

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-1, 3-6 and 3-15
 Members: 5 and 1 Alternate
 Duties: The Board hears zoning appeals, interprets the zoning code, grants temporary use permits and variances to the code.
 Liaison: Chris Jacques / Planning and Community Development
 Liaison: Chris Hallett / Neighborhood and Human Services

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Blaise, Malina	Willow	No		11/9/2021					12/31/2023
Bow, Adam	Willow	No		02/18/2020	1/5/2021				12/31/2024
Molstad, Brandi	Pine	Yes		9/13/2022					12/31/2024
Patterson, Kathaleen	Willow	No		11/13/2018	04/16/2019	8/23/2022			06/30/2024
Turner, John	Mesquite	No		11/9/2021					06/30/2023
VACANT									12/31/2024

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES

Name	District	Member Status	Term/Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
VACANT (Was Shelby Duplessis)	Willow	Regular	12/31/2024	Yes	12/31/2026
Turner, John	Mesquite	Regular	06/30/2023	Yes	06/30/2025

April 11, 2023 INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS:

- Paul Paz
- Jhaveri Krishna

April 11, 2023 REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS:

- John Turner

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Palz, Paul	Mesquite	<p>Interest: As a resident of Peoria, I am personally interested in the growth of Peoria and the development of business and commerce with responsible oversight and aesthetic consistency. I hope to gain a better perspective of plans for future growth and appeals for variances/exceptions.</p> <p>Qualification/Experience: Serving on numerous H/O associations, I am keenly aware of the need for growth and change without losing the original tenor and tone of the City. I am also a CPA that has worked closely with construction and municipality representatives to expand and develop business sites. I would hope my business experience allows me to weigh the need for expansion and development without destroying the consistency and "charm" of our community.</p> <p>Characteristics of Member: The ability to listen! Not to approach situations with a pre-determined decision. Also the ability to weigh the overall good of a variance or approval against the strict interpretation of existing rules and regs.</p> <p>Experience Applying Rules: Where there are clear rules and precedent exists, one needs to be certain to not inject personal desires into the decision process. Further, there needs to be the ability to objectively weigh reasons and needs to set new precedent.</p> <p>Reconcile Member Role on Contentious Matters: Rule 1, don't be confrontational, emotional or opinionated, Rule 2, see rule 1. People want to be heard and want to express their reasons/opinions. A Board member needs to calmly and rationally explain reasons for decisions without dismissing opposing views as inferior or irrelevant. Obviously, this is possible when the Board decisions are based on sound principles and not prejudiced objectives.</p>
Jhaveri Krishna	Willow	<p>Interviewed 10/19/2021 /</p> <p>Qualities: A depth of knowledge regarding the Arizona Open Meeting Law, public records laws and policies, and the rulemaking process in Arizona. Legal acumen, research and writing skills, and communication skills;</p> <p>Interest: Would like to contribute to the quality of life in Peoria and expand skills while continuing to serve the public;</p> <p>Professional Experience: Attorney for the AZ Department of Administration, Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Formerly with NJ Department of Human Resources, Division of Family Development. Member of the State Bar for AZ, NJ, and NY.</p> <p>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK.</p>

REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Turner, Dan	Mesquite	BA in Communications w/minor in marketing; business professional with experience in manufacturing & multiple departments to facilitate projects; civic minded and multi-cultural.

ALL PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
3/23/2021	Clark, Michael	Mesquite	<p>Qualities: Vice President at the 5th largest bank in the world, project management, veteran, and detail oriented problem solver.</p> <p>Interest: Help my local community.</p> <p>Resume on file with City Clerk's Office.</p>
3/23/2021	Jhaveri, Krishna	Willow	<p>Interviewed 10/19/2021 /</p> <p>Qualities: A depth of knowledge regarding the Arizona Open Meeting Law, public records laws and policies, and the rulemaking process in Arizona. Legal acumen, research and writing skills, and communication skills;</p> <p>Interest: Would like to contribute to the quality of life in Peoria and expand skills while continuing to serve the public;</p> <p>Professional Experience: Attorney for the AZ Department of Administration, Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Formerly with NJ Department of Human Resources, Division of Family Development. Member of the State Bar for AZ, NJ, and NY.</p> <p>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK.</p>
3/23/2021	Manning, Joe	Ironwood	<p>Qualities: I have lived in Peoria for over 36 years. I have seen it grow to the beautiful city that it is. I retired from the Peoria Fire Department and as the Union President, I attended many City Council meetings and have always had an interest in City politics, development and future growth.</p> <p>Interest: I am retired and would like to give back to the City.</p> <p>Experience: Served 13 years in the United States Air Force and 32 years as a firefighter for the City of Peoria.</p> <p>Civic and Community Activities: Served on the planning and development committee for Rio Vista park.</p>
9/10/2022	Neely, Peggie	Mesquite	<p>Why interested: I have been in entitlements and Real Estate for 20 plus year. I know that this is an important board for all in our community.</p> <p>Qualifications: I have 11 years at the he City of Phoenix as a Elected Official. Worked on numerous cases with my business.</p> <p>Member Characteristics: Am well studied prepared and engaging and attending member.</p> <p>Experience applying objective rules: As required while on council</p> <p>Reconciliation of contentious agenda item/citizen: Understanding the issue. Trying to clearly explain what we can and cannot do. Need to be open minded and listen to both sides.</p>
12/09/2021	Palz, Paul	Mesquite	<p>Interest: As a resident of Peoria, I am personally interested in the growth of Peoria and the development of business and commerce with responsible oversight and aesthetic consistency. I hope to gain a better perspective of plans for future growth and appeals for variances/exceptions.</p> <p>Qualification/Experience: Serving on numerous H/O associations, I am keenly aware of the need for growth and change without losing the original tenor and tone of the City. I am also a CPA that has worked closely with construction and municipality representatives to expand and develop business sites. I would hope my business experience allows me to weigh the need for expansion and development without destroying the consistency and "charm" of our community.</p> <p>Characteristics of Member: The ability to listen! Not to approach situations with a pre-determined decision. Also the ability to weigh the overall good of a variance or approval against the strict interpretation of existing rules and regs.</p> <p>Experience Applying Rules: Where there are clear rules and precedent exists, one needs to be certain to not inject personal desires into the decision process. Further, there needs to be the ability to objectively weigh reasons and needs to set new precedent.</p> <p>Reconcile Member Role on Contentious Matters: Rule 1, don't be confrontational, emotional or opinionated, Rule 2, see rule 1. People want to be heard and want to express their reasons/opinions. A Board member needs to calmly and rationally explain reasons for decisions without dismissing opposing views as inferior or irrelevant. Obviously, this is possible when the Board decisions are based on sound principles and not prejudiced objectives.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
2/2/2022	Sproles, Aneta	Pine	<p>Interest: I wish to be on the board gain knowledge about current things going on in Peoria and to be a helpful asset to make a positive and great difference in Peoria with my fellow citizens.</p> <p>Qualifications/Training/Experience: Customer service, Business background, Paralegal background, Ambassador for autism speaks</p> <p>Member Characteristics: Being attentive and being fair , Hearing out all sides</p> <p>Experience Applying Objective Rules: Not Answered</p> <p>How to Reconcile Contentious Agenda Item/Upset Citizens: Try to hear the person out and calm them down and if possible come to a agreement that may have to compromise</p>
6/03/2021	Stiver, Lisa	Willow	<p>Interest: To assist in the review of zoning appeals to confirm proper due process. To be part of the community to help in the regulated growth of our city. Hoping to learn more about the process our zoning regulations and laws to become an integral part of the commission.</p> <p>Qualifications: Previous General Contractor in the state of New Mexico, Previous president of the Encore of Sunset Ranch HOA board , Current Business Risk Consultant for USAA, Desire to become an asset to our community and learn more around the inner workings.</p> <p>An ideal board member is: Ability to review zoning laws and regulations and understand the guidelines, Ability to effectively communicate and listen across all levels of government, businesses and citizens. Actively engaging in meetings and reviewing all possible recommendations and remaining open minded, Review the risk of approving a request and the long term affects, Being a team player and understanding there is a lot to learn outside of meetings, Making all meetings</p> <p>Experience with quasi-judicial: As a Business Risk Consultant we are trained and educated on how to review requests for legitimacy, evaluate the risk to all parties, and to come up with the best resolution to limit the amount of risk to all parties. Analyze current guidelines and laws and decipher their true meaning and how to evaluate requests maintaining the laws and guidelines set forth. A contentious agenda item: Walk through all possible scenarios, gain input from all parties on the board and citizens and de-escalate any situations. Everyone has an opinion and has a right to communicate that opinion in a respectful manner. You don't match zone or volume and always speak calmly and clearly. Recognize the importance of the other parties request and prepare for conversations no one wants to have. Being a past president of an HOA board for five years has trained me well.</p>

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Residency Requirement w/ Exceptions

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-1 and 3-16

Members: 7

- Professional background in architecture, history, architectural history, planning or archaeology (2)
- Residents of the City with a known interest in historic preservation

Duties: The Commission is responsible for the identification and recommendation to Council for the designation of landmarks, increase public awareness of historic, cultural and architectural preservation, approve/disapprove applications for Certificate of Appropriateness and establish a uniform schedule of fees for services.

Liaison: Marylou Stephens and Nathaniel Washburn / Neighborhood and Human Services

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
De La O, John	Palo Verde		2/18/2020					12/31/2023
Fusco, Mike	Palo Verde		8/1/2010	1/14/2014	10/3/2017	1/4/2022		12/31/2023
Heath, Mike	Palo Verde		1/7/2014	10/7/2014	11/13/2018	9/13/2022		12/31/2024
Okeke, Tobeckwu	Mesquite		1/5/2021					12/31/2024
Osuna, Eva	Pine	Interest in Historic Prevention	2/08/2023					6/30/2024
VACANT		Professional Planning/Engineering Background						12/31/2024
VACANT								06/30/2023

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
Vacant (Was Shelby Duplessis)	Ironwood	Professional Planning/Engineering Background	12/31/2024	N/A	6/30/2026
Vacant (Was Greg Loper)	Ironwood	Professional Planning Background	6/30/2023	N/A	6/30/2025

April 11, 2023 INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS:

- Paul Paich

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEW

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Paich, Paul	Acacia	<p>Interest: Interested in historic preservation and would love the Old Town Peoria area continue to grow into a historic destination.</p> <p>Experience: Resident of Peoria & though I am not a history or archaeology professional I am avid student of history & archaeology & I am continually fascinated by both. I am a real estate broker by profession & love historical property.</p> <p>Vision: Peoria is growing extensively especially in the northern part of the city. I have been a resident of the Oakwood area in 85381 for nearly 18 years. While I love the smart growth that Peoria is going through I would really love to see the historical downtown area grow into a historical destination rather than just the few one off events that happen there.</p>

ALL PENDING APPLICANTS

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3/23/2021	Clark Michael	Mesquite	<p>Qualities: Vice President at the 5th largest bank in the world, project management, veteran, and detail oriented problem solver.</p> <p>Interest: Help my local community. RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.</p>
3/23/2021	Manning Joe	Ironwood	<p>Qualities: I have lived in Peoria for over 36 years. I have seen it grow to the beautiful city that it is. I retired from the Peoria Fire Department and as the Union President, I attended many City Council meetings and have always had an interest in City politics, development and future growth.</p> <p>Interest: I am retired and would like to give back to the City.</p> <p>Experience: Served 13 years in the United States Air Force and 32 years as a firefighter for the City of Peoria.</p> <p>Civic and Community Activities: Served on the planning and development committee for Rio Vista park.</p>
1/17/2023	Molina Edward	Willow	<p>CURRENTLY SERVES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD</p> <p>Interest: I moved to Peoria in 1960 and went through the Peoria Schools, graduating from Peoria High School in 1971. I personally knew the mayors and city employees of Peoria when there were only 4,000 residents in this agricultural community. Even though I joined the Army in 1971 I always knew that one day I would return and wanted to figure a way to serve my community. Much has changed over the past fifty years but understanding how we are connected to other regions of the country is important for not only the old-timers but knew residents. Knowing that many of the early farmers and ranchers in the area came from southern Illinois and Missouri is almost intuitive but how we are connected to the pacific northwest might be something of interest.</p> <p>Experience/Professional Qualification: In addition to being resident of Peoria, I am also on the Economic Development Advisory Board. I have been on various boards and commissions throughout by career and these experiences have and will continue to serve me well in future similar positions.</p> <p>Vision: The geographic footprint of Peoria and know resources support planned judicious growth in residential as well as business and industrial bases. Much the same as Peoria was a significant agricultural cog in the west valley during the 1940s, through the 1970s it can be a business and industrial cog moving forward. If you think of a city as a living organism it is even more important to understand what the DNA of the city is in order to project where it might be in ten or more years.</p> <p>RESUME ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE</p>
5/12/2021	Paich Paul	Acacia	<p>Interest: Interested in historic preservation and would love the Old Town Peoria area continue to grow into a historic destination.</p> <p>Experience: Resident of Peoria & though I am not a history or archaeology professional I am avid student of history & archaeology & I am continually fascinated by both. I am a real estate broker by profession & love historical property.</p> <p>Vision: Peoria is growing extensively especially in the northern part of the city. I have been a resident of the Oakwood area in 85381 for nearly 18 years. While I love the smart growth that Peoria is going through I would really love to see the historical downtown area grow into a historical destination rather than just the few one off events that happen there.</p>
2/15/2021	Ross, Samantha	Acacia	<p>Qualities: One quality I feel that I could bring as a Board & Commission member would be my social work background. I have previous experience in social work. I have been extensively involved with various neighborhood apps and online meeting places for people that reside in Peoria. I feel that if we trust in and protect our neighbors, we all get along better and feel best about where we live;</p> <p>Interest: I would like to make myself useful on a broader scale. I love my city. I want to gain additional skills, share diverse viewpoints and step out and get things done;</p> <p>Professional Experience: I have worked for the state of Arizona. DES department. I have worked with the DDD department also. I love to volunteer. Helping put together packages for military members and their families was so much fun. I have also helped with the homeless community. Putting together mobile coffee shops. Sandwich bag handouts. Quilt/blanket making craft sessions. I don't have any experience on a board or Commission, but I feel I can contribute so much. I love advocating and helping people.</p> <p>Civic Activities: Church outreach activities. Homeless program advancements. United Healthcare community board. Veteran/active status care packages</p> <p>Previous Experience: None. I don't apologize for not having any experience in commissions. We all have to start somewhere. I would love to be considered for this endeavor.</p>

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD – Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-1, 3-6 and 3-67 through 3-70
 Members: 19 and 2 Alternates
 Duties: This Board advises the City, through the City Manager on the development of public recreational and youth activities and programs in the city, plans and implements a Student Government Day, and reviews ordinances or proposals pertaining to youth activities as directed by the City Council.
 Liaison: Chris Hallett / Neighborhood and Human Services

Vacant
Graduating May 2023
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt?	School Attending	Graduation	Appointed	Reappt'd	Expiration
Aboobucker, Farah	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Agarwal, Avi	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2023	5/4/2021	4/6/2021	6/30/2023
Bartos, Gracie	Mesquite	No	Glendale Prep. Academy	5/2023	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Dyer, Mikah	Ironwood	No	Sunset Heights	5/2024	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Fisher, Harmony	Acacia	No	Centennial High School	5/2024	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Hulse, Daniel	Ironwood	Yes	Sunrise Mountain High School	5/2023	11/9/2021	6/7/2022	6/30/2024
Powell, Kimber	Willow	No	Zuni Hills Elementary	5/2025	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Presmyk, Madison	Willow	No	Hillcrest Middle School	5/2023	4/16/2019	9/14/2021	6/30/2023
Ravindran, Riya	Willow	No	Mountain Ridge High School	5/2025	5/3/2022		6/30/2023
Rosales, Audrina	Pine	Yes	Paseo Verde Elementary	5/2026	8/23/2022		6/30/2024
Shrivastava, Ana	Mesquite	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Snyder, Isabelle	Mesquite	No	Mission Vista Academy	5/2023	5/3/2022		6/30/2023
Tewari, Manya	Ironwood	No	Great Heart Academies	5/2027	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Tuli, Vedant	Willow	No	Mountain Ridge High School	5/2023	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Vanteri, Ronit	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Vemana, Akshathram	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/4/2021		6/30/2023
Whetstine, Alliyz	Pine	No	Glendale Preparatory Academy	5/2024	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
VACANT (Fierro, Arizbeth)		No					6/30/2024
VACANT (Bahl, Maanav)		No					6/30/2024
VACANT (Chadha, Hurshneet)		No					6/30/2023
VACANT (Was Vaid, Tanya)		No					6/30/2024

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES

Name	District	Member Status	Term/Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
Dyer, Mikah	Ironwood	Regular	06/30/2023	No	06/30/2025; Graduating 5/1/2024, No interview required
Powell, Kimber	Willow	Regular	06/30/2023	No	06/30/2025; Graduating 5/1/2025
Ravindran, Riya	Willow	Regular	06/30/2023	No	06/30/2025; Graduating 5/1/2025
Shrivastava, Ana	Mesquite	Regular	06/30/2023	No	06/30/2025, Graduating 5/1/2026, No interview required
Vemana, Akshathram	Ironwood	Regular	06/30/2023	No	06/30/2025, Graduating 5/1/2026
Agarwal, Avi	Willow	Regular	Graduating	No	06/30/2025
Bartos, Gracie	Mesquite	Regular	Graduating	No	06/30/2025
Hulse, Daniel	Ironwood	Alternate	Graduating	Yes	06/30/2024
Presmyk, Madison	Willow	Regular	Graduating	No	06/30/2025
Snyder , Isabelle	Mesquite	Regular	Graduating	No	06/30/2025
Tuli, Vedant	Willow	Regular	Graduating	No	06/30/2025
VACANT (Fierro, Arizbeth)	Pine	Regular		No	06/30/2024
VACANT (Bahl, Maanav)	Willow	Regular		No	06/30/2024
VACANT (Chadha, Hurshneet)	Willow	Regular		No	06/30/2025
VACANT (Was Vaid, Tanya)	Ironwood	Regular		No	06/30/2024

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS FROM MARCH 14, 2023:

- Adamsha, Sarah
- DeStefano, Karin
- Hernandez, Leonardo
- Holly, Felicia
- Houg, Jacob
- Solano, Olivia
- Stanca, Samuel

Vacant
Graduating May 2023
Reappointment

April 11, 2023 INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS:

- Lowry, Liam
- Patel, Aneesa
- Sehgal, Aditya

April 11, 2023 REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS:

- Powell, Kimber
- Ravindran, Riya
- Vemana, Akshathram

April 11, 2023 COUNCIL YOUTH LIAISON INTERVIEWS:

- Fisher, Harmony
- Shrivastava, Ana
- Whetstine, Alliyz

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Lowry, Liam	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2024 / Brophy College Prep</p> <p>District: Willow</p> <p>Affiliation with Peoria: No</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to see first hand how my city government functions. I love Peoria and as a resident, I would love to be more involved in maintaining and improving our city.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I am on my church's Stake Youth Council; in this position I plan faith-building devotionals, wholesome teen dances, and community service projects for 500+ teens in the greater Peoria area I participate in the Peoria Pride service project annually I am an ambassador for my high school, Brophy College Prep; I offer tours for prospective families and give annual presentations to my former middle school about my Brophy experiences I have a strong interest in law and government; I participate in mock trial and I currently take AP Government I play on a club and highschool volleyball team</p> <p>Qualities: Aside from my stunning good looks, I would bring leadership, critical thinking, a strong work ethic, and a knowledge of current issues youth face. I would also bring perspectives from several different groups of people regarding what youth would like to see form a Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p>Civic engagement: To me, the bottom line of civic engagement means being involved in helping my community. This is manifested through taking an interest in and understanding what is happening around me. It means volunteering in times of need. It means becoming actively engaged in doing things to make the community a better place by maintaining and improving my surroundings. Mostly, it just means caring about my city, supporting our civic leaders, and being willing to get involved and take action.</p>
Patel, Aneesa	Mesquite	<p>Graduation: 5/2025 / Liberty High School /</p> <p>Interest: I have lived in the city of Peoria my entire life. I have seen the city grow and expand and become one of the most desired cities to live in. The main reason is that there has been great planning involved in developing Peoria especially North Peoria. I have many ideas and thoughts of how to continue to grow our city with future generations in mind. I can provide the perspective of my generation to help with city planning for the future. I have an interest in learning more about the planning and governance of a municipality which can help me in the future.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I have ran for stuend council of my high school class. I volunteer at my temple and lead my youth group. . I have interests in government and health care. I was recently selected to attend ASA Barrett's Summer Scholars program. I am also involved in animal rescues.</p> <p>Qualities: I am extremely hardworking and dedicated to any task that I am faced with. I have great organizational and project planning skills. I work well in groups and have good problem-solving and communication skills.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement has many facets. It means to be engaged with the city you live in. It means that we all have to be involved and provide our input to help our committee to strive to be the best place to live. We have to be open and engaged with everyone in the community and consider everyone's opinions and point of view when making decisions and planning for the future.</p>

INITIAL APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Sehgal, Aditya	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2024 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board because it's a unique opportunity that places responsibility on the shoulders of the next generation of Representatives, Senators, and leaders in general. It encourages civic participation and political advocacy at a time where voter efficacy is at an all time low. As a member on the advisory board, I hope to gain not only experience for understanding how local legislation is passed, but also a greater appreciation for the gift of democracy we as citizens enjoy.</p> <p>Extracurricular: Former Director and active member of the Advocacy branch of Encode Justice Arizona, member of the school chapter of Spanish Honor Society, Former Mock Trial team member, President and Founder of Youth Climate Action, and Grants writer at Greenstand - a non-profit fighting both: extreme poverty and climate change through environmental stewardship.</p> <p>Qualities: As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would bring a cooperative environment, a learning culture, and an appreciation for local legislation. Since the very beginning of the U.S, our government has relied on a culture of cooperation to foster a sense of unity. Whether it be the addition of a Bill of Rights to the Constitution, or the Connecticut compromise, the need to listen to the other side and find common ground has been ingrained within our roots. Thus, as a member of the board, my goal would be to cooperate with my peers and mediate any disagreements respectfully. In addition, a learning culture can help us all to grow. Being a part of the youth, we still have much to learn regarding discussion and voting on policies in the city of Peoria. As a student, I love learning something new every day, and so I hope to bring the same charisma to my peers such that we all can grow and become not only better citizens, but also better leaders in our respective fields. Finally, respect for issues at a local level is a major matter that is often overshadowed by national issues. One of the best ways to solve large problems is to take smaller steps at the local level. As such, developing an appreciation for matters relevant to Peoria like water rights, droughts, and commercial development can get us one step further to gaining ideas for issues at a larger scale that can one day be tackled by us - the youth.</p> <p>Civic engagement: For me, civic engagement is the process through which a representative and his/her constituents get to know each other so well that they treat each other as friends. Political efficacy and activism are only a part of this special relation. Since the time of our founding, our nation's founding fathers debated the amount of people elected officials should represent. While some wished for one representative and only a few thousand people, others wanted one representative and at least a few thousand constituents. As history unfolded, we saw the latter of the two cases come true to a greater extent than the former, but that does not mean that at the local level this must be the case. Rather, local officials like the Mayor should know their constituents so that both parties are comfortable sharing both: their progress and what needs to be done. This is significant because through this type of civic engagement, local leaders can fulfill the true potential for their job, while voters reap the numerous benefits of projects including those that spur economic development. While this relation may seem idealistic, as a member of the Youth Board, I would love to know Peoria citizens on a more personal level, thereby fulfilling the true meaning of local representative democracy.</p>

REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Last Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Powell, Kimber	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2025 / Qualities: Gifted program since Kindergarten, intelligent, creative and artistic. Quick learner, tech-savvy, adaptable, great social skills, good with people. Experienced public speaker, looks after others and makes sure everyone is heard; Interests: would like young members of Peoria to seen and heard, would like to create opportunities for others to get involved; Community Activities: Peoria sports for 5 years, Peoria theater and cultural arts festival, won Constitutional Essay contest and Utility Box Wrap contest; Hobbies: yearbook club, design, public speaking and writing.</p>
Ravindran, Riya	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2023 / Mountain Ridge High School / Interest: Learning about civics and history in school piqued my interest about the government. I saw this in real time, when I watched my sister be a part of city council meetings. This and my recent curiosity in national politics made me want to be a part of the youth advisory board and use my voice to represent the youth. By being part of the youth advisory team, I believe we can accomplish tasks on a grander scale. I hope to gain an insight into local government proceedings. Extracurricular: • Volunteer for Sankara Eye Foundation USA (a nonprofit organization to eradicate curable blindness in India https://www.giftofvision.org) at an informational booth to bring awareness about curable blindness. • Performed dance at a fundraiser gala for Smile Donor (a nonprofit organization that funds education for underprivileged children) • Part of PJOELC (Phoenix Jewel of the East Lions Club) • 1st Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo- 2015 • Violin- All State Middle School Regionals nomination 2020, 1st violin 2019-2020 and 2021-2022, BASIS Peoria Orchestra 2018-2021, Mountain Ridge Orchestra 2021-present • Dance- 2012-2020, performed at multiple cultural events, Emcee for a performance • Designed a logo and banner for a small business-2020 • Singing- 2012-present, performed at multiple cultural events • Selected for NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)- 2021 • FBLA (Future Business of America) Member- 2021-present • Mountain Ridge DECA Member- 2021-present Qualities: I would bring leadership, positivity, responsibility, creativity, perseverance, and a determination to succeed. I speak my mind and welcome constructive criticism. I am also an avid listener and enjoy collaborating with others. Civic Engagement: To me, civic engagement means: • To improve people’s lives • To bring issues to the attention of community leaders to be resolved • To understand civilian’s own role in local community and government</p>
Vemana, Akshathram	Willow	<p>Qualities: Very good in Computer Technology. Interested more in frontline helping, medical facility and Schools; Interest: Want to connect to an Community for an better society . I believe this will help me to go through real challenges and spent my time in meaningful way; Extracurricular: Swimmer, Badminton player and black belt holder in Taekwondo. Love to play Video games with my friends. Also, involved in School science and sustainability clubs.</p>

COUNCIL YOUTH LIASION INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Fisher, Harmony	Acacia	<p>Graduation: 5/2024; Centennial High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to advocate for people who do not have the opportunities or resources to advocate for themselves. This includes people of all races, sexualities, gender identities, backgrounds etc. Everyone deserves to have equal opportunities. The Youth Advisory Board would be the perfect platform for me to advocate for those who need it and fight the injustices in our city today. I am ready to help make change happen where it is needed and not let people be looked over. I want equality for all and would be honored to represent the youth of Peoria so we can achieve these goals together.</p> <p>Extra Curricular/Civic/Community Activities: I have been involved in DECA to improve my professional skills. As well as Speech and Debate to speak on what I am passionate about. I have served as the advocacy committee chair in the Student Leadership Council for UMOM New Day Centers to help those less fortunate to get back on their feet. This was an amazing experience for me to be able to firsthand help others in need, especially during the pandemic when more and more people were struggling. I also am involved in Archery and Drama Club which has helped me develop good teamwork, communication, and grit.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring hard work, devotion, teamwork, and communication skills. I have the devotion and passion for helping make positive changes. This is what motivates me to work hard, which is a significant aspect I would bring to the Youth Advisory Board. I also value working with a team. I want to hear everyone's opinions, ideas and points of view. It is important we do this so we can get the best solutions and ideas possible. It is also essential that we get all sides of the situation represented. With this I will also bring communication skills to the board. Communication is the key to success in problem solving. I want to have clear thoughtful discussions with peers without the fear of fighting or resentment towards one another. If we disagree, I will do my best to see their side and come to a solution or find some common ground. I will reach my arms out to those on all sides of the political spectrum rather than resenting anyone for their views. I can bring all of this to the Youth Advisory Board, and I will do anything in my power to ensure that everyone has equality while bringing in everyone's voices.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Means to Me: Civic engagement is the participation in working with others to bring attention towards a cause you are passionate about. These causes can be large or small and on all sides of the political spectrum. But what does not change about civic engagement is the unification of people. While there are things you can do individually to take part in civic duties such as voting. You need more people to come together under one cause to make a difference. Civic engagement to me is empowering. It is people uniting and working together despite differences they may have to make an impact.</p> <p>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.</p>



Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison Application



Name: Harmony Fisher _____ Phone #: [REDACTED] _____ Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in fall of 2023? Please circle 9th 10th 11th **12th**
 School Attending: Centennial High School

Have you been a Youth Advisory Board member for at least six months? **Yes** No

The following questions are to be answered in short-answer, essay format. Use separate sheets of paper or digital document if needed.

1. What, in your opinion, should be the two top priorities related to youth for a City Council?

Mental Health should be one of the top priorities for youth in Peoria. Mental health problems in youth have been exponentially increasing in the last year. Many youths are struggling and need help with this deeply rooted problem. This concern for mental health has been shown in the Youth Advisory Board survey as well. Fixing this problem is not easy because it is deeply personal however, working on this problem is absolutely worth the effort.

Youth engagement should also be a top priority of the city. Youth engagement is often not talked about enough and helps to fix many of the other prevalent issues in Peoria. Engaging the Youth is significant because it makes more youth aware of the opportunities and resources, they have available to them. Many of the youth in Peoria simply do not know about the support that they have around them, hence they do not get the help that they need. Once more youth are utilizing said resources, people will be able to connect through this and have the ability to fix other problems in the city. Being able to come together is what is going to help us grow as a community. Without youth engagement we will continue to have a divide between youth and adults where there is miscommunication, and many youths are not getting what they need. Fixing these problems all starts with getting youth to be more engaged in the community.

2. Please describe your experiences with government activities (Youth Government Day, Legislature Field Trip, School Government functions, or other related):

I do not have an extensive amount of professional experience with the government as this is my first year on the Youth Advisory Board. However, I have taken many opportunities to benefit the city in the time that I have had. I went to the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference to be able to network and learn from others. I have helped with City Teen Debate Night to help spark conversations regarding politics in the city. I have been to numerous networking events and celebrations including but not limited to the 25th Multicultural and Black History Festival, the Phoenix LGBTQ+ Pride festival, MLK Day of Service, 2nd Saturday events, Old Town Holiday Festival to fundraise for drug prevention, Feed the City etc. At these events I have had the opportunity to network and learn from many amazing individuals, which have given me the connections and skills to develop as a leader and be able to help youth in the City of Peoria. I also have been directing the Fundraising Committee as the Chair in the last year. During this time, I planned and executed a project to fundraise for 3PC, which is a drug prevention organization in Peoria. We raised enough money to provide materials to teach a school about drug abuse and are starting an initiative to give presentations about drug abuse in elementary and high schools in Peoria.

