



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 28, 2021 Agenda Item 6B

### **Voting Session (Consent Agenda)**

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the 2021-2022 Youth Council

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Takoma Park Youth Council was established by the City Council: 1) 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; 2) to help the City Council to address problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of youth; and, 3) to serve the youth of Takoma Park.

The 11 members of the Youth Council must be residents of Takoma Park in grades 7-12. They are appointed to one-year terms and are eligible to apply for reappointment. Terms begin August 1 and end on July 31. Members of the Youth Council must remain residents of the City; attend meetings on a regular basis and inform the Youth Council of absences prior to meetings; maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average for the current school year; fulfill the responsibilities of the office held; and, set an example for youth in the community.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All

### **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**

To encourage a diverse pool of residents to apply, the City Council actively recruits and seeks to appoint members from traditionally underrepresented Wards 4, 5, and 6.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Draft Resolution
- [Youth Council Charter](#)

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2021-  
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2021-2022 YOUTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, 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; 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 August 1 and end on July 31; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the applications submitted for the 2021-2022 Youth Council and selected applicants for appointment.

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 2021-2022 Takoma Park Youth Council:

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| 1. Dakota Pippins (Ward 1)     | 2. Joy Thomas (Ward 2)                |
| 3. Julia Maynard (Ward 3)      | 4. Kamilla Sorenson (Ward 3)          |
| 5. Aresma Hailemariam (Ward 4) | 6. Leul Wondwosen (Ward 4)            |
| 7. Noel Berhanu (Ward 5)       | 8. Yacquub Nur (Ward 5)               |
| 9. Soraya Henry (Ward 6)       | 10. Faith Smith (Ward 6)              |
| 11. Evan Winters (Ward 6)      | 12. (Alternate) Kaya Christy (Ward 3) |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term of the 2021-2022 Youth Council will begin on August 1, 2021 and end on July 31, 2022.

Adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2021.

Attest: Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk