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2	9:45 PM		City Council	Jane Lumm	Stephen Postema, Howard Lazarus, Sara Higgins, Ali Ramlawi, Jack Eaton, Anne Bannister, Chip Smith, Christopher Taylor, Christopher Frost, Ryan Stanton		

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**From:** Lumm, Jane  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:45 PM  
**To:** CityCouncil  
**Cc:** Postema, Stephen; Lazarus, Howard; Higgins, Sara; Ramlawi, Ali; Eaton, Jack; Bannister, Anne; Smith, Chip; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); Frost, Christopher; Ryan J Stanton  
**Subject:** re: Voting Youth Members on Boards or Commissions

Council, Copying you all on a message I sent some CM's re: this matter. I rec'd. no reply to my notes below. Just an FYI.  
Thanks, Jane

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**From:** Lumm, Jane  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** Frost, Christopher <CFrost@a2gov.org>  
**Cc:** Postema, Stephen <SPostema@a2gov.org>; Lazarus, Howard <HLazarus@a2gov.org>; Higgins, Sara <SHiggins@a2gov.org>; Ramlawi, Ali <ARamlawi@a2gov.org>; Eaton, Jack <JEaton@a2gov.org>; Bannister, Anne <ABannister@a2gov.org>; Smith, Chip <ChSmith@a2gov.org>; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <CTaylor@a2gov.org>; Lumm, Jane <JLumm@a2gov.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Privileged and Confidential re: Voting Youth Members on Boards or Commissions

p.s., re: youth engagement

(copying CM's Bannister, Smith b/c they're on the Environ. Comm. and Rules, copying CM Ramlawi b/c he asked a Q re: this, and copying Mayor Taylor and CM Eaton b/c they're on Rules). Sharing my follow-up thoughts re: this, and don't reply all. Just sharing so you know my concerns/suggestions/questions re: what the Environ. Comm./Rules considered. Thanks, Jane

My thoughts/questions/suggestions FWIW:

I would like to see us engage, educate and involve teenagers and young adults in a more thoughtful, deliberate, high-quality approach.

I did a couple of non-profit youth engagement best practice google searches and there's a lot of best practice approaches that offer instructive guidance on ways to constructively engage young adults in their community on what seems to fall under the generic title of a "leadership engagement continuum". Many non-profits and government orgs. have, as a way to educate and engage young people, a "teen ambassador program." Something we might want to consider, to develop and educate young adults so they learn needed skills to be effective and contributing decision-makers and problem-solvers, to make them more effective leaders. Ambassador Program descriptions also seem to typically include, in addition to attendance guidelines and expectations, age application criteria – e.g., h.s. "sophomores or juniors" may apply.

To cite just one good illustration: the United Way Ctr. for Nonprofit Excellence toolkit for "Creating a Teen Board/Ambassador Program: Developing a Program that Works" (utilized by the Ronald McDonald House Charities). In scanning through this particular toolkit, I was impressed with the clear goals, objectives and outcomes of their Teen Ambassador Pgm.:

- Help young people increase their ability to be self-reflective and to think critically about their experiences and community issues;
- Build the skills and abilities of young people to be decision-makers and problem solvers'
- Educate young people about the gov't./non-profit sector;

- Build participants' individual competencies and leadership abilities'
- Emphasize positive self-identity and confidence;
- Support healthy and productive youth-adult partnerships'
- Support positive peer relationships'
- Encourage effective communication

Etc.

Did the Environmental Comm. take any of these types of developmental goals/objectives into consideration, and what's the plan for on-boarding /orienting/ preparing these potential 14-18 year old bd./comm. mbrs.? Again, FWIW, think we need to do this in a thoughtfully, planned way so that this experience is beneficial and positive.

Thanks for listening, Jane

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**From:** Lumm, Jane

**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 11:41 AM

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Thanks, Christopher. Having youth representation is one thing, but I do question the appropriateness/reasonableness of having 14 yr. old's setting policy.

Perhaps something for the Rules Cte. to address? Thanks, Jane