

Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission

Agenda Item

DATE: March 17, 2021

ITEM: 7B

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Youth Commissioner Application

Background

The City Council asked that the Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission review changes to the Youth Commissioner Application and provide feedback.

Last year, the HRIEC made a recommendation to the City Council that Youth Commissioners have voting rights. Council recently determined that they would like to provide youth commissioners the ability to either opt in or opt out of voting. In doing so, they also wanted to ensure that youth commissioners understand the responsibilities that come along with voting as well as provide some privacy protections prior to youth applicants determining if they want to vote or not. The Council's feedback is included in the minutes excerpt attachment. It includes the following:

1. Have a separate application for youth commissioners
2. Allow youth commissioners to opt in/out of voting
 - a. Provide applicants details (and training if they are appointed) on the responsibilities that go along with voting.
3. If youth commissioners choose to opt in to voting, provide them a city-issued email address to assist with privacy and data practices considerations.
4. Ensure parents understand the potential legal ramifications if youth choose to opt in to voting. Have parents sign the application and provide a disclosure statement.

Attached is a draft youth commissioner application for consideration.

The HRIEC is asked to weigh in on the application questions (which are highlighted) and provide feedback. (The City Attorney will review the disclosure statements.)

Additionally, Council has asked that the HRIEC consider and provide feedback on the following:

- Should voting youth commissioners be considered when determining a quorum?
- For the question about a big issue in the city of Roseville:
 - "What are a couple of things this commission works on that would be interesting to you and what is an idea you may have for that topic area?"
- For the question asking them to look at both sides of an issue: consider asking them to provide just two options on each side of the issue rather than three.

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Attachments:

- A: Draft Youth Commissioner Application
- B: Minutes Excerpt