

Council Board and Commission Subcommittee
 Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Youth Advisory Board

Last Name	First Name	District	Qualifications
Adamsha	Sarah	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2027 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I'm interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to make a difference and help our community. I also want to gain leadership skills, provide insight to the activities provided for the youth of Peoria, and be a part of the solution to city wide problems. I hope that serving on the board will allow me to be a leader, participate in projects, and change our community for the better.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. I was in robotics club during the school year. I play basketball. I was in the Youth Citizen Police Academy. I participated in NAHS where we started a food bank and made cards or sick children in the hospital. I also sew.</p> <p>Qualities: I am a hard worker and once I set my mind on something I won't stop until I reach that goal. I love helping the community it gives me that wonderful feeling inside of me. I'm friendly and willing to stand up for others. I love experiencing new things and tackling problems, and helping others makes me feel good inside.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means serving the community and helping your city to become a better place for you to stay. It means making the city aware of important things that benefit a community or helping the city solve issues of public concern. It means volunteering to help our city and it means helping increase public values.</p>
Black	Allie	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2024 / Liberty High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board because it is a great opportunity to provide service in my community, as well as connect with and assist other youth in Peoria. I hope to gain experience in leadership, volunteering, and helping others on a larger scale.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Community Activities: Extracurriculars and activities of mine include: Key Club (Service Club), Student Council President (2020-2021), Drama Club and casted in Liberty High School's play and musical (Narrator- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Grandmother Tzeitel- Fiddler on the Roof), Art Club, Improv Team, Photography Club, Secretary of my Church Class, Piano, Vocal Lessons, Folk Dancing Classes, participation in Church Youth Group, volunteering at the Special Olympics, Salvation Army, and Valley View Community Food Bank.</p> <p>Qualities: I have leadership experience, and I work well in groups and problem solving situations. I excel at teamwork, delegating and fulfilling responsibilities, serving others, and I would also bring a strong work ethic and creative approaches to ideas.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: To me, civic engagement means everyone using their individual skills and talents to work together and make our community, and the lives of those who live there, better.</p>

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Crotty	Alexander	Willow	<p>Graduation Date: 5/2026 / Hillcrest Middle School / Interviewed 4/13/2021</p> <p>Qualities: The perspective of a 7th grade honors student who lives in the northern part of Peoria attending a DVUSD traditional middle school. I feel this area of Peoria tends to get overlooked and underutilized by the city. As a youth in this area I can help the city understand the needs of kids in North Peoria;</p> <p>Interest: I have always enjoyed politics and feel this will give me a good perspective into how local government works. I am excited to learn all aspects to social media to community involvement and how the government reaches out to all its residents;</p> <p>Civic Activities: I have been involved several of my churches volunteer work for the community, including organizing food drives for Saint Andres House and helping collect blankets for Saint Vincent de Paul;</p> <p>Extracurricular; Played soccer at CCV since age 4, golf at The Futures Course since 2016, recreational volleyball at Copper Creek elementary from 4th-6th grade. Played trumpet in school band since 5th grade. Selected to be a part of the DVUSD district middle school honors band in 6th grade and to represent the district in all state band in 6th grade. I wrote to over 300 embassies and consulates in the United States asking for flags in the summer of 2020. I also wrote to a couple world leaders and got a reply from someone in Taiwan's presidential cabinet I have been writing since August of 2020;</p> <p>Previous Experience: Previous boards, commissions, and committee experiences include: I was part of my Elementary School, Copper Creek Student ambassadors group. I represented my elementary school at a district event where other student ambassadors meet and we all talked and were taught about how we could make are schools a better place and we all bring it back to are school to teach everyone. I am also currently part of my school student council as the 7th grade representative.</p>
DeStefano	Karin	Mesquite	<p>Graduation Date: 05/2025 Glendale Preparatory Academy</p> <p>Interest: My parents raised me to be grateful for all I have, which made me realize many others do not have it as easy as I do. And so I want to help families in need combat food deserts and malnutrition by including gardens in public parks as well as raise enough money and support to include more throughout the entire state. To do that, I want to join the Board and garner enough experience to lead people to care for these gardens.</p> <p>Extracurricular: Community Service Committee; High School Mentorship Program; Cross-Country; Varsity Softball; Painting; Writing; Baking; Walking my Dogs; Learning New Languages</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring empathy, dedication, and trust to the Board. I am a good listener, and I have strong communication skills. My work ethic is also strong.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: It means giving back to the community which has helped you. It means listening to what people say and wanting to help them, even if you do not personally relate to their struggles. It means supporting others and building a mutual trust between yourselves. It means working for your community to make a difference rather than passively standing by. Civil engagement is integrity, perseverance, and patience all in one.</p>

