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Springfield Mayor's Youth Council to hold Youth Town Hall

Youth encouraged to voice thoughts on changes they'd like to see in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (February 18, 2021) - The Springfield Mayor's Youth Council is holding a Youth Town Hall on Wednesday, February 24 to solicit input from the city's youth on the state of the city. The Town Hall will be held via zoom and discussion will be limited to those currently in middle school and high school.

"We are limiting participation to those in middle and high school (no adults) because we want our community's youth to feel confident in expressing their opinions and feelings about the city," said John Schmidt, president of the Mayor's Youth Council. "We want Mayor Langfelder and other leaders in the city to know what issues we see in the city and what leaders can do to improve the city for its youth."

This year's event will take place virtually on Zoom, on Wednesday, February 24 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Some teachers are providing extra credit for students who participate in the Youth Town Hall. To sign up, [click here](#). Once signed up, attendees will receive a Zoom link via email.

The Mayor will make a brief statement at the beginning of the meeting. Adults, including council members, Springfield public school officials and teachers will be present at the meeting. Adults may sign up to attend but will be allowed strictly as observers, any conversations will be among the youth.

The Mayor's Youth Council will take the information gathered from this meeting and put it together for a presentation to the city council that will occur later in the year.

About the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC)

The mission of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) is to provide a positive forum for Springfield area youth to advocate on issues and initiatives impacting the lives of young people in the city of Springfield; act as communication link between city government and youth, develop leadership skills and introduce youth to civic engagement, activism, and community service; educate youth on local government, city departments, local businesses, and those who work in philanthropic venues; and promote diversity and inclusion among youth participants. Youth from all of the city's high schools are eligible to participate.