Outside of the Youth Advisory Board I have participated in many activities in relation to leadership and government. I am on my schools Speech and Debate club which has given me amazing opportunities to discuss politics with my peers and be able to learn to respectfully disagree, see other people's perspectives and debate in a kind and respectful manner regardless of differences of opinion or political party. This is a vital tool that is

essential to being productive in political and leadership roles. I also have many leadership positions in other extra-curricular activities that I participate in and participated in previously. This includes but is not limited to DECA Chapter Marketing Director, Engineering Club Director of Public Relations, Chair and Founder of Progress for Periods (Community Service Project), Elite Team Archery Club, UMOM Youth Advisory Council (alumni) etc. All these positions have taught me how to be a good leader and converse with others in an effective manner. While not all these directly relate to government, they all have helped me develop skills that directly correlate to success in government related activities.

3. Please describe an accomplishment in your recent past that you feel illustrates your qualifications for the position of YAB Council Liaison:

"You are one of the strongest, most intelligent and ambitious people I have ever met in my life". These are words that I will never forget; this was said to me while being presented with my greatest achievement: a necklace. They came from a mentor of mine who myself, and many others greatly admire and respect. This mentor served in the Army. In fact for the Army, she had to go undercover and wipe herself from many people's lives for a few years. She is the most courageous, perceptive, and passionate person I know. Because of these reasons and many more her thoughts are important to me. She passed down a necklace which she received from the Native American tribe in which she used to live. In this native American culture, jewelry signifies your achievements and status. This jewelry was handcrafted for my mentor to represent how much impact she has had on the community, and the success she has had. In Native American culture, tradition and the passing down of spiritual items is important to them. They will only pass down something to someone they think is worthy of what they receive. I had the honor of having my mentor's necklace be presented to me to wear with pride.

The necklace includes 5 rows of beads made from buffalo bone which represents strength and stability. I have demonstrated this characteristic through the 7 extra curriculars I am involved in, 5 of which I have a leadership position in. Balancing these tasks and AP classes requires a lot of strength and skill. I also represent strength through my leadership skills. It also displays turquoise beads which are said to protect the figurative strength and voice of the person wearing it. It overall represents that the wearer has had much success and demonstrated great strength in their life. It is an honor to wear this with pride to show my many talents, my passion for helping the community and how this has impacted the people around me. All these traits represent who I am and what I would demonstrate as a Youth Liaison. I am not afraid of the hard work that it takes to be successful, and this achievement shows that I have many skills and abilities that the council would benefit from.

This achievement represents who I am, but it also inspires me to create more success. I use this necklace as a reminder that I need to continue to be worthy of it. I work to better myself as a person, student, and leader every day. I also work to help others to achieve what they aspire to in any way that I can. This necklace, because of its meaning reminds me that sharing my voice and deliberating with others is a crucial responsibility to create safe and productive communities in which positive change is being made. I will continue to strive for absolute success in my academic career, community service, and self-development. This achievement serves as a reminder to never waver in those feats.

4. How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?

I plan to contribute to Peoria by representing the youths' needs by sharing my voice and engaging in community service to directly benefit youth. As mentioned earlier, discussion and important conversations are of the utmost importance to improving the city. I am ready to be part of these conversations so that I can share my voice and hear other perspectives. Once these conversations happen, that is when we can take action. My passion is to be able to help others, it is my highest priority. The Youth Liaison position could be a tool for me to be able to do so. I am actively looking for new ways to serve others and make an impact on the city. I plan to share my concerns with the council in hopes for support and opinions on what should be the main priority and how I should go about making a positive change in the community. I also would contribute by working towards goals that the city has in general, and bringing attention to aspects that need to be improved that I haven't thought of before. I also bring along many contact points from my time doing extensive community service outside of the city government itself, that could be helpful when trying to work with non-profit organizations especially.

Please also provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (professional/work/school).

I agree to the YAB Council Liaison guidelines and the commitment to attending the City Council meetings to represent the youth of Peoria.


Signature

2/10/23
Date

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Centennial High School

Creating a Culture of Achievement through Coyote Pride

January 12th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is truly a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Harmony Fisher. In the time I have known and taught Harmony, she has always proven herself to be motivated, talented, bright and extremely creative. I have genuinely enjoyed having Harmony as a student in my Journalism class, and she will always stand out in my mind as an exceptional student. She is an incredibly outgoing and creative individual, and she established herself to be an invaluable asset to this class. Harmony always enthusiastically completes her work in a timely, if not early manner, regardless if she is working individually or in a small group. Harmony is always quick to step into a leadership role when in small groups, and immediately commands the respect of her peers. Harmony has always set high goals for herself, and then set the best course of action in order to obtain these goals. With her determination and intelligence, I believe Harmony is ready for any challenge high school or her post high school career can offer. She has been an "A" student since I have had the pleasure to know her, and I believe she'll continue to receive high marks throughout her scholastic career. There is not a single assignment or story that she doesn't enthusiastically accept. Harmony also always volunteers during class discussions, regularly adding insight and thoughtfulness. She enjoys and thrives on higher-level learning, which to a teacher is extremely refreshing.

Harmony has also proven to be an extremely insightful and original writer. We had focused on editorial and feature writing in Journalism class, and Harmony's informative stories were insightful and well-written. Her creative approaches brought fresh and original viewpoints to every one of her stories, and I've been so impressed with her writing style that I have been recruiting her to join Newspaper Club. I am very careful in regards to who I send invitations to join Centennial's newspaper, *The Coyote Chronicle*, and Harmony is absolutely one of those people. I feel that with her driven attitude and incredible work ethic, she would make a wonderful addition to the newspaper's staff. Harmony also always arrives to class ready to embrace new challenges. Her openness and friendliness quickly win her friends in and outside school. Harmony always attends class with a smile on her face.

With her fantastic attitude and determination to succeed, Harmony is a joy to have in class. Harmony has also impressed me with how involved she is at Centennial, including serving in leadership roles in Engineering Club, National Honor Society, DECA, Speech and Debate and the Archery Club. Without hesitation, I enthusiastically recommend Harmony Fisher. It has been my pleasure having her as my student. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Todd Wolff
English/Journalism/Creative Writing Teacher
Newspaper Advisor
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13 January 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is for Harmony Fisher. I worked with Miss Fisher as her English instructor in Advanced Placement English Language and Composition at Centennial High School in Peoria, AZ. During the time I worked with her, Harmony demonstrated skills in critical / independent thinking, cooperative teamwork, and academic articulation of ideas (both written and verbal).

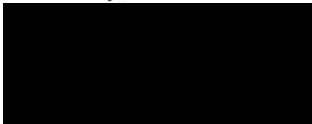
Harmony's character can be best demonstrated through her ability, articulation, drive, and natural intellect to achieve any goal. I am unwavering in my certainty that she will accomplish many countless feats of greatness in her life. Her writing skill in all modes (persuasive, argumentative, rhetorical analysis, literary analysis, synthesis) was near flawless in construction and insight throughout the entirety of time I have known her.

Harmony was also the student who set the standard for perseverance and diligence in my AP class. My favorite aspect of Harmony's character is her relentless desire to be the best. In the time I worked with her, Harmony proved time-and-time again that she would make any sacrifice to grow personally and academically in my class. With each paper and timed write essay, Harmony would come in to discuss her strengths, weaknesses, and would create a plan in which to continuously grow. With every writing assignment, Harmony became stronger as a writer. By the end of the class, it was without question that her writing was well-above high school level and could easily surpass many collegiate students. In terms of her reading, her scope of understanding innate content and structure extended past basic identification of advanced rhetorical elements, but one that included a scope of analysis for a larger and deeper thematic significance.

Harmony is driven, dedicated, craves challenges, and never settles for anything less than her best. She excels in the classroom and excels beyond the classroom. I highly recommend Harmony Fisher.

If you should need any additional information, please contact me via phone at 623.412.4400, or email me at ThButler@PUSD11.net.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Butler
Centennial High School

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COUNCIL YOUTH LIASION INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Shrivastava, Ana	Mesquite	<p>Graduation Date: 05/2026 / Basis Peoria / Qualities: I easily and effectively communicated with others and can use this attribute to arrange and establish a solution regarding concerns, speaking to the right people, and using the correct sources. Through tutoring, I gained the experience to help others in a productive environment, encouraging others for educational excellence.</p> <p>Interest: I am keen to create a more understanding and supportive environment to address the issue of students dropping out of school. I want to help these students in overcoming academic challenges and hardships. Being an active participant and driver in shaping policies that can directly impact the way we help students who are in need of aid, is exactly what I wish to do as a youth advisory board member. Civic Experience: 2020 recipient of the President’s Volunteer Service Award for making a device designed to help the visually impaired in navigating themselves with an intent of making their life a little easier. Organized a fundraiser for Phoenix Children’s Hospital, raising over \$700. Former member of school’s Dean’s Team (fundraising and school activities to help address/resolve student feedback and concerns. During a 2019 visit to India, volunteered at an orphanage.</p> <p>Extracurricular: Tutoring peers. Volunteer at Smart Brain Abacus. Currently working on a device to help the disabled, helping them to properly control a computer mouse with the use of Bluetooth with the simple movement of their head muscles. Over the quarantine, I had taken a particular interest in the hobby of crocheting, in the future, I hope to hold another fundraiser donating the funds to a good cause with crocheted toys and items. Member of Mensa, Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented program, National Junior Art Honor Society.</p>

Name: Ana Shrivastava

Phone #: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in the fall of 2023? 10th

School Attending: Basis Peoria

1. What, in your opinion, should be the two top priorities related to youth for a City Council?
 - The two top priorities for a City Council should be representing and bringing awareness to marginalized groups of people in Peoria and focusing on dangerous underage drug and alcohol use among teenagers and children. Groups of diverse people live, gather, and come together in our city, and it is our job to represent them, to make sure they are seen and heard and that their worries have an answer calling to them in an environment that may not show it. Our City Council should recognize the beauty and culture they bring to our city and represent them further in our society. On the other side, our City Council should bring awareness to the growing crisis of youth drinking and doing drugs. Due to the spike in mental health issues due to the pandemic, many youths have taken substances to help "ease" their stress and cope. I believe this issue must be discussed and brought attention to, as it impacts the future leaders of tomorrow, the generation and group that will lead us head-on to face the struggles of the future. But how will they lead us if we do not help them now? With City Council focusing on representing its beautiful diversity and its worry for the youth, we can build a better, stronger, more unified Peoria.
2. Please describe your experiences with government activities (Youth Government Day, Legislature Field Trip, School Government functions, or other related):
 - As a member and the Vice Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee, along with the other members, I organized the 2022 Youth Government Day and am currently setting up the event for 2023. Notably, I also attended the National League of Cities conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, in November of 2022 to represent our board and give an insight into what we were doing in Peoria. It was a wonderful experience where I connected with other boards and commissions as a youth to collaborate on projects and share our focuses in hopes of working together soon.
3. Please describe an accomplishment in your recent past that you feel illustrates your qualifications for the position of YAB Council Liaison:
 - In the past year, I won second place in the Arizona Engineering and Science Fair, the Lemelson Early Inventor Award, and an award from the Office of Naval Research - U.S. Navy / U.S. Marine Corps. This accomplishment demonstrates my commitment to a high-level task requiring precision in planning and execution for an extended period of time. These skills can be utilized to help convey ideas and thoughts that the board may want to discuss in the meetings I would attend as

a Youth Liaison. In addition, using what knowledge I gain from the Youth Advisory Board meetings and City Council meetings, I can discuss and reach out to organizations that focus on their priorities to further project the voice of the youth.

