



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 13, 2023 Agenda Item 2A

Voting Session – Consent Agenda

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the 2023-2024 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, 2024. 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

Advancing a Community of Belonging; Engaged, Responsive, and Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

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

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 2023-

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2023-2024 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, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and received recommendations from City staff; and

WHEREAS, recommendations for appointment were presented to the full City Council at the work session on September 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

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 2023-2024 Takoma Park Youth Council:

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| 1. Maeve Monahan (Ward 3) | 2. Anand Ginsburg-Shukla (Ward 3) |
| 3. Nuhamin Michael (Ward 2) | 4. Ava Bedaque (Ward 2) |
| 5. Kamilla Sorenson (Ward 3) | 6. Nathaniel DeRoche (Ward 3) |
| 7. Leul Wondwosen (Ward 4) | 8. Samuel Vaena (Ward 1) |
| 9. Leah Kirschner (Ward 5) | 10. Safiya Sorenson (Ward 3) |
| 11. Kalib Bond (Ward 6) | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Youth Council membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.16 of the Takoma Park Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term of the 2023-2024 Youth Council begins immediately and will end on July 31, 2024.

Adopted on this ____ day of September, 2023.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk