

Mayor's Youth Commission Annual Report

2020-2021

The 2020-21 year was done entirely virtually, but still, much was accomplished. Many of the members never met each other in person during their year of service.

The Mayor's Youth Commission (MYCT) hosted its first ever Youth Summit.

The MYCT met with a total of 33 different community members, organizations, City departments, and elected officials.

Committee Highlights:

- **Justice & Safety** – worked with TPD and CPAC on the body-worn camera policy and advised TPD on how best to engage youth in Tacoma.
- **Justice & Safety** – ran a Get Out the Vote campaign before the November 2020 national election. They also advocated for Ranked-Choice voting in Washington during the State legislative session.
- **Social Health** – focused on youth mental health, and presented at multiples forums to help educate youth on mental health issues and normalize a still taboo topic.
- **Environmental Health** – ran an environmental health social media campaign and investigated the LNG plant issues and met with City officials to better understand this topic.
- **Education, Arts & Culture** – created advertisements for the Tacoma Public Library's reading campaigns

Members of the MYCT joined the Tacoma Creates Advisory Board, the Community's Police Advisory Committee, and the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.

The MYCT formed an ad-hoc committee to update its bylaws, which were completed on February 3, 2021.

A new City staffer joined the MYCT in January 2021. He thinks absolutely everyone on MYCT is awesome!