4. How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?
 - I plan to contribute to the Peoria community. Since joining the board, my goal has been to represent our city's marginalized communities. Becoming a Youth Liaison will allow me to project the concerns and needs of those communities. Additionally, as someone who comes in contact with all types of youth, these connections will enable me to use these relationships to help understand what hardships and difficulties these groups face. I aim to make these communities known to the public, their struggles on pamphlets, and their voices ringing through the speakerphones at our events. Peoria is diverse, with people from different backgrounds and cultures, with different disabilities and sexualities. Peoria is beautiful because of the people who live in it, and it is our job to uphold that beauty.

position of YAB Council Liaison:

4. How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?

Please also provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (professional/work/school).

I agree to the YAB Council Liaison guidelines and the commitment to attending the City Council meetings to represent the youth of Peoria.

Signature

Date

02/16/2023

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% of YAB meetings attended in the past 12 months: _____

To whom it may concern,

Ana is such an exceptional student and human it is hard to believe that she is only a freshman in highschool. I already knew of several impressive accomplishments she has made before finding out that she is also a multi time winner of History Day at both the regional and state level. I have the pleasure of teaching Ana pre-calculus and I can say with passion that she is a fantastic math student and works hard for her grade. My expectations for her are so high that if Ana gets less than 100% on any given exam then it causes me to consult her as to whether or not the test was fair. Ana studies topics in great detail and asks questions to deepen her understanding. Ana is also passionate about the youth advisory board. She takes great pride in helping to connect the city's young people with the government to help solve some of the issues faced by youth in the area. I highly recommend you accept Ana for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Christopher Kirchgraber MS Mathematics



February 16, 2023

To Whom May it Concerns:

My name is Rakhi Kakkar, and I am the Dean of Students for the 9th class at BASIS Peoria. It is with great pride and high regards that I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ana Shrivastava, who is a freshman at BASIS Peoria for the 22-23 school year. I have known Ana for over 4 years, and I have always been surprised by how much she has accomplished at such a young age. From winning awards for math competitions, to humbly serving her community, to excelling in her academics, she never fails to work hard and persevere. Ana has all the qualities a strong leader should possess. On campus, her peers look up to her and she has always set a positive example of what a good student and citizen should be. There are many remarkable things I can say about Ana, but the one thing that stands out to me the most is her dedication to her community. She is always trying to find ways to help better people's lives, whether it is through her science projects (she came up with a device that would allow people who don't have operational limbs to still browse the net to learn), devices to help people with vision impairment or who are blind, to making simple cards for teachers to help to let them know they are appreciated, Ana never lets an opportunity go to spread joy.

Ana takes great pride in her studies and has demonstrated an excellent rapport with her peers and teachers. Ana is well organized and routinely accomplishes multiple tasks within a given time frame. She consistently demonstrates reliability and honesty by being someone who I know I can count on. I am impressed with Ana's hunger to learn and desire to serve others. She is an amazing student, but an even better person. I feel confident that Ana will bring passion, dedication, and invaluable insight to your program and that she will most definitely succeed in whatever she is a part of.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at Rakhi.Kakkar@based.com or call me at (623)-566-9100. Thank you!

With Regards,

Rakhi Kakkar

Dean of Students

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COUNCIL YOUTH LIASION INTERVIEWS

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Whetstine, Alliyz	Pine	<p>Graduation Date: 2024;</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I have a heart for serving the community. I have served the community since I was little and it has always been a passion of mine. I am hoping to gain experience from the Advisory Board.</p> <p>Activities: Volunteer at CCV in the kids ministry, Serving PRIDE community, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals at Peoria Boys and Girls Club, Assisting at Martial Arts school, Volunteering for middle school athletics.</p> <p>Qualities: Passion and leadership. Civic: Working with others to achieve a common goal of benefitting the community.</p>



Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison Application



Name: Alliyz Whetstone Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in fall of 2023? Please circle 9th 10th 11th 12th
School Attending: Glendale Preparatory Academy

Have you been a Youth Advisory Board member for at least six months? Yes No

The following questions are to be answered in short-answer, essay format. Use separate sheets of paper or digital document if needed.

1. What, in your opinion, should be the two top priorities related to youth for a City Council?
2. Please describe your experiences with government activities (Youth Government Day, Legislature Field Trip, School Government functions, or other related):
3. Please describe an accomplishment in your recent past that you feel illustrates your qualifications for the position of YAB Council Liaison:
4. How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?

Please also provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (professional/work/school).

I agree to the YAB Council Liaison guidelines and the commitment to attending the City Council meetings to represent the youth of Peoria.

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Allyiz Whetstine Response to the Essay Questions

1. What, in your opinion, should be the two top priorities related to youth for a City Council?

I believe that the two priorities related to youth should be partnership and advocacy. A lot of change starts with addressing students' needs by providing resources for their school life, work life, and home life. To accurately address these issues, however, we need to pass the mic to the youth and give them this voice. One of the best ways to do this is by partnering with the youth (which is what the Peoria Council is currently doing with the YAB Council Liaisons, but I believe that it would be more beneficial to do it on a larger scale) especially because from what I've noticed while being on the Youth Advisory Board is that we lack civic engagement related to youth in Peoria. Not only does this provide civic engagement and a voice to our youth, but it also helps equip and empowering young leaders of our community.

2. Please describe your experiences with government activities (Youth Government Day, Legislature Field Trip, School Government functions, or other related):

In November of 2022, I went to the National League of Cities Summit at Kansas City, Missouri. I really enjoyed the experience because not only was I able to listen to fellow delegates and leaders talk about necessary topics, but I was also able to get closer to my fellow Youth Advisory Board members. Furthermore, I was able to connect with other local youth delegates like the youth on the Surprise board. This was beneficial because we were able to create connections with their board members and later those same people that we got to know came out to support us at our Teen Debate Night event.

3. Please describe an accomplishment in your recent past that you feel illustrates your qualifications for the position of YAB Council Liaison:

A recent accomplishment that exhibits my qualifications is a leadership roll I've taken up recently in my church. My title is the 5th-6th Service Leader, Host, and Huddle Leader. I have served in this capacity for the last 6 months. This means that I am not only a leader of the 200+ kids as well as 40+ coaches, but I am a guide to the coaches, delegate tasks, and handle any issues that may come up. This may not be something like a sport, academic, or artistic accomplishment but it is an accomplishment and next step in my leadership role. It shows that plenty of adults have trusted me enough with this leadership position among kids as well as adults.

4. How do you plan to contribute to the Peoria community while serving in this capacity?

I have always had a talent to make the smaller voices, whether in school, church, or leadership. So, I plan to contribute to my community by taking the time to hear my neighbor's point of view and dedicate my time to address the needs of others. Furthermore, I've always been hungry to serve my community more so I believe this would be a good outlet to advocate and serve my community.



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Recommendation for: Alliyz Whetstine

Distinctive Qualities

It is with the utmost pleasure that I strongly recommend Alliyz Whetstine for the position of Council Liaison. Alliyz is a young woman who always embodies a giving and honorable heart. She is a soft-spoken leader who passionately communicates with others.

Alliyz arrived at Glendale Preparatory Academy as a quiet 6th grade girl and has grown and matured into an ethically mindful, intellectually curious, change-instilling young lady. She has proven to be a solid student (3.134 unweighted/4.001 weighted), but where her greatest value comes is her willingness to put herself out there for causes she believes in.

Academic History

- Glendale Preparatory Academy offers all students a classical, liberal arts education through a very thoughtful, prescribed curriculum that values the Great Books and offers all core courses with an honors distinction. Students learn through a Socratic methodology and are required to sign an Academy Honor Code to build trust among students and to maintain an academic community with a shared code of values. Our students interact daily through seminar discussions. Alliyz not only participates consistently, but she also adds great value through her active, mindful, and thoughtful participation.
- We offer a prescribed curriculum that ensures every student takes three years of honors science (Biology, Physics I, and Chemistry), three years of honors math (Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus I), three years of honors foreign language (Alliyz chose to take Latin IV and V and Greek I) four years of fine arts, and four years of Humane Letters (this includes 4 credits of English and 4 credits of History). Additionally, our students take three of the following in their senior year: Physics II, Calculus II, Logic and Computation, Greek II, or Rhetoric. Alliyz has proven that she has strong time management skills. Given the rigor of her curriculum and her strong involvement both in and out of school, she continues to maintain respectable grades.

Areas of Impact

- Alliyz is an extremely mature, responsible, nurturing, and kind young woman. Her church, CCV, has placed her in a position of leadership as the coordinator for the 5th and 6th grade children. She is responsible for organizing activities and overseeing 34 group leaders. She has learned how to delegate and lead through this experience.
- She is a student who will capitalize on opportunities and resources that present themselves both at school and in the community. Her astute observations and forward-thinking ideas help to shape many a conversation. Alliyz has the ability to ask insightful, thought-provoking questions while highlighting a subtle observation. She is always a leader, a friend, an advocate, and an inspiration to those who have the opportunity to learn with her.



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- Alliyz is a self-starter and an independent learner. Through her commitment to Tae Kwon Do, she sparked an interest in the Korean language. Having no Korean classes available to her, she has taken the initiative to teach herself the language and even take national exams to back up her skills. She hopes to study in Korea after high school.
- Alliyz greets everyone she encounters by flashing a warm smile, offering a heartfelt “good morning,” or asking a genuine question about how the day is going. This may seem to be a small, even trivial fact, but when seen in action, it warms the heart and highlights the importance of human kindness.
- When Alliyz sets a goal, she is relentless in ensuring she accomplishes it. Earning her black belt in Tae Kwon Do was something she set her eyes upon, and nothing was going to stop her. After many hours and extensive testing she was awarded this esteemed black belt. Her desire to share her skills with others grew and Alliyz became a teacher at her studio a few years ago.
- If there is one compliment that truly defines Alliyz it is the fact that all who interact with her know that she does her job. If Alliyz says she is going to do something, one can be confident that it will get done – and done well. She is true to her word and understands that her commitments impact others and she refuses to let anyone down.

Final Recommendation

In closing it is with enthusiasm that I recommend Alliyz for the position of City of Peoria Youth Liaison. Alliyz is a leader who utilizes her strong character to guide her. Whether she is setting the best example for others, teaching at her Tae Kwon Do studio, leading the 5th and 6th graders at her large church, or teaching herself Korean, Alliyz leaves her mark. It is my opinion that Alliyz will make an excellent liaison and will represent the youth of Peoria well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Admissions Committee,

It is my honor to recommend Alliyz Whetstine for your consideration. I have known Alliyz for 2 years. I am on staff at Great Hearts as the Director of Athenaeum. I see Alliyz regularly at school. I have seen Alliyz develop into one of our school's most impressive leaders. She has proven herself to be generous, enthusiastic both in and out of school. Alliyz is sought out to tutor other students in Latin. This is the primary reason I have known her over the last 2 years: she has tutored my daughter in Latin. Alliyz sets high standards for herself and others to follow.

Alliyz has many leadership roles in and out of school. Alliyz participates in multiple sports. She is on the cross-country team, and Drama team. She also participates in martial arts at a Dojo in the community. Alliyz's personal character is equally as impressive as her academic achievements. She demonstrates empathetic listening skills, as well as a powerful intellect. In addition to speaking multiple languages, she has an outstanding academic history. Alliyz is always ready to lend a helping hand and has made a positive impact at Glendale Prep over the past years. Alliyz will be an outstanding contributor in any college she chooses to attend. She is the student that you know will have great achievements in her future. I highly recommend Alliyz for your consideration. Please know she will be a leader at your institution, and her impact will be outstanding.

Best Regards,

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ALL PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
7/3/2022	Adamsha, Sarah Interviewed 3/14/2023	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>
1/2/2023	Bhat, Chinmay	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2026 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I'm interested in the youth advisory board because I want to experience and understand the issues and policies many policy makers make that affect the youth and that are relevant to our society's wellbeing.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I'm part of YPA, which stands for youth policy assembly. This is a school club that is conducted by many Youth Advisory Board officers and we like to analyze, discuss, and debate many political issues and discuss what could be done to make our society better. We also like to do service projects regarding politics that will help for the wellbeing of our society, too.</p> <p>Qualities: As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I would bring qualities like leadership and fairness. I have always wanted to be a leader in good causes like fixing the flaws in our current systems so as a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I would like to fix the problems in our society by being a leader and I would like to bring fairness by making sure all solutions are fair to all that are affected by them.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: Civic engagement for me means a group of people who work together to create a more stronger society. I believe that the people who are trying to achieve this have to be trustworthy with the people, abstract in thoughts and getting good ideas, they have to set good examples for the public, and most importantly, they have to be able to effectively represent their people and be able to execute their ideas successfully.</p>
6/2/2022	Black, Allie Did not attend 3/14/2023 interview	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>

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
3/07/2021	Bowley, Hannah	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2024 / Mountain Ridge High School</p> <p>Qualities: I am a great team player, and am always willing to listen to everyone's ideas. I am also an avid event planner.</p> <p>Interest: I love planning events and creating a space where people connect with one another and are able to freely share and express their ideas. I also am a huge believer in making your place and community the best it can be. I lived in Goodyear less than a year ago, and I truly hated living there. Nothing was there for young kids, we weren't interconnected, and there was no excitement in that city. But now, I am so grateful to be living in Peoria, a city I am lucky to call my home. And I want to make it the best it can be.</p> <p>Civic: I have tutored many kids. I am lucky to have gone to a middle school that was extremely rigorous, and I take my knowledge and pass it on in hopes of them one day excelling in a subject and passing their knowledge onto someone else.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I love event planning, as well as coordinating other things like meeting, or volunteer opportunities.</p>
2/18/2022	<p>Chadha, Pravneet</p> <p>No longer Peoria resident</p>	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2025 / Mountain Ridge High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in the youth advisory board so I can make the community a more warm and welcoming place for everyone and help advocate for people of my generation. I wish to work with like-minded youth in Peoria to make our city better by working together as a team and bringing GenZ's perspective. I have lived in Peoria for the last 12 years and am a proud resident of the fastest growing and one of the most desirable places to live! I am interested in a career in Medicine and community engagement is a key component of my life goals. Having worked in various leadership positions and as a volunteer in different organizations, I believe the best efforts are those that are close to your heart. Through working with YAB I would strive to engage all the youth of Peoria to work together with YAB to make our community better.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I have always been passionate about making a difference in the community we live in. I have completed the Civics Unplugged fellowship and am part of their 2030 CU Builder community. I have founded a Non for profit called Project Smile AZ, which is involving not only Peoria youth but youth across the world to make a difference to anyone in need. I have also co founded Gamer4hope.com though which I have raised close to \$3800 for Phoenix Cancer Support Network. I am Teen Advisory Board member at the Arizona Science Center and also part of Youth Advisory Board for Making Caring Common by Harvard . Through my community efforts, I am also part of Giving Tuesday Spark Chapter leader. All these positions have helped shape me into a better human and being sensitive to disparities in the community and how we can make a difference by using our unique skill sets by working together.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring the youth advisory board, creativity, and passion. I am very passionate about making people happy as it gives me a sense of satisfaction. I want to advocate for the unrepresented and make their voices heard by looking into any issue people have with the community or its facilities. I will do this by thinking of creative ways to solve problems reasonably without taking up too many city resources while also keeping my methods effective. I have a good experience in Web page and social media management by founding and running a non profit with nearly 1000 followers between FB and IG. I have a good knowledge of media production. I am a great team player and can help expand YAB's online presence by marketing, web designing, posters, E newsletter etc , based on the need to engage Peoria youth and involve them in YAB activities.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic Engagement means involving each and every member in the community to their part to make it a better place for all of us. Its through simple doable actions that we can change and make our community better and kinder. I believe youth may be a fraction of the population now but they are 100% the future and if we can engage them with community activities then we can make this world so much better!</p> <p>Resume on file with Clerk's Office.</p>

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1/30/2021	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>
3/19/2023	Chishom, Karma	Willow	<p>Frontier Elementary Expected / Graduation Date 2027</p> <p>Interest: I want to be able to volunteer and help the community in the best way possible</p> <p>Extracurriculars: FJHS(NJHS), Morning Announcements</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring my time and help with fundraising and or community service</p> <p>Meaning of Civic Engagement: Civic engagement to me is helping one's community whether that be by doing something as small as picking up trash or helping raise money for a cause to help people or nature</p>
11/13/2022	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>
6/08/2021	Devi, Shravya	Willow	<p>Graduation Date: 5/2028 / Glendale Preparatory Academy</p> <p>Interest: I think it is a good chance to socialize since many people are not going anywhere because of covid-19. It helps us understand our government.</p> <p>Civic/Community Activities: Virtual library volunteering.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring respect, responsibility, and curtesy.</p> <p>What Civic Engagement Means to Me: Civic engagement means doing fun activities and things that help our government, our environment, and our society.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
3/29/2023	Farley, Oliver	Mesquite	<p>Interest: I am passionate about making a difference in my community and being a voice for my generation. That's why I am interested in joining a city youth advisory board. Being a part of a youth advisory board would allow me to collaborate with other like-minded individuals and share our perspectives on important issues affecting our community. I believe that young people have unique insights and ideas that can contribute to positive change in our city. Additionally, being part of a youth advisory board would provide me with an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and teamwork skills. By working alongside other young people, we could learn to work together towards a common goal, develop problem-solving skills, and build confidence in our ability to create change. Finally, being part of a city youth advisory board would allow me to make a tangible impact in my community. Through providing feedback to city officials, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit young people, and organizing events that promote community engagement, we could contribute to making our city a better place for everyone. Overall, I believe that joining a city youth advisory board would be a meaningful and rewarding experience that would allow me to grow as a leader and make a positive impact in my community.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic Activities: Cross Country and Track and Field, Rocketry Club and Aerospace Club at Brophy College Prep; Active member of St Thomas More. Next year will serve on the Loyola Project at Brophy College Prep, mentor middle school students. Volunteer with the Creighton Foundation, building Gardens. Participated in many community projects while at Brophy, working for Food for the Hungry and St. Vincent De Paul food pantry, serving food to the unhoused. Playing video games, running, and legos and this summer going into Aerospace flight classes.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring several qualities to the Youth Advisory Board. I believe that I am a good leader and have experience organizing community service projects and athletic events. I am also a creative person who enjoys coming up with new ideas and solutions. Furthermore, I am a good communicator and listener, which means that I can effectively share my ideas with others and understand their perspectives. I am also a team player and believe in working collaboratively with others to achieve common goals. Most importantly, I am committed to community service and making a positive impact in my community. As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I would work hard and do my best to contribute to the team's success.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: I'm a 9th grade student at Brophy College Prep who has taken the oath of Men serving others, I love to make a difference in my community and speak up for my generation. If I join a youth advisory board in my city, I can do just that. Being part of this board means I can work together with other young people who care about the same things as me. We can share our ideas on important issues that affect our community. I believe that as young people, we have different perspectives and ideas that can help make our city a better place. Not only can I share my ideas, but I can also develop skills in leadership and teamwork. By working together, we can learn how to solve problems and build confidence in ourselves. Overall, joining a city youth advisory board would be an awesome experience. I can learn how to be a better leader, work with others, and make a positive impact in my community.</p>
2/23/2021	Hawkins, Zachary Did not attend 3/14/2023 interview	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>
8/10/2021	Hernandez, Leonardo Interviewed 3/14/2023	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.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: To me it means to work to improve the community and helping others.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
8/10/2021	Hernandez, Lesley	Acacia	<p>Graduation: 5/2023 / Sunrise Mountain High School /</p> <p>Interest: I am interested because I want to contribute to my community and do my part to improve our community. I would like to learn from other youth and expand my confidence and communication skills too.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I volunteered for a local church where I volunteer as a mentor for children from 5 years to 8. I assist with crafts, assist with group activities and assist the Sunday school teachers with lessons.</p> <p>Qualities: I am very creative, I love to try different solutions. Also, I hope to bring great feedback and bring new ideas to make things better. I love working with others to build great thoughts and ideas so I hope I will get the opportunity to do that as a Youth Advisory Board member.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: I am very creative, I love to try different solutions. Also, I hope to bring great feedback and bring new ideas to make things better. I love working with others to build great thoughts and ideas so I hope I will get the opportunity to do that as a Youth Advisory Board member.</p>
1/16/2022	Hineman, Isabella	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2024 / Glendale Preparatory Academy / Interviewed 4/2022</p> <p>Interest: I have lived my entire life in the city of Peoria and have watched it expand and grow as a community. As a youth, I am self-motivated and will offer many contributions to improve the city of Peoria. I enjoy the public library, the sports complexes, and the dining options in the city. I believe that because I have lived here, there is even more potential to continue the interest in this part of the northwest valley. My career goals include pursuing a MD/JD degree and working to shape further generations by impacting health care policy.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I serve as a youth coach at Christ Church of the Valley. I am a mentor for new students through the mentorship program at Glendale Preparatory Academy. I swim competitively for Lifetime Aquatics six days a week for 3 hours each day. I volunteer at Valley of the Sun Pediatrics. I also enjoy reading novels and traveling overseas in my free time.</p> <p>Member Qualities: I am very organized and enthusiastic. I am proactive, a hard worker, and willing to take on any challenge. I also enjoy working on different teams and providing feedback with new ideas.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: I would like to help give back to my community because I have benefited from the programs and services in it my whole life. Civic engagement means being involved and suggesting new ideas to improve ones community. I hope to be able to offer my suggestions and improve the City of Peoria! RESUME ON FILE WITH CLERK'S OFFICE.</p>
4/5/2022	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>
1/31/2023	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>

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1/15/2022	Kaur, Jusreen	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2023 / Peoria Basis / Interest: I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board because I want to help in planning great programs for the youth in our community, and thus work to improve their quality of life. I want to provide opportunities, and assist in facilitating constructive projects, providing mental and psycho social support, and educating them to be good citizens. I would also like to help create educative programs for them, engage youth in volunteer activities and programs that can guide them to choose the career of their choice. I will dedicate myself towards the creation of community events, workshops, conferences and resources for the youth so as to help our youth in all aspects of life and promote their interests and goals.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I am currently a member of National honors society , National arts honors society, National Spanish honors society in my school. being a member of 3 prestigious honor societies I have the opportunity to do volunteer work in my school and in the community. I was volunteer at the Alzheimers association walk . I tutor students who need help at my school. I am the founder and president of Future health leaders club at my school. the mission of this club is to provide students information about different health careers. I am a member of the UNICEF club. As a member of this club I have the opportunity to help raise funds to help the needy. I am a volunteer with the Hospice of the valley. As part of this organization we do projects, like making cards, rock painting , making blankets, for the hospice patients to help them feel cared for. Art is my hobby, and I enjoy painting and unleashing my creativity. I am a part of Art for Sewa organization . As part of this organization I create art pieces, like canvas paintings and sell them. I donate the money to the needy and homeless.</p> <p>Member Qualities: I am very hard working and motivated to make difference in the lives of the youth in our community by promoting their interests, promoting their health and well-being especially motivating them to be good citizens and help make their future bright. I want to serve my community and feel that todays youth is going through some difficult time due to the current pandemic. I want to do every thing I can to help improve the quality of our youth.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: To me, civic engagement means to be involved in and planning activities and programs for the public that will benefit our community. To address public concerns and improve the quality of the community. To be involved in volunteer activities to help keeping our environment clean, work towards public health, create programs to help elderly, engage in local government, work with other organizations, help in research, help people of our community during challenging times, help people with disabilities, help create laws for the betterment of our society. Voting to elect the representatives, working towards making a difference in the life of our communities and making everyones life better so that people are happy. RESUME ON FILE WITH CLERK'S OFFICE.</p>
1/07/2022	Kote, Vivekanand	Mesquite	<p>Graduation: 5/2027 / Arizona Virtual Academy/ Interest: Help my community Extracurricular: Development of park, recreation, and development activities Qualities: Being kind and helping each other Civic Engagement: Being part of the community and create activities which will help my community grow.</p>
12/30/2022	Lowry, Liam	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2024 / Brophy College Prep Interest: I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to see first hand how my city government functions. I love Peoria and as a resident, I would love to be more involved in maintaining and improving our city.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I am on my church's Stake Youth Council; in this position I plan faith-building devotionals, wholesome teen dances, and community service projects for 500+ teens in the greater Peoria area; I participate in the Peoria Pride service project annually; I am an ambassador for my high school, Brophy College Prep; I offer tours for prospective families and give annual presentations to my former middle school about my Brophy experiences; I have a strong interest in law and government; I participate in mock trial and I currently take AP Government; I play on a club and highschool volleyball team Qualities: Aside from my stunning good looks, I would bring leadership, critical thinking, a strong work ethic, and a knowledge of current issues youth face. I would also bring perspectives from several different groups of people regarding what youth would like to see form a Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p>Civic engagement: To me, the bottom line of civic engagement means being involved in helping my community. This is manifested through taking an interest in and understanding what is happening around me. It means volunteering in times of need. It means becoming actively engaged in doing things to make the community a better place by maintaining and improving my surroundings. Mostly, it just means caring about my city, supporting our civic leaders, and being willing to get involved and take action.</p>

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3/09/2021	Malaviya, Aadi	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2023 / BASIS Peoria /</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring ambition and forward-thinking. I know that nothing can truly be one hundred percent perfect which is why I always push for improvement over the past. Often, people are bogged down in chasing perfection and the larger end goal but lose determination to complete the smaller steps crucial to developing the community. Just focusing on an end goal is inherently flawed as circumstances change and motivations shift. I can bring a mindset that promotes a constant drive to improve on our current state and make those smaller steps. Smaller steps that will enable my fellow board members and the community to learn through experiences on the journey of improvement.</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board because of my interest in leadership and business. I aspire to be a business or economics major one day, and I know how vital community health and outreach is for a prosperous society with strong consumers. Serving on the Youth Advisory Board not only allows me to build the skills I will eventually need in a business setting but also for seeing the real life impacts organized actions can have on the community.</p> <p>Civic Activities: I was involved in two orchestra trips to Terra Pointe senior memory health center where I performed music with our Tri-M orchestra for senior citizens with mental health issues in addition to other service projects with Tri-M (a music honor society). I performed for a third time in a similar setting with the North Valley Youth Orchestra in another senior living center. I have been playing in multiple concerts for the community in the North Valley Youth Orchestra for 3 years now. I am also an National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) member having participated in a blanket drive as well as currently volunteering in a blood drive. I also volunteered on behalf of AAA for trash pickup in the Grand Canyon. I also volunteered at a St. Mary's food drive.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I am in Speech and Debate allowing me to develop my public speaking, articulation, and writing though policy debate. I have been in Tri-M for multiple years dating back to 2017 and have continued my contributions in NJHS. I am currently violist in the North Valley Youth Orchestra have been for multiple years. I have taken Latin for 6 years and have 2 gold awards on the National Latin Exam. My main academic interest in economics.</p> <p>Previous Experience: I have been on multiple service committees over my multiple years in Tri-M and NJHS including our committee for planning instrument showcases to the youngest students in our school, our Terra Pointe committee responsible for senior health outreach, the band versus strings dodgeball tournament, the blanket drive committee, and our current blood drive committee.</p>
4/18/2022	Patel, Aneesa	Mesquite	<p>Graduation: 5/2025 / Liberty High School /</p> <p>Interest: I have lived in the city of Peoria my entire life. I have seen the city grow and expand and become one of the most desired cities to live in. The main reason is that there has been great planning involved in developing Peoria especially North Peoria. I have many ideas and thoughts of how to continue to grow our city with future generations in mind. I can provide the perspective of my generation to help with city planning for the future. I have an interest in learning more about the planning and governance of a municipality which can help me in the future.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I have ran for stuend council of my high school class. I volunteer at my temple and lead my youth group. . I have interests in government and health care. I was recently selected to attend ASA Barrett's Summer Scholars program. I am also involved in animal rescues.</p> <p>Qualities: I am extremely hardworking and dedicated to any task that I am faced with. I have great organizational and project planning skills. I work well in groups and have good problem-solving and communication skills.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement has many facets. It means to be engaged with the city you live in. It means that we all have to be involved and provide our input to help our committee to strive to be the best place to live. We have to be open and engaged with everyone in the community and consider everyone's opinions and point of view when making decisions and planning for the future.</p>

