



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 1, 2017 Agenda Item 3

Voting Session

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Takoma Park Youth Council

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The City Council established the Takoma Park Youth Council:

- To provide an opportunity for the youth of Takoma Park to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system.
- To help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth.
- To serve the youth of Takoma Park by:
 - informing the Takoma Park municipal government of the needs and wishes of youth;
 - planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth;
 - working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City; and,
 - helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride.

The Youth Council is to be comprised of nine members from grades 7 through 12, representing a cross-section of the City's youth. At least one member, but no more than two, will be appointed from each ward. Three members will be appointed at large.

The City Council solicited applications from Takoma Park young people in grades 7-12. After review, the Council selected nine of the applicants for appointment.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All – Expand Youth Programming and Engage Youth in Civic Activities

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

We anticipate that Youth Council activities may incur some costs but expect that it would be under \$1,000.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

It is hoped that the Youth Council will provide an opportunity for young people of color to become actively involved with City government.

Attachments and Links

- Proposed Resolution
- [Youth Council Information Page](#)

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2017-
APPONTING MEMBERS TO THE TAKOMA PARK YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Takoma Park Youth Council to serve the youth of Takoma Park by: 1) informing the City government of the needs and wishes of youth, 2) planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth; 3) working with the Mayor, City Council, City department heads, schools, civic clubs and service organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City; and, 4) helping to instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, teaching respect for the rights of others, and promoting community pride; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council is to be comprised of nine Takoma Park residents in grades seven to 12; and

WHEREAS, at least one member is to be appointed from each ward, three members are to be appointed at large, and no more than two members should be appointed from any one ward; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the applications submitted and has selected nine applicants to serve on the Youth Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Takoma Park Youth Council for a term that will expire on October 31, 2018:

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| 1. George Ashford (Ward 2) | 6. Ada Kante (Ward 4) |
| 2. Althea Davey (Ward 1) | 7. Emma Morganstein (Ward 1) |
| 3. Rachel Grupp (Ward 3) | 8. Kiran Kochar McCabe (Ward 6) |
| 4. Adelaide Harris (Ward 2) | 9. Erika Rios (Ward 5) |
| 5. Asha Henry (Ward 6) | |

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk