



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

From: City Administrator

Presentation on the National League of Cities Conference by Mayor's Youth Council attendees.

Action Requested:

Discussion only.

Summary Report:

The 2016 National League of Cities Summit was held November 16-19. This conference is the largest gathering of local elected officials and staff in the country and is designed to offer exceptional educational and networking opportunities to increase the effectiveness of local leaders. You may visit the [Youth Delegate Schedule <http://citysummit.nlc.org/youth-delegate-schedule/>](http://citysummit.nlc.org/youth-delegate-schedule/) (<http://citysummit.nlc.org/youth-delegate-schedule/>) if you are interested in seeing some of the sessions and related presentation materials.

The City Council sponsored two youth delegates from the Mayor's Youth Council along with their youth chaperone. Maleah Follen, Youth Engagement Coordinator with Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, was in attendance along with 2016 youth delegates Celia Meagher and Emma Iverson to provide a summary of their experiences at the Summit and to thank the City for their sponsorships. Mayor Pownell and Councilor Nakasian were in attendance at the Summit as well.

The Mayor's Youth Council does not plan to attend the National League of Cities City Summit in 2017.

Background on the Mayor's Youth Council

The Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2006. Comprised of 15 local youth, the Mayor's Youth Council seeks to assure youth input into civic affairs and works on initiatives to positively impact local young people.

The Mayor's Youth Council consists of local high school juniors and seniors, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Youth Council members are selected to serve on two-year terms or until they graduate from high school. Members do not receive monetary compensation.

Charges of the Northfield Mayor's Youth Council (*Resolution #2006-033*)

- Assist with the identification of issues important to Northfield young people.
- Work with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and implement solutions to address opportunities and areas of concern.
- Provide youth perspectives on relevant issues to the mayor, council members and other groups.
- Assure a youth voice in civic affairs.

What Does the Mayor's Youth Council Do?

- Candidate Forum for high school students with local candidates (Mayor, City Council at-Large, School Board)
- Volunteer at various City activities throughout the school year
- Youth Vote at the high school every election cycle
- Keep Northfield youth updated on relevant local issues
- Wrote the successful application to have Northfield named as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise

Alternative Options:

Not applicable.

Financial Impacts:

The total Mayor's Youth Council sponsorship cost was \$3,396.07.

Tentative Timelines:

November 16-19, 2016.