

Malden Youth Council (MYC) DRAFT

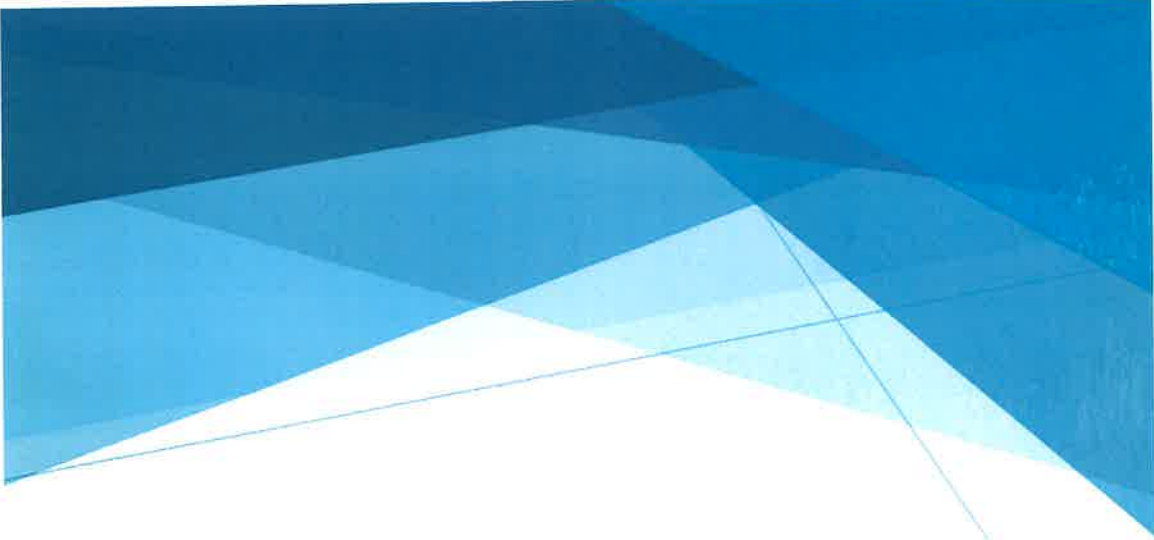
The MYC uplifts youth voices and increases civic engagement. You will learn about City government firsthand by working in collaboratively with city officials, likeminded youth and community partners.



History

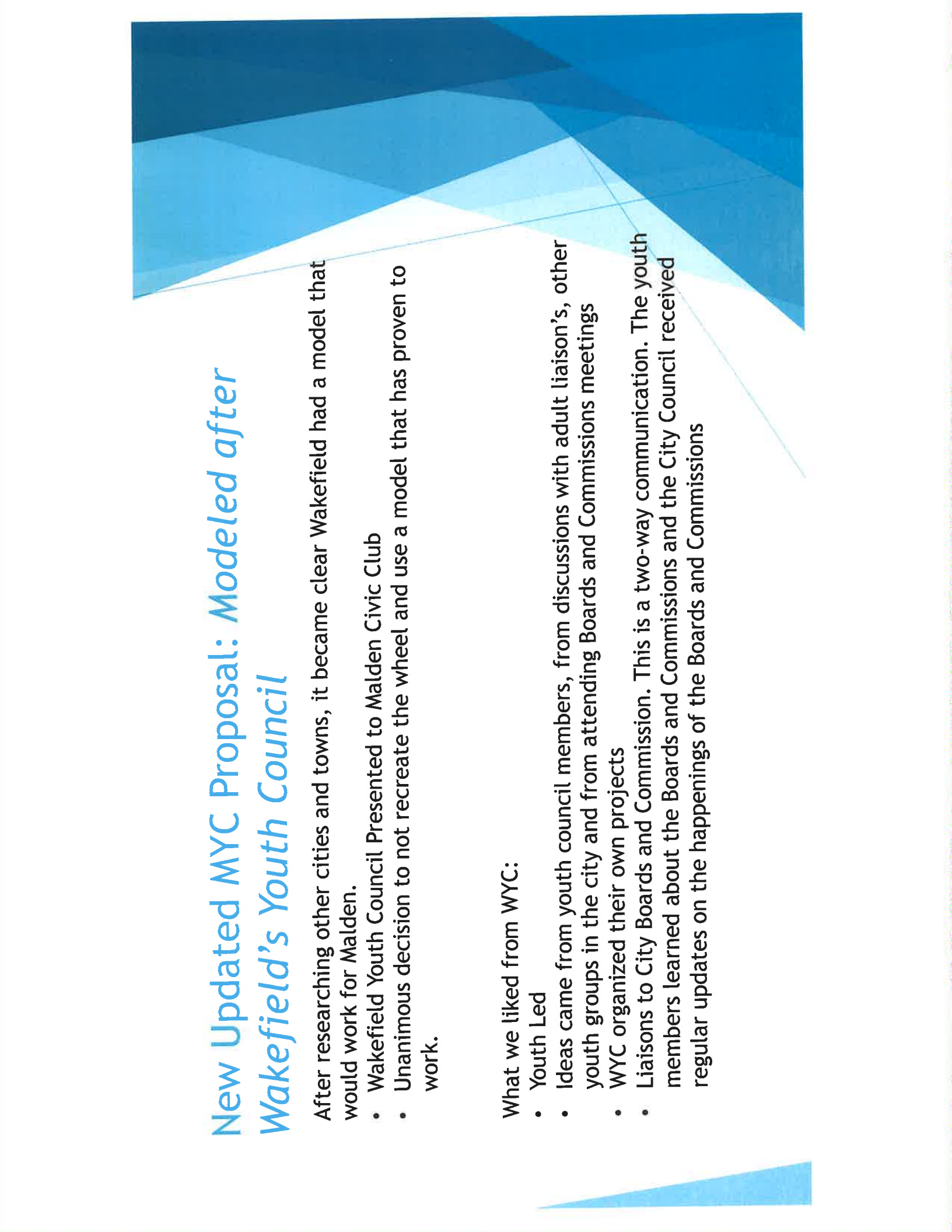
3/29/22 Resolve: That the City of Malden City Council establish “The Malden Youth Council” (MYC) Ad Hoc Committee with three (3) City Councillors as voting members assigned by the Council President; to provide an opportunity for the youth of Malden and foster civic engagement and an opportunity to be involved and participate in local government to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for local government through active participation in the system. Gives Youth a voice at the table. Sponsored by Councillors Colón Hayes, Linehan & McDonald

- Motion by Simonelli to table for more information and to address concerns by some councillors
- Malden Civics' Club has taken lead for the development of the MYC.
- MYC has presented updates to the City Council twice since March of 2022.
- MYC meets regularly and has worked on implementing suggestions from the City Council, MTECH Director and Mayor.
- I attend the MCC when needed to strategize rework our original plan.
- Meeting with Wakefield Youth Council and Catherine Dhingra (Health and Human Services Department-Prevention, Outreach, Youth Services)



Comments from City Council Members

- Concern Youth Council would overlap with other youth groups (YMCA, YWCA, MTECH, etc.)
 - Concern it would take too much time from City Councillors, busy schedule
 - Original presentation had a possible stipend for youth which has since been taken out of the proposal.
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New Updated MYC Proposal: Modeled after Wakefield's Youth Council

After researching other cities and towns, it became clear Wakefield had a model that would work for Malden.

- Wakefield Youth Council Presented to Malden Civic Club
- Unanimous decision to not recreate the wheel and use a model that has proven to work.

What we liked from WYC:

- Youth Led
- Ideas came from youth council members, from discussions with adult liaison's, other youth groups in the city and from attending Boards and Commissions meetings
- WYC organized their own projects
- Liaisons to City Boards and Commission. This is a two-way communication. The youth members learned about the Boards and Commissions and the City Council received regular updates on the happenings of the Boards and Commissions

Wakefield's Background & Vision

Goals:

The Wakefield Youth Council is a platform for Wakefield residents ages 13-18 to serve as youth leaders empowered to share policy ideas and youth comment in the community.

Wakefield Youth Council members will:

- learn the process to effectively advocate
- be engaged in town issues
- actively participate in local government
- communicate and advocate for youth issues in the appropriate forum(s)
- represent a cross-section of the town's neighborhoods, sexes, races/ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ages
- implement projects that will benefit the town's youth population, schools, and the community at large



Wakefield Youth Council Expectations

As a fully-appointed committee of the Town, Youth Council Members will:

- Meet at least monthly in duly posted meetings.
- Maintain meeting minutes
- Elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk
- Create Agendas including public participation so any non-member youth or adults can present issues for the Council's consideration
- Assign liaisons to other Town Committees or Departments Report at least annually to the Town Council on activities.
- Invite town leaders to their meetings to engage in conversation regarding Town government issues and process.

Liaison Positions

Having liaison positions greatly benefits the Youth Council for various reasons, mainly consisting of:

- It allows members of the council to communicate with and advocate for the Youth Council with other town boards, committees, and councils
- It allows members to transmit important information to and from their liaison positions to the Youth Council
- It gives members opportunities to give presentations on the overviews of their liaison positions at our meetings
- It allows members to influence the decision making and communication process of the council regarding details that their board, commission, or council works with

Communications

- Important Communications from Advisor or Chair (Come via Email and/or Remind Text)
- Communicate with other Youth Council Members (text or email)
- How do we communicate with other Youth Groups in the city for collaboration?
- How do we communicate with the public as Youth Council Members?
- How do we communicate with other town and community entities?

Our Social Media Presence

Instagram: @wakefield.youth.council

Facebook: Wakefield Youth Council

Both pages have similar content, such as meeting announcements with links, posts about town events, and materials related to our council initiatives

**Please complete photo release & return to Catherine*

Wakefield Youth Council
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☆Meet the Members☆

Name: Thomas Berinato

Grade: 8th

School: GMS

Fun Fact: My hobby is numismatics (coin collecting).

Why did you apply to join Wakefield Youth Council?: I wanted to make a difference and have my voice heard.

Liaison Committee: Wakefield Health Department



Past Activities & Initiatives

-Veterans Day Clean Up/Fundraiser

-Wakefield Snow Angels

-Warrior Logo Initiative

-Bike Valet



WAKEFIELD SNOW ANGELS

The Snow Angels is a volunteer program for Wakefield teens to shovel the stairs and walkways of senior citizens in Wakefield (this does not include driveways). When you sign up, you will be paired with 1 or 2 seniors who live near you (walkable), and be expected to participate until the program has ended for the winter.

The minimum age to participate is 13

Scan the QR code below or click on the link today to let us know you're interested!

We'll reach back out to you with more information about how the program works, your assigned neighbor, what to do when you're sick, etc.

Click here or scan below



You can reach the people

running this program at:

- juliana.m.spa@gmail.com

- luciano@wakefield.ma.us

- YouthCouncil@wakefield.ma.us



At our next meeting, we will be discussing the Wakefield Warrior Logo with a member of the Human Rights Commission

We want to make sure we are representing as many youth opinions as possible

Let us know your thoughts on the logo below!



what's your opinion on the warrior logo?

Type something...

It would be nice to give us a longer response, feel free to DM or email us

Calling all

Wakefield Youth!

Please join us for:

Wakefield Youth

Community Clean Up

Monday, Nov 11 - Honoring Veterans & Our Community!

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location:

Wakefield Youth Council

100 Washington Street, 2nd Floor

Wakefield, MA 01880

For more information, please contact:

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For every year of past

service, we will be donating to

Wakefield Veterans Hall in

Wakefield, MA

with Wakefield Veterans

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Past Liaison Positions

School Committee

Communications Manager

Town Council

Police Department

Safe Streets Working Group/Safe Routes to School

Environmental Sustainability Committee

Recreation Department

Disability Commission

*****You will receive a google form to rank your liaison position preference**

Human Rights Commission

Humanity Curriculum School Advisor

Library

School Committee

Planning Board

Galvin PTO & WMHS PTA

Health & Human Services

Senior Center/Council on Aging

Other City Examples

Cambridge Youth Council <https://sites.google.com/view/cambridge-youth-council/>

Framingham <https://www.framinghamma.gov/2789/Youth-Council>

Wakefield <https://www.wakefield.ma.us/youth-council>

Northborough town.northborough.ma.us/youth-commission

Newton www.newtonma.gov/government/health-human-services/youth-services/youth-commission
<https://www.northamptonma.gov/1102/Youth-Commission>

<https://www.cityofmelrose.org/substance-abuse-prevention-coalition/pages/youth-action-team>

Dedham <https://www.dedham-ma.gov/departments/youth-commission>

- Next Steps:

Do we like this model?
How does it fit in our city government?
Board or Commission
Sub Committee out of the CEIC?

