

# MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

SUBCOMMITTEES OVERVIEW

2021



**Tempe**

Making waves in the desert

# MYAC 2020-2021 Updates

- **Adapting to new technology**
  - First commission to use Teams
  - Will provide hybrid option for future meeting
- **Updated Recruitment Process**
  - Application is now online
  - Established an application review committee
  - 42 applications this year-record amount!
- **Youth Engagement**
  - Increased City Support: Assigned PIO-Susie Steckner
    - Adding new website features
    - Developing a MYAC Newsletter
- **Subcommittees**
  - Follow-up on ongoing topics from Youth Town Hall

# SUBCOMMITTEES



This was the first year that MYAC formed Subcommittees to address the following topics to the right. These subcommittees were a follow-up to previous Youth Town Hall topics and discussions.



Diversity & Inclusion



Teen Professional Development



Emotional Well-Being



Environmental Sustainability



Police & Youth Engagement

# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



## Highlights

- Developed recommendations to change the MYAC ordinance
- Notable Changes
  - Allow for proactive recruitment and outreach to all school and non-traditional settings
  - Membership to start at 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - This will allow MYAC commissioners to mentor 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Start session in September to allow for more event and project planning



### SUPPORTS:

#### **STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2.15

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3.12 & 3.13





# Teen Professional Development



## Highlights

- Provided guidance on College Connect Tempe's presentation to 8<sup>th</sup> graders presented to Tempe Elementary Middle schools
- Developed a tip sheet for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help transition to high school



**SUPPORTS:**

**FINANCIAL STABILITY & VITALITY**  
PERFORMANCE MEASURE 5.02



# Emotional Well-Being



## Highlights

- Provided technical guidance on building a website to promote mindfulness to youth
- Engaged in conversation with two CARE 7 Youth Specialists to process the idea of returning to in-person school
- [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Youth Mindfulness Website

Youth Mindfulness Program

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Youth Mindfulness  
Program

To be aware of your body is the beginning of self love. -Thich Nhat Hanh

**SUPPORTS:**

**QUALITY OF LIFE**

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3.37



# Environmental Sustainability



## Highlights

- Worked with the Office of Sustainability to help start-up their newly awarded Cool Kids, Cool Places grant
  - Provided youth input and guidance for developing a youth council



### SUPPORTS:

**Sustainable Growth & Development**  
PERFORMANCE MEASURE 4.18



# Police & Youth Engagement



## Highlights

- Continued conversations with School Resource Officers to understand youth and police perspectives
- One MYAC commissioner served on a hiring panel for an Assistant Police Chief



**SUPPORTS:**

**STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**  
PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2.06





# CITY ENGAGEMENT

MYAC worked with the following offices and departments to support mutual goals and efforts.

Office of  
Strategic  
Management  
& Diversity

Office of  
Sustainability

Tempe Police  
Department

Human Services

Community  
Services

Community  
Development