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MAYOR WEIERS CALLS ON “GENERATION Z” TO APPLY FOR MAYOR’S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Applications are now being accepted! Mayor Jerry Weiers is seeking new members for the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC), which will be on its 32nd year this session. Several vacancies have been created as a result of former MYAC members graduating from high school this past spring.

“MYAC is important to me because it helped me expand my horizons,” said Catherine Alberts, a MYAC alumna who attended Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale. “I met a lot of new people, including the mayor, my council member and other teens who love to get involved in the community,” she added.

The commission was created July 29, 1986, by Mayor George Renner to “encourage Glendale’s youth to have pride in our community and to become tomorrow’s leaders.”

“I have seen first-hand what MYAC students have accomplished following their time in MYAC and also while being active participants in the Commission and it is remarkable,” said Mayor Weiers. “Young residents bring a fresh perspective and vitality to civic duty.”

Commission members participate in an array of activities that help develop skills they can take with them wherever they go. Youth members volunteer and provide community service, they also learn fund-raising strategies that help support their activities year-round.

MYAC provides high school students with opportunities to make a positive impact in Glendale by getting involved in their local city government and community. Students elect their own leadership and make

all decisions on goals and objectives. These freedoms grant them the ability to develop leadership and negotiation skills.

Those leadership skills have provided them with unique opportunities. In the 2017/2018 academic year, two current MYAC members were selected to participate in the Governor's Youth Commission. Dawson Field and Carlie Ranno are honored to represent Glendale at the state level.

"I would always encourage anyone that is eligible to, join MYAC! Not only will you make new friends, but you will be exposed to how our city works. Having direct access to the Mayor and City leadership has been a unique experience. It is also a great opportunity to make an impact in the community and know you can truly make a difference no matter your age," said MYAC member, Sanika Naik, a Glendale resident who will be a junior at Mountain Ridge High School and has been a member of MYAC since her freshman year.

Commission members must commit approximately five hours per month to attend meetings and participate in activities. Standing commission meetings are held each month at Glendale City Hall.

To be eligible for the competitive selection process, teens must reside in Glendale or be enrolled in a high school located in Glendale, and they must submit a completed membership application for the 2018-19 school year by August 17, 2018.

Applications can be downloaded at www.glendaleaz.com/mayor/myac.cfm. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to: Office of the Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301.

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