



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma –  
Requested for August 2, 2022  
**DATE:** July 26, 2022

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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, 2023.

- Tara Ryan, Commission Chair
- Tara Zolfaghari, Commission Vice Chair
- Chloe Mau, Justice & Safety Committee Chair
- Anastasia Markham, Environmental Health Committee Chair
- Leo Maffei, Social Health Committee Chair
- Beyla Kisebo, Social Health Committee Vice-Chair
- Joshua Mathews, Education, Arts, & Culture Committee Chair

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Ushka, and Council Member Blocker

**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 met virtually on June 18, 2022 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 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 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 no appointed members to take official actions as the existing youth term ended June 30, 2022

**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 2021-22 Mayor’s Youth Commission members to the Mayor’s Youth Commission Leadership Team for the 2022-23 service year.