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Hawkins	Zachary	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2026 / Coyote Hills / Interviewed 4/13/2021</p> <p>Qualities: I'm responsible, cooperative, have a desire to learn, and enjoy engaging with peers my age;</p> <p>Interest: I'd like to help provide input and ideas on issues within the community. As well as seeing how the government process works;</p> <p>Extracurricular: I play soccer for the City of Peoria, I enjoyed going to the library pre-covid, I like attending spring training games (again pre-covid), Along with my parents and siblings I like to hike the mountain trails, and I love to go kayaking and fishing at lake pleasant;</p> <p>Previous Experience: Student Council (member at large)</p>
Hernandez	Leonardo	Acacia	<p>Graduation: 5/2026 / Cotton Boll Elementary School /</p> <p>Interest: I would like to join to improve my leadership skills and I would like to learn from the other members and ultimately have some good experiences</p> <p>Extracurricular: I volunteer at a local church I would help with the computer presentations and sound systems as well as assisting the Sunday school teachers. I also have participated in recreational soccer.</p> <p>Qualities: I consider myself as a leader so I hope to bring my communication skills for the benefit of the Youth Advisory Board. Civic Engagement: To me it means to work to improve the community and helping others.</p>
Holly	Felicia	Pine	<p>Graduation: 5/2027 / Peoria Elementary /</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in helping kids that cannot voice their own voice. It is important for all opinions to be shared, and I want to help with that. Another reason is to give more children education opportunities. It is important for children to not only get to school on time but they also need certain materials that they may not be able to get.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: Student council, NJHS, L.I.T (program at the boys and girls club), Torch club (program at boys and girls club). Jr Mesa (program at PHS for mathematics engineering science achievement), Math AASA award</p> <p>Qualities; Leadership, Honesty, Bravery, Integrity</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Working with the community and helping to make it better such as community service. The exact definition of civic is, "relating to a city or town especially its administration; municipal" Civic engagement allows us as youth advisors to help out our community even more.</p>

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Houg	Jacob	Ironwood	<p>Graduation: 5/2026 / Sunrise Mountain High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the YAB because I want to help communicate what Peoria's youth needs and wants. I enjoy planning and volunteering at events. I enjoy interacting with my peers and meeting new people. I hope to gain knowledge on the community's issues and concerns. I look forward to learning more about the city of Peoria and how to make a difference in my school and my community.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I served on the Frontier Elementary School Student Council for two years. The second year I was elected as the Secretary, and served this position by listening and taking meeting minutes. I also served on the Frontier Junior Honor Society (FJHS) for two years. The second year I was elected as the Vice-President. I attended all meetings and assisted with planning drives and events. In addition, I volunteered the last 30 minutes of each school day to assist a Kindergarten teacher and her class with reading and other activities. Last summer I also volunteered my time to help a neighbor, with health issues, by providing weekly yard work and trash clean up.</p> <p>Qualities: My previous work on the Student Council and FJHS have prepared me for this position. My qualities include listening, speaking up, being honest, and showing kindness and respect to others. I have experience working together with a Council to plan events and volunteering my time to attend and support all activities and events.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means to listen and understand the needs of the youth in our community, to get involved to make a positive impact, and leave a mark.</p>
Solano	Olivia	Pine	<p>Graduation: 2028 / Peoria Elementary School /</p> <p>Interest: I want to make a difference in my community and also have better leadership skills.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I've done STUCO and Torch Club which is a program from Boys and Girls Club for leaders where we focus on volunteer work. Also, I've been a part of LIT which stands for "Leader in Training" where we learn how to be a staff. Some other things I've been a part of are Read Better Be Better and Girl Scouts. RBBB is a program that pairs middle-schoolers and third graders together to learn how to read. Girl Scouts does countless acts of service for our community, such as helping the elderly and building small libraries.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring qualities such as communication, integrity, creativity, leadership, honesty, problem solving, patience, flexibility and reliability.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means to me communication of citizens and the discussion of issues between citizens and community.</p>
Stanca	Samuel	Ironwood	<p>Graduation: 05/2025 / Glendale Preparatory Academy</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board for two reasons. First, by joining the board I would expand my horizons and experience things I would not have experienced before. Secondly, I would be able to have an influence in the government that could possibly help people in Peoria.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I am invested in many extracurriculars spanning from chorus and band to teaching a first grade Sunday School class. I've participated in five choirs this year three at my school, one at church and regional choir. I also participate in my school's new jazz band, and my church's brass band. At the same church I assist in teaching a first grade class. I also have two jobs, one is as a crew member at McDonalds, and the other is as server at weddings for a smaller company.</p> <p>Qualities: The qualities that I would bring to the Youth Advisory Board are hard work, perseverance, joy, and a unique view of the community we live in.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: In my opinion civic engagement is doing anything beneficial for your community. Meaning that someone sharing jokes and making people laugh is just as beneficial to the community as community service is.</p>