



Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison Application



Name: Anika Navghare Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

What grade are you entering in fall of 2025? Please circle 9th 10th **11th** 12th School
Attending: Mountain Ridge 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 documents if needed.

1. What are two topics that you believe affect the City of Peoria that you would like to contribute to in discussion and possible action?

I believe college readiness to be one of the most overlooked topics in youth today. Many youth go into college life not knowing anything other than majors and minors and partying. Especially for those pursuing more rigorous career paths, being prepared for what is to come is an enormous benefit and can save many teens from resorting to other methods of coping away from their family and friends. This problem can be solved by incorporating workshops/presentations to schools or individual teenagers who want to know more and need guidance about anything having to do with college. This leads me to the second topic: social media's hold on youth. Although drugs and substance abuse is a significant problem in society, teens who are desperate and in need of support will believe many false things on social media regarding fake medicine and other harmful things. YAB could play a role in this by posting more on their social media about things to avoid when online and texting unknown people about serious things like this.

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

In the past summer, my brother had won the congressional art competition for Arizona, and we had gotten the chance to go to the capital to see his painting and meet Debbie Lesko there. It was an amazing experience to visit Capitol Hill and see all the historic paintings and sculptures that I had only seen on TV. We had designated tour guides that explained every detail and made our visit even more memorable. Seeing things like the Supreme Court, Lincoln Memorial, and the White House really sparked an interest in the government for me which was around the same time that I found out I was selected to be part of the YAB. This is another reason why I want to contribute more to YAB, especially as a new member.

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

In 2023, I was part of the YAC, the Youth Advisory Council. This organization talked about the various topics that required focus in Arizona and specifically Maricopa County. Many of these meetings gave me a different perspective on the various problems among youth and allowed me to collaborate on a project with other youth to present in front of many city officials in a public library. I think this experience gives me the skills I need to effectively listen and communicate as the council liaison.

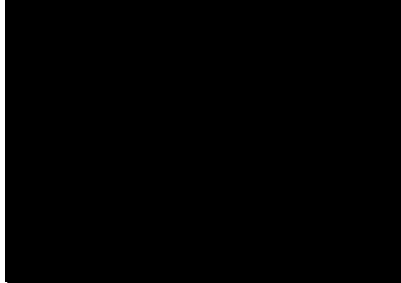
4. Why do you want to be the next Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison?

Becoming more involved in my community has always been a major goal of mine. Becoming a YAB member was a very essential part of this goal, and it has been an amazing experience getting to know new people, improving my public speaking skills, and involving myself in the City Of Peoria. I tried to be as involved as possible, by going to all the meetings and trying out the different volunteering opportunities and board bonding activities. The Youth Advisory Board Liaison would be the next step to that goal as I could become a bridge between YAB and the City of Peoria council members. I could forge new memories and network with many different people with this responsibility. It would be an invaluable opportunity for me as a youth living in the City of Peoria.

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 2/10/24

Application and two letters of recommendation due to Brian Carrico by Thurs, February 13, 2025 by 5pm, Email to brian.carrico@peoriaaz.gov or drop at Community Services Office, 9875 N. 85th Ave.

Office Use Only:

Date of Appointment: 7/1/24

% of YAB meetings attended in the past 12 months: 100%

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this reference at the request of Anika Navghare who is applying to a position as a council liaison. I have known Anika since 2023. I got to know her as a participating member in my Youth Advisory Council program for Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Throughout her time as a member from 2023 to 2024, I was genuinely impressed by her dedication to improving public health programs for young people in Maricopa County.

As a committed member of the Youth Advisory Council, Anika has showcased her leadership skills by engaging in discussions on various health topics during our meetings, including tobacco prevention, youth mental health, and substance abuse. She has devoted significant time to completing assigned projects and attending in-person events.

Beyond her council involvement, she shines in extracurricular activities. She is currently a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the City of Peoria and volunteers for the LEAD program. Additionally, she actively participates in community service initiatives, such as yoga events, food donation drives, and volunteers within the Hindu American community.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend Anika Navghare. I am certain that you will be just as impressed with Anika. I strongly encourage you to consider Anika Navghare to be a liaison with the Youth Advisory Board. She really is a great example of youth leadership. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Nguyen
Senior Maternal and Child Health Educator
Youth Advisory Council Co-Facilitator
Maricopa County Department of Public Health



In 2016, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health received accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. For more information on this achievement, please visit phaboard.org.

Kendra Jack
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February 1,
2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to highly recommend Anika for the Youth Advisory Board Council Liaison position. I have had the privilege of teaching Anika piano since October of 2022, and throughout our time together, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional qualities that make her an outstanding candidate for your program.

From the very beginning, it was evident that Anika possesses a remarkable dedication to excellence in everything she pursues. Her commitment to mastering the piano and her passion for learning new skills are truly commendable. Anika approaches her musical studies with enthusiasm and determination, always striving to achieve her best and pushing herself to excel.

One of Anika's most impressive traits is her attentiveness and eagerness to learn. She consistently follows instructions diligently, never hesitating to seek clarification when needed. Anika's proactive attitude extends beyond what is required, as she often goes above and beyond by independently exploring new pieces and challenging herself to progress further.

Furthermore, Anika's punctuality and reliability are exemplary. Without fail, she arrives promptly for her lessons, well-prepared and eager to engage in her musical education. Her flexibility and accommodation regarding scheduling changes speak volumes about her responsibility and professionalism. Anika consistently demonstrates thoughtfulness by providing advance notice if she needs to miss a lesson, showing a level of consideration that is truly commendable.

Beyond her musical talents, Anika is a kind, compassionate individual with a genuine interest in the well-being of others. She has not only focused on her own musical development but has also taken the time to establish a personal connection with me, showing genuine care and interest in my life outside of our lessons.

In summary, Anika's combination of talent, dedication, responsibility, and interpersonal skills make her an exceptional candidate for the Youth Advisory Board's council liaison position. I have no doubt that she will bring the same level of enthusiasm, commitment, and excellence to your program as she has demonstrated in her piano studies.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information. I wholeheartedly endorse Anika and am confident that she will make a valuable contribution to your organization.

Sincerely,

Kendra Jack

Piano Instructor

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