



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, Manager  
**FROM:** Ted Richardson, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office  
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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma – Requested for July 13, 2021  
**DATE:** July 1, 2021

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution appointing and reappointing the following individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team to serve a one year term to expire June 30, 2022.

- Tara Ryan, Commission Chair
- Tara Zolfaghari, Commission Vice Chair
- Zoha Ahmad
- Isha Hussein
- Heaven Galvan
- Maeve Glackin-Coley
- Aubyana Clarke

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and Council Member Ushka

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year the Mayor's Youth Commission elects a 10-member leadership team: 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 met virtually on June 19, 2021 to elect a new leadership team to represent all members of the Commission and have submitted their names for confirmation. At this time, seven individuals are being recommended to the City Council for confirmation Three additional individuals will be recommended for confirmation by City Council at a later date, after additional recruitment over the summer.

**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, 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 out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.



**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

Elected officials, boards, commissions, and volunteer leadership will reflect the diversity of the Tacoma community.

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 in Tacoma.

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

The Mayor’s Youth Commission provides opportunities for out of school learning opportunities and engagement with city and community leaders in different areas of the city. As a commission that engages middle and high school students, the Mayor’s Youth Commission provides the City an opportunity to get young people engaged with government thus improving 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 no appointed members to take official actions as the existing youth terms end June 30, 2021

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Each year, the outgoing leadership team submits an annual report to the City Council that shares what they have accomplished and goals 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 appointment of all individuals elected by the youth commission members to the leadership team.