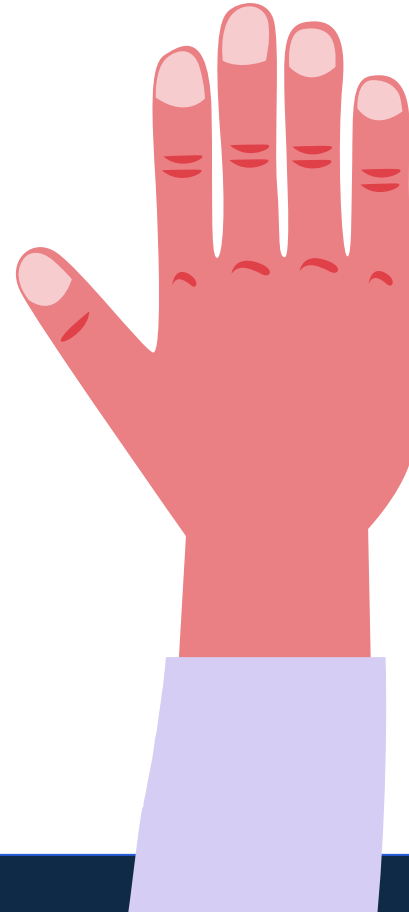


# Youth Board

*Presented by Malden Youth Civics Council  
(MYCC)*



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# BENEFITS: Why a Youth Board?

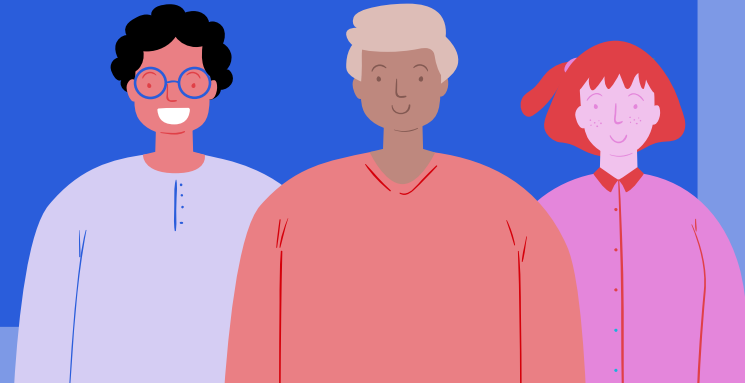
- Assists the city in addressing the needs of the youth
- Gets youth involved in multiple aspects of city government
- Helps Malden Youth understand role of elected officials
- Fosters a sense of empathy
- Create a stronger future
- Instills positive feelings

# THE PROBLEM:

## Underrepresentation

### Direct Communication

- Lack of communication
- No connection between the Youth and Government
- Compromise solutions to find benefits for both parties



## EXISTING GROUP: Malden Youth Civics Council

Malden Youth  
Civics Council  
(MHS)



# EXISTING GROUP:

## Malden Youth Civics Council

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### Pros

1. Tries to Engage Youth in Government
2. Addresses social issues within the community



### Cons

1. Only represents students at MHS
2. Membership is unstable as an afterschool club
3. Harder to communicate and create influence in city government
4. No direct input in city decisions

## THE SOLUTION: City-wide youth board

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1. Attend Bi-weekly board meetings
2. Members will appoint one member to attend city Boards and Commission meetings
3. Assist and help advise on city events, projects and other duties as needed
4. Connect to the youth community for city events and announcements
5. Present to the Council their goals, agenda and mission Quarterly to the City Council
6. Aid in the Climate Action Plan committee

## THE SOLUTION: City-wide youth board

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- The City Council shall be responsible for the organization of this new committee
- Creation supported by community groups like Malden Youth Civics Council(MYCC)
- Review process will begin with the Appointments and Personnel Committee offering interviews with recommendations to the Council floor for final acceptance
- A paid adult advisor shall be hired to guide the Youth Board, under a specific department or position



## THE SOLUTION: City-wide youth board

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- All meetings must be open to the public.
- The members shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- Youth board members shall receive stipends for their time spent in the meetings.

# Member Qualification of Youth Board

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1. Remain residents of the City;
2. Attend youth council meetings as well as the liaison committee meetings on a regular basis and inform these committees of absences prior to meetings;
3. Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held; set an example for youth in the community.
4. All members shall be between the ages of 13-20 years old.
5. The term of each member shall be one (1) year following city council term years.
6. Members are eligible to reapply annually if they meet member eligibility requirements with a term limit of (3) years.

\*Can be removed from the Youth Council if they fail to sustain any of the above qualifications

# Community Opinions

Paula Spizziri

Mar 15, 2023

I think this is a great way to get our youth interested in and involved with government, as well as give them an outlet to voice their concerns.



Michelle Dang

Mar 15, 2023

Youth voices are essential, especially in this era where radical change is rampant and the world is constantly transforming. The input of the next generations should be heard, first and foremost.



Denise Keating

Mar 14, 2023

Malden's teenagers are bright, creative, and energized. They will be the leaders of tomorrow, but they also have big ideas to help fuel change today. I applaud this initiative.



A petition to support the creation of the Malden Youth Council Advisory Committee received 132 signatures

# Summary

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- Opportunity for youth to become closer with local government
- Youth opinions are represented
- Youth connected in a way that they have never seen before
- Wanted by the people of Malden

THANK

YOU!!!