Mayor's Youth Commission, with support from the Commission Liaison from the City, Graduate Tacoma, and from the Foundation for Tacoma Students. The primary method of recruitment was through emails to existing members, social media campaigns through the Commission's Instagram, and through partner channels of the Foundation for Tacoma Students and the City.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Education: *Equity Index Score:* High Opportunity

Increase the number of quality after-school-learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.



Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate in civic volunteering and voting. To that end, elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect more of the diversity of the Tacoma community. Youth engagement will increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community, and express trust in the public institutions of Tacoma.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The Mayor’s Youth Commission provides opportunities for after-school-learning, and engagement with City and community leaders. The Community Based Commission engages middle and high school students in a reciprocal opportunity to have young people engaged with government, impacting many of the Civic Engagement indicators.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not appoint new members		The Commission will have unfilled Leadership Team Seats for the remainder of the existing youth term ending June 30, 2023.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Each year, the outgoing Leadership Team submits an annual report to the City Council that highlights what they have accomplished and outlines their ongoing goals/projects to be continued by the next Leadership Team. This serves as an opportunity for the Council to evaluate their work and engage in discussions with them on continued actions.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the appointment of all individuals elected by the 2022-23 Mayor’s Youth Commission members to the Mayor’s Youth Commission Leadership Team for the 2022-23 service year.