



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 21, 2022 Agenda Item 3-A

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the 2022-2023 Youth Council

### **Recommended Council Action**

Consider and vote on the resolution.

### **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. The term of the Youth Council will end on July 31, 2023. 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**

Youth Council members are eligible for stipends or they may choose to receive Student Service Learning.

### **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
- [Takoma Park Code, Chapter 2.16, Article 7](#)

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2022-  
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2022-2023 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 City Council has reviewed the applications submitted for the 2022-2023 Youth Council and has received appointment recommendations from City staff; and

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 2022-2022 Takoma Park Youth Council:

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| 1. Nina Butler (Ward 1)              | 2. Sahana Parikh (Ward 1)                     |
| 3. Nuhamin Michael (Ward 2)          | 4. Ava Bedaque (Ward 2)                       |
| 5. Kamilla Sorenson (Ward 3)         | 6. Emma Weeda (Ward 3)                        |
| 7. Leul Wondwosen (Ward 4)           | 8. Julia Maynard (Ward 4)                     |
| 9. Leah Negash (Ward 5)              | 10. Joshua Smith (Ward 6)                     |
| 11. Kalib Bond (Ward 6)              | 12. (Alternate) Samuel Vaena (Ward 1)         |
| 13. (Alternate) Shea Radman (Ward 2) | 14. (Alternate) Emma Notman-Villegas (Ward 3) |
| 15. (Alternate) Adam Diallo (Ward 4) | 15. (Alternate) Barkot Gebre (Ward 5)         |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term of the 2022-2023 Youth Council will begin on September 22, 2022 and end on July 31, 2023.

Adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2022.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk