

THE PHILADELPHIA YOUTH COMMISSION

Presented by the Philadelphia Youth Commission Working Group

On the May 15 primary election in Philadelphia, the Youth Commission was created by Philadelphia Voters. The Youth Commission will begin serving on January 1, 2008.

What the Philadelphia Youth Commission?



The Philadelphia Youth Commission is a panel of young Philadelphians who would review legislation and policies that affect youth and advise the Mayor and City Council on those issues. The Commission consists of 21 young people between the ages of 12 and 23. Each City Council member appoints one Youth Commissioner and the Mayor appoints four.

What will the Members of the Youth Commission do?

The Youth Commission will hold monthly meetings and Youth Commission members will also meet monthly with their appointing Council Members and/or the Mayor's Staff. They will be able to hold hearings on specific issues and they will meet regularly with other youth groups to keep up with the needs and desires of the community in which they live.



Can the Commission Initiate or Vote on Legislation?



Youth Commissioners will not be able to vote on legislation. They will have the opportunity to write legislation which can only be introduced if sponsored by a City Councilperson. However, the Youth Commission will be able to make public recommendations and reports about issues impacting youth. The Commission can also take positions about pieces of legislation before City Council

How can I get Involved?

The goal of the Philadelphia Youth Commission working group is to make sure that City Council selects a diverse group of young people for the commission by a standard/fair application process. Another primary objective of the working group is to work with a variety of communities through schools, after-school programs, advocacy groups, community centers and other youth serving organizations.

Get involved to make sure the Commission is a success!

To get involved please contact:

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