



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Anna Le, Management Fellow, City Manager's Office; Hyun Kim, Deputy City Manager  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma – Requested for July 2, 2024  
**DATE:** June 25, 2024

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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 a term to expire June 30, 2025.

- Rowen Higley, Commission Chair
- Jinhan Li, Commission Vice Chair
- Theo Wygle, Justice & Safety Committee Chair
- Norah Gawryczik, Justice & Safety Committee Vice Chair
- Joseph Muller, Environmental Health Committee Chair
- Begina Kisembo, Education, Arts, & Culture Committee Chair
- Clyde Angelo Manda, Environmental Health Committee Vice Chair

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Woodards

**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 one-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 convened on June 15, 2024, 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 to the Mayor's Youth Commission by the City Council at a date to be determined, 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, 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 social media accounts, through partner channels of the Foundation for Tacoma Students, the City of Tacoma's Media and Communications Office, and communications sent to students and their families by the Tacoma Public School District.



**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 can have a positive impact in their communities, and develop 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 out-of-school time enrichment, and engagement with City and community leaders. The Community Based Commission engages middle and high school students in a reciprocal opportunity for young people to participate in local 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 no appointed members to take official actions as the existing youth term ended June 30, 2024

**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 the Commission on continued actions.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the appointment of all individuals elected by the 2023-24 Mayor’s Youth Commission members to the Mayor’s Youth Commission Leadership Team for the 2024-25 service year.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for this action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**What Funding is being used to support the expense?**

N/A

**Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?**

**NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW**



**City of Tacoma**

**City Council Action Memorandum**

N/A

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

No

**Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?**

No

**Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?**

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**