



To: Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders  
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RE: Engaging with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

Thank you for partnering with GenerationNation to help develop a new generation of Charlotte-Mecklenburg leaders for our schools, neighborhoods, and community.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council is your youth council. This diverse network of young civic leaders meets regularly to advise community leaders, represent the youth voice, learn how to solve civic challenges, and more.

Our students are a resource for you. They are available to give feedback on a specific policy or strategy or give you the quick "pulse" of young people in our community. Please contact me if you would like to refer an issue for the youth council to address in the future or would like to share opportunities that may be of interest to young leaders.

All local high school students are eligible to participate. CMYC welcomes students from public, charter, independent, religious, and home schools and youth organizations. Please encourage youth in your districts and networks to be part of the CMYC.

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# Engaging with your Youth Council



**The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council (CMYC), the student advisory council for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, is your youth council.**

Through CMYC, high school students meet regularly to advise community leaders, represent and serve as a voice for Charlotte-Mecklenburg youth, learn how to solve civic challenges, and join a diverse network of young civic leaders.

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## **Suggested ways to engage with CMYC**

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- Solicit youth feedback and recommendations on issues, strategies, policies, budgets, etc.
  - Stop in for a few minutes to say hello, encourage young civic leaders, and get a quick pulse of current issues on the minds of youth leaders
  - Schedule time to discuss a topic of interest at a CMYC meeting
  - Refer an issue for CMYC feedback and recommendations outside of a meeting (feedback can be collected and shared with you via email)
- Attend the Annual Youth Summit with Officials (March).
- Use CMYC's communitywide networks to share information about civic initiatives.
- Assist us in creating opportunities for CMYC leaders to serve on task forces, committees, boards, and commissions.
- Invite CMYC members to participate in civic events. Share opportunities that may be of interest to young leaders, and encourage youth in your district and networks to join CMYC.

*Note: Youth council members are eager to engage via dialogue, email, surveys, social media, and other methods. Due to school, sports, after school activities, work, family, and transportation considerations, youth council members' time is limited. While the Youth Council may not be able to address every issue or attend every meeting, we will work with you to effectively and efficiently maximize this resource for you.*

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