

RESOLUTION NO. 061121

Directing the City Manager to implement a Youth Commission to promote positive civic engagement, strengthen positive perceptions about youth, foster community development and provide youth in the decision making processes.

WHEREAS, the youth commission will broaden the horizons and perspectives of the presently evolving city, henceforth incorporating the concepts and ideas of the youth of Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the commission will provide youth the opportunity to play a productive role within the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City's Mayor, City Council and City Manager are committed to work with youth of our City to address their concerns and needs, and to further educate them on the operations of local government; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Youth Commission successfully completed the following initiatives: conducted a Youth Town Hall Meeting, increased youth community service which resulted in total savings of \$99,100.00 to the City, held the first Spotlight on KC: Youth Talent Showcase, and increased youth employment from 175 to 1,000; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor, City Council and City Manager to establish a Youth Commission to serve as the forum to address these needs and involve the youth of our City in the creation of a better City, County, State and Nation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby direct the City Manager to implement a Youth Commission to promote positive civic engagement, strengthen positive perceptions about youth, foster community development and provide youth in the decision making processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that copies hereof be presented to Laura Carrillo, Lonna Tran, Jelani Smith, Shaun Reyes, Alyssa Murfey, Chris Robinson, Shamika Stamps, Lawrence Crawford, Alexandra Bojarski-Stauffer, Darrell Hyche, Shaka Myrick, Amanda Morrall, Apryl Tillman, Madeleine Hennessy, Julia Siegel, Zacharia Bradley, Jennifer Robinson, Thalia Cherry and Melissa Robinson with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the positive influence this Commission will have on the youth of the area.
