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**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing an individual to the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma – Requested for December 15, 2020  
**DATE:** November 24, 2020

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution appointing the following individual to the Mayor’s Youth Commission of Tacoma leadership team to vacant term to expire June 30, 2021.

- Rita Tumbusch

**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 that represents the diversity of Tacoma who will represent them and will be presented to and be confirmed by the City Council. On July 14, 2020 eight members were appointed to the Mayor’s Youth Commission, leaving two vacancies. At the youth commission’s November 21 meeting, they voted to recommend the appointment of Rita Tumbusch to the leadership team. Rita is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student from the Science and Math Institute, and will be taking the role of Vice Chair of the Environmental Health Committee within the commission.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The leadership team of the Mayor’s Youth Commission has been meeting since July with two vacancies. On October 27, 2020 the City Council appointed Logan Cornwell, filling one of the two vacancies. The Environmental Health had asked its members if someone was ready to take a leadership role. After discussing within their team, they asked Rita Tumbusch to accept the appointment.

**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 member		The commission will function with one vacancy

**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 Rita Tumbusch selected by the youth commission leadership team to their team.