
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR CURTIS AND COUNCIL

FROM: JENNIFER HULEHAN

SUBJECT: YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

CC: DIANNA GRACELY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ATT: AUTHENTIC YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: A GUIDE FOR MUNICIPAL LEADERS

Youth issues are community issues. Young people are impacted by **all** of the decisions made by local government, even those that don't seem like "youth issues."

Thus, local government should be accessible to young people and give them meaningful opportunities to weigh in on community issues.

As the representatives of government most in touch with children and youth in communities across the country, we can and should be listening to the voices of young people.

In order to help provide Simpsonville youth with opportunities to participate in local government and interact with city leaders, we should establish a youth council or advisory board.

Provided with this memo is a publication of the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families which provides more detailed justification as well as ideas for implementation.

MOTION: I move City Council direct the City Administrator to investigate and propose a plan for the establishment of a structure to give Simpsonville youth a voice in city government.

A vote in favor of this motion moves it to the April Business Meeting.