



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 31, 2019

### Agenda Item 5C

#### **Voting Item (Consent Agenda)**

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the 2019-2020 Youth Council

#### **Recommended Council Action**

Approve the Resolution as part of the consent agenda.

#### **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 shall consist of eleven (11) Takoma Park youth appointed by the City Council representing a cross-section of the City's youth.

All members shall be in grade levels 7 through 12, except that the Chairperson shall be in the 11th or 12th grade. The term of each member shall be one (1) year. Members are eligible to reapply annually if they meet member eligibility requirements.

#### **Council Priority**

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

#### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

#### **Fiscal Considerations**

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

#### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The Council has placed an emphasis on recruitment from traditionally under-represented Wards 4, 5, and 6. Additionally, 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**

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

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2019-  
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2019-2020 YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, 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; help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth; and, to serve the youth of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council is to consist of 11 Takoma Park youth appointed by the City Council representing a cross-section of the City's youth; and

WHEREAS, application for membership in the Youth Council is open to Takoma Park residents in grades seven to 12; and

WHEREAS, the one-year term of the Youth Council is to begin on September 1 and end on August 31; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the applications submitted for the 2019-2020 Youth Council and selected applicants for appointment; and

WHEREAS, there will be two vacancies which can be filled by the City Council during the Youth Council term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND THAT the following young people are hereby appointed to the 2019-2020 Takoma Park Youth Council:

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| 1. Mihret Asfaw     | Ward 5 |
| 2. George Ashford   | Ward 2 |
| 3. Asha Henry       | Ward 6 |
| 4. Jason Kaplan     | Ward 1 |
| 5. Dawit Kelil      | Ward 4 |
| 6. Shakur Moulton   | Ward 5 |
| 7. Kamilla Sorenson | Ward 3 |

8. Amelia Tydings-Lynch                      Ward 2

9. Eliza Van Camp                              Ward 5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term of the 2019-2020 Youth Council will begin on September 1, 2019 and end on August 31, 2020.

Adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2019.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk