

CITY COUNCIL 15.E

CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Potential Action: Ordinance on Youth Council

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Estee Avalos, City Council

SUMMARY:

Council Members are being asked to take action on choosing an option to move forward with in the creation of the Lynnwood Youth Council.

PRESENTER:

Council Members Binda and Escamilla

ESTIMATED TIME:

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BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2024, under New Business, Council Member Escamilla introduced the idea of forming a task group to explore the creation of a youth board, commission, or similar advisory body. On December 2, 2024, she returned to Council to present case study findings and offered a preliminary framework recommendation. On January 21, 2025, Council Members Escamilla and Binda presented the next steps for moving the task group forward. This work culminated in a March 3, 2025, presentation in which they introduced the selected task group members and stakeholders and shared the draft framework developed for a potential Youth Council. On May 21, 2025, Council Members Escamilla and Binda presented a draft ordinance to establish a Youth Council and requested Council feedback regarding whether the body should be formally structured as a Board/Commission or as a program. Council requested that the task group return with clearly outlined options and a recommendation at a future meeting.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Option One: "I move to approve Ordinance No. _____, an ordinance establishing the Lynnwood Youth Council as an official advisory body to the City of Lynnwood, outlining its purpose, structure, and responsibilities, providing severability; establishing an effective date; and providing for summary publication."

Option Two: "I move that the Lynnwood City Council direct staff to establish the Lynnwood Youth Council as a youth engagement program operated through the Parks and Recreation Department, with the purpose of giving youth a voice in government and decision-making, developing skills through mentorship and service, building connections and making an impact, and creating opportunities for youth to lead their own future."

Option Three: If Council chooses another direction other than the two listed above.

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

[Ordinance - Youth Council DRAFT.pdf](#)