

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	N/A
Presenter:	Juanika Howard, Youth Opportunity Coordinator, Members of Youth Council 24-25 School Year
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Title:	Youth Council Annual Report

Background

The Youth Council is a public body, appointed by City Council, and is supported by Department of Human Services Staff. This group of young people advises City Council, informs the community about issues that affect youth, and makes recommendations on how they feel Charlottesville can be a better City. Youth who serve on the Council meet monthly, receive leadership training, and have the chance to make a real difference in our community. City residents between the ages of 13 and 17 are among the Youth Council cohort this year.

Discussion

This year there are fourteen (14) members appointed to the Youth Council. The University of Virginia YouthNex Program for Youth Participatory Action Research partnered with the students to guide them through a process to investigate an issue that they wanted to learn more about. The students selected a project to focus on the school environment and its impact on health and well-being. Through this process, they also developed a survey and obtained qualitative data. This end-of-year Report will provide Youth Council members with an opportunity to advocate and champion this cause.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The Youth Council aligns with the City Council's Strategic Plan for Education, Partnerships, and Public Safety.

Community Engagement

The Youth Council project highlighted the need to focus on school engagement between educators, students, and administration. Ongoing recruitment occurs to fill vacancies on the Youth Council from year-to-year.

Budgetary Impact

N/A

Recommendation

Continued support of the Youth Council and receive the Report as presented.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

None