



Youth Engagement on Boards and Commissions

Policy Recommendations

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The Blueprint for Equitable Engagement

- ▶ A multi-year strategic action plan to ensure a more equitable community engagement system is sustained for the City of Minneapolis
- ▶ It focuses in the following areas of the City's engagement work:

Nearhood
organizations

City enterprise
outreach and
engagement

City's board and
commissions

Urban Scholars Project

- ▶ Organized focus sessions on the topic of youth and the Boards and Commissions
- ▶ Engaged youth servicing organizations
- ▶ Engaged 40+ youth
- ▶ Ages 16–27



Engagement Themes

- ▶ More **communication** between city officials and youth
 - ▶ Creating **access** to meetings and participation
 - ▶ Building **relationships** that are genuine, not publicized
 - ▶ Youth thoughts are **accurately conveyed** and evaluated
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Policy Impact

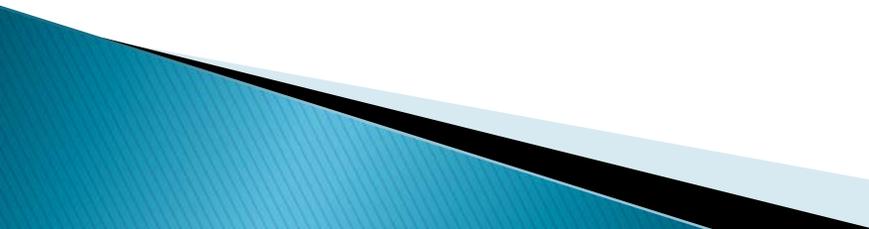
- ▶ Embodies the spirit of the City of Minneapolis' goal for **One Minneapolis**: Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate and prosper

Relevant Strategic Directions

Equitable systems and policies lead to a high quality of life for all.

Residents are informed, see themselves represented in City government and have the opportunity to influence decision-making.

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