



Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** August 4, 2020

**To:** City Council  
City Administrator

**From:** Mayor Pownell

Consider Approving Mayoral Board/Commission Youth Appointment.

**Action Requested:**

The City Council approves the appointment of Ella Mayer to the Human Rights Commission as a non-voting youth representative.

**Summary Report:**

The City Council is being asked to approve the youth appointment as noted above. Since the Youth appointments were approved on May 5, 2020, there has been an additional resignation on the Human Rights Commission. The proposed appointment adds Ella Mayer as a non-voting youth representative to fill the vacancy. Youth representatives for the Human Rights Commission would be as follows with the above appointment:

Grant Bouvin (c)- voting member  
Joseph Ascencio Bravo - non-voting youth representative  
Ella Mayer - non-voting youth representative  
Leaf Pennock - non-voting youth representative

(c) = returning member

The MYC and youth appointees to boards and commissions act in an advisory capacity to the boards, commissions and City Council for the purposes of advising these groups on perspectives and issues important to Northfield youth in order to assure a youth voice in civic affairs, and working with community partners and other youth initiatives to help design and recommend solutions and options to address opportunities and areas of concern in the Northfield community. Youth members are appointed/reappointed annually. Applications to serve on the MYC, boards and commissions are completed and submitted to the Adult Advisor, Meleah Follen. The applications are assembled and reviewed by the Adult Advisor. Recommendations for appointments to fill vacant or expired positions are made to the Mayor based on the review and the desire to create a MYC, and appointees to boards and commissions, that are gender, ethnic and age diverse. Members shall thereafter be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council.

In addition to the youth that will serve on City Boards and Commissions during the 2020-21 school year, there are 42 additional youth serving on additional Boards or Councils within the community that are part of the Youth on Boards program. These include the District Youth Council and the Community Service Advisory

Board, both part of the Northfield Public Schools system, the Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Community Leadership Team, and nine local non-profit Boards (League of Women Voters, Northfield Area Family YMCA, Northfield Arts Guild, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, Northfield Historical Society, Northfield Shares, Northfield Youth Choirs, Rice County United Way and Women in Northfield Giving Support (WINGS)).

The Youth on Boards program is funded collaboratively between the City of Northfield, Youthprise and Northfield Healthy Community Initiative.

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**Financial Impacts:**

N/A

**Tentative Timelines:**

N/A