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01/12/2023	Ranjan, Mehul	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2025 / Basis Peoria / INTERVIEWED ON 4/12/2022</p> <p>Interest: I hope to learn more on the city of Peoria and it's problems, so we can fix or help them. I also wish that I can spread knowledge on various topics in the city of Peoria.</p> <p>Extracurricular Activities: Speech and debate is a terrific activity for the youth advisory board as it engages young and mature minds in to providing knowledge on current topics and increases critical thinking.</p> <p>Qualities: I am a very caring person and I do my best to provide helpful things to people. This could be very beneficial to the board because of its way of provide knowledge on topics in the city of Peoria.</p> <p>Meaning of Civic Engagement: I believe civil engagement is one if not the most beneficial thing a community could ask for. For instance what I believe civil engagement means to me is that it can affect the community in a political and non-political way.</p>
11/01/2022	Sehgal, Aditya	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2024 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board because it's a unique opportunity that places responsibility on the shoulders of the next generation of Representatives, Senators, and leaders in general. It encourages civic participation and political advocacy at a time where voter efficacy is at an all time low. As a member on the advisory board, I hope to gain not only experience for understanding how local legislation is passed, but also a greater appreciation for the gift of democracy we as citizens enjoy.</p> <p>Extracurricular: Former Director and active member of the Advocacy branch of Encode Justice Arizona, member of the school chapter of Spanish Honor Society, Former Mock Trial team member, President and Founder of Youth Climate Action, and Grants writer at Greenstand - a non-profit fighting both: extreme poverty and climate change through environmental stewardship.</p> <p>Qualities: As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would bring a cooperative environment, a learning culture, and an appreciation for local legislation. Since the very beginning of the U.S, our government has relied on a culture of cooperation to foster a sense of unity. Whether it be the addition of a Bill of Rights to the Constitution, or the Connecticut compromise, the need to listen to the other side and find common ground has been ingrained within our roots. Thus, as a member of the board, my goal would be to cooperate with my peers and mediate any disagreements respectfully. In addition, a learning culture can help us all to grow. Being a part of the youth, we still have much to learn regarding discussion and voting on policies in the city of Peoria. As a student, I love learning something new every day, and so I hope to bring the same charisma to my peers such that we all can grow and become not only better citizens, but also better leaders in our respective fields. Finally, respect for issues at a local level is a major matter that is often overshadowed by national issues. One of the best ways to solve large problems is to take smaller steps at the local level. As such, developing an appreciation for matters relevant to Peoria like water rights, droughts, and commercial development can get us one step further to gaining ideas for issues at a larger scale that can one day be tackled by us - the youth.</p> <p>Civic engagement: For me, civic engagement is the process through which a representative and his/her constituents get to know each other so well that they treat each other as friends. Political efficacy and activism are only a part of this special relation. Since the time of our founding, our nation's founding fathers debated the amount of people elected officials should represent. While some wished for one representative and only a few thousand people, others wanted one representative and at least a few thousand constituents. As history unfolded, we saw the latter of the two cases come true to a greater extent than the former, but that does not mean that at the local level this must be the case. Rather, local officials like the Mayor should know their constituents so that both parties are comfortable sharing both: their progress and what needs to be done. This is significant because through this type of civic engagement, local leaders can fulfill the true potential for their job, while voters reap the numerous benefits of projects including those that spur economic development. While this relation may seem idealistic, as a member of the Youth Board, I would love to know Peoria citizens on a more personal level, thereby fulfilling the true meaning of local representative democracy.</p>

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1/21/2022	Sekar, Aditi	Willow	<p>Graduation Date: 05/2026 / Basis Peoria Interviewed 4/2022</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in participating in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to assist with the growth and development of our community. I would like to participate in community activities, local events, and campaigns. I am eager to make an impact, and I see this as the perfect opportunity to contribute to the community. I am intrigued to be advising and counseling Peoria youth activities and events. I hope to gain leadership skills while serving on the Youth Advisory Board. I also hope to obtain communication skills whilst communicating with other organizations, leaders, and members of the Board.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: also enjoy watching history documentaries. I have read interesting short stories pertaining to the U.S government.</p> <p>Qualities: I am passionate, hardworking, and collaborative. I am passionate about making an impact on the future of our community. I want to take the initiative to improve the well-being of youths. I am hardworking, in that I will be dedicated and determined to work hard as a member of the Youth Advisory Board. I am also collaborative. When working as a team, I believe collaboration is a vital skill. Team members must work together and be respectful to one another since we are all working towards a common goal.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: To me, civic engagement means addressing issues and engaging in order to solve and mediate it. I want to take the initiative to create a better and healthier society. I would also like to discuss major issues the youth of our community are facing and help remove or dissolve the issue.</p>
2/10/2023	Singamaneni Dhriti, Sreesai	Mesquite	<p>Graduation: 2027 / Glendale Preparatory Academy</p> <p>Interest: I am joining the Youth Advisory Board of Peoria because I want to converse with other members of the city of Peoria, who have a goal to make the youth better for the next generation and hear different insights on how we can help make a difference.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I was part of a community service group, and we cleaned up my communities park. I also participated in the forces of nature club taking place in my school. We would voluntarily clean public places by picking up trash, recycling water bottles, and etc. I also volunteer in the library when I could. I tend to be very giving as well. When I eat outside with my family, we tend to give our takeout to homeless people.</p> <p>Qualities: I have very good leadership and coaching abilities. Instead of just telling someone the answer, I coach them through it and help them every step of the way. I also have great communication skills, I can make meaningful conversation in just mere minutes, and am able to talk with anyone openly and not feel shy.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement is helping the community in multiple ways. You don't only have to participate in volunteering, you can start a gardening club and help the environment, you can start a lemonade stand and donate your prophet to a food bank or hospital. If you take a part in public participation you are basically doing civic engagement.</p>
4/5/2022	Solano, Olivia Interviewed 3/14/2023	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>

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5/22/2022	Stanca, Samuel Interviewed 3/14/2023	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>
02/23/2023	Tipton, Titus	Pine	<p>Graduation: 05/2025 / Sunrise Mountain</p> <p>Affiliations: Not currently. However, I am in the process of applying for a lifeguard position with Peoria Aquatics.</p> <p>Interest: I am highly interested in the opportunity to develop my leadership skills in a manner that is constructive for my fellow peers and our community. Specifically, I hope to greatly expand my access to volunteer opportunities around the City of Peoria and expand those opportunities to others. I also want to increase community participation and unity specifically in my local neighborhoods while supporting the growth of the entire community as a whole.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I frequently volunteer with veteran service organizations, mainly Operation Enduring Gratitude. I was a Civil Air Patrol Cadet for two years, and I am currently transferring to the Naval Sea Cadets. I publicly speak often, and have given speeches at two events held by the City of Peoria: The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee Heroes Flag Walk in May of 2021 and 2022.</p> <p>Qualities: Confidence under pressure or with challenging tasks. Leadership. Problem solving. Outgoingness.</p> <p>Meaning of Civic Engagement: To me, civic engagement means reaching out to everyone in our community, and specifically those in the most need of our assistance. Civic engagement is finding the people who need help and won't ask for it, and offer it to them in a personal and considerate manner.</p>
11/02/2022	Tuli, Aryan	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2027 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I wish to bring light and true change to the underrepresented issues teenagers face today like Mental health awareness, and vaping/drug problems. I hope to develop policies and activities that will bring change to these issues, like maybe a school counselor in as many schools as possible to check up on students' mental states. There could also be smoke detectors in school bathrooms to prevent vaping and other drugs in school bathrooms. I hope to gain experience when working with people coming from all different places of the world, exposing myself to different issues that I may not be aware of right now, and becoming a better, and more contributing citizen to my community</p> <p>Extracurriculars: Member of the Student Advisory Council for the Arizona Department of Education; Member of the honor society Tri-M; President of Tri-M Music Honor Society; Have played piano for 8 years; Have played the Alto Saxophone for 3 years; Selected to play at the All-State Music Festival, and placed the second chair in all of Arizona on the Alto Saxophone; Have Peer Tutored in Biology for 1 year; Represented school at regional level in Science Bowl 2 times, achieving 2nd and 4th place.</p> <p>Qualities: I will always have a plan. I have dedication, am good at working with people, and I am good with making ideas. When I start something, I always finish it and I always stay dedicated to the task and don't give up easily. I am good at working with people and I always listen to other people's ideas and work together. I'm also excellent at making ideas and I can come up with great ideas to solve issues.</p> <p>Meaning of civic engagement: Creating and participating in policies and practices which bring about positive change in the community. Things like letting the community make votes on policy changes and letting people decide about what change should occur.</p>

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5/7/2022	Vanteri, Rohan	Willow	<p>Graduation: 05/2025 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in joining the Youth Advisory board so I can make an impact on the youth of Peoria. I know problems that people my age face since I am experiencing them as well first hand, and by joining the youth advisory board, I can help future children who will also deal with these problems. While serving on the Youth Advisory Board, I hope to improve my leadership skills, and become a more active member in our community by helping the youth.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic Activities: I am currently a member of my school's newspaper club Basis Bugle. At this club, I was able to write articles that appeal to a broad audience, which strengthened my ability to communicate with others. I was also part of the GYM program (Greatness for Youth's Minds) where I learned how to improve my actions, habits, and my daily lifestyle. As hobbies, I enjoy trying new things and I also am proficient in coding in the Java language, and can code in python to a certain extent as well. I also took a summer course on app development using the platform Xcode, which taught me how to develop some basic apps and helped improve my coding abilities.</p> <p>Qualities: As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would suggest new ways to improve the community and would listen, while giving feedback, to ideas other people have to ensure that everything the board does impacts the community in a positive way. I also work very well with others, and can communicate very well. Other than collaboration and suggesting new ideas, I am also a friendly person who likes to talk with others.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: To me, civic engagement means that I should help a lot of people and leave a significant impact on them for years to come. By helping more people and leaving the impact, I am helping the community where I grew up, and making an positive impact that can stay for years to come.</p>
8/26/2021	Whaley, Makinzie	Mesquite	<p>Graduation: 5/2023 / Sunrise Mountain High School /</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in joining the Youth Advisory Board because I want to become more involved in my community and see what goes on behind the scenes. I also have an interest in pursuing a career with a leadership position, so I believe being a part of this will enable me to develop my leadership skills even more. I hope to make a contribution to my community and be introduced to involvement within the city.</p> <p>Extracurricular: I am a member of Best Buddies at my school where I focus on creating relationships and friendships with peers who are intellectually disabled. I also enjoy volunteer work around the community, such as helping in a Arizona Baptist Children's Services and Family Ministries, and I participated in cleaning up schools in the Love My School event. I am planning on joining NHS my senior year to continue to volunteer and help around the community. I am also very sociable and love hanging out and talking with my peers and friends and I believe this would be helpful working with peers on the board.</p> <p>Qualities: As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would bring leadership and focus. I was president of NJHS at my elementary school, West Wing Elementary, where I planned and lead meetings as well as coordinated with organizations and my fellow peers to plan volunteer opportunities, and I believe I could use these leadership skills as a member of the Youth Advisory board to help the City Manager with planning events. I also would bring focus to the group, as I am very sociable, but I am also serious when I need to get things accomplished.</p> <p>Civic Engagement: Civic engagement is getting involved in your community to make a difference and to have your voice heard to me. It is representing your peers and I believe it is a civil duty as a member of a community to be involved in what is going on in their community and helping better it in any way they can.</p>