

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** January 24, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of one individual to the Youth City Council (YCC) from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Leaf Acklin, Addison Guinan, Elijah Kirwan, Kyley Quigley, Esperanza Rodriguez-Vazquez (Ineligible), and Brendan Zankowski.

**From:** Mikki Huntsman, City Clerk

**Department:** City Clerk

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**Summary:**

There is currently one vacancy on the Youth City Council (YCC).

Staff received applications from Leaf Acklin, Addison Guinan, Elijah Kirwan, Kyley Quigley, Esperanza Rodriguez-Vazquez (Ineligible), and Brendan Zankowski.

Esperanza Rodriguez-Vazquez submitted an application, however, the applicant is not within appointment parameters Sec 3.c, "Members must be between 14 and 22 years of age."

The term for appointment will be from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Not Applicable

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Background:**

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6525, adopted in 2019, the YCC consists of nine members:

- a) The Youth City Council shall consist of nine members each appointed by an affirmative vote of City Council, which includes the Mayor. Members must comply with applicable residency requirements or waiver provisions established by City Council through

resolution for boards and commissions, as such may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a minimum of six members of the Youth City Council must be residents of the City of Reno.

- b) Members must also meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for or to retain the office:
  - 1. the age of the member at the time of appointment must be between 14 and 22 years of age; and
  - 2. the member must remain enrolled or being home-schooled in either high school, trade school, community college, or university located or administered within Washoe County; and
  - 3. there must be a maximum of three members attending community college or university.
- c) Members are not required to be registered to vote within the City of Reno. Six of whom must be residents of the City of Reno. Members must be between 14 and 22 years of age at the time of appointment and must remain enrolled or be home-schooled in either high school, trade school, community college, or a university located or administered within Washoe County.

**Financial Implications:**

None at this time.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council make the necessary appointment as noted in the staff report.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Youth City Council.

**Attachments:**

- YOUTH CITY COUNCIL ROSTER (CURRENT)
- ACKLIN, LEAF APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (WARD 5)
- GUINAN, ADDISON APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (WARD 3)
- KIRWAN, ELIJAH APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (WARD 2)
- QUIGLEY, KYLEY APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL
- RODRIGUEZ-VAZQUEZ, ESPERANZA APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (WASHOE)
- ZANKOWSKI, BRENDAN APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (WARD 2)