

**Fwd: Student Government Opportunity**

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Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 12:03 PM

To: jmontooth@dlgsd.org, jwilliams@dlgsd.org

Cc: tlaville@dlgsd.org, Jason Johnson <jjohnson@dlgsd.org>, Mark Lynch <manager@dillinghamak.us>

Good Afternoon,

I do realize that everyone is scrambling for testing and year end coming so thought I would share this more broadly within the school.

As the City Planner, I am involved with the Planning Commission and did not want this opportunity to slip by without recruiting our youngest government of residents, Student Council. Seat F is set to expire in December 2022 and could be beneficial for the involvement of the younger generation. The other opening, Seat B, expires December 2023 so would be a bit of a longer commitment so if someone is set to relocate, this may not be a good fit for them, however it is open. This Commission does only meet once per month, usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (usually starting at 5:30pm for about an hour) and does go through the summer months. If a student would like to participate but has alternate commitments, it would be acceptable for them to be absent for pre-planned fishing or absences. This would be a great start to community volunteering, how local government affects the school, and how legislation works inside the City of Dillingham. As the Planner, I would provide an Commissioner Handbook, and was as a point of contact for clarification on Code, and be available to make the Commissioners journey a positive one.

The Planning Commission looks at many different aspects of the City of Dillingham, mostly for what we should be Planning for future growth, so it seems very appropriate to have a younger Commissioner to lend that point of view. We create and pass resolutions to present to the City Council or to the Code Committee for items that can affect the community as a whole. We do much more than looking into the future too, we evaluate the current process with land and how to make that better, harbor development, street improvements, zoning in our area, as well as public land use/lease. Please consider sharing this information and encouraging involved, dedicated youth to submit a letter of interest to the Mayor, Alice Ruby (full address and instructions listed on flyer). Please note that our Planning Commission Members do not have an age limit, however the letters of interest are given to the Mayor who ultimately chose the appointment of the Commissioners.

Please accept this invitation to hang the flyers in the school, share the word with the Student Body and Student Council as this is a great opportunity!
Thanks!

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From: **Director, Planning & Grants Management** <planner@dillinghamak.us>

Date: Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 12:11 PM

Subject: Student Government Opportunity

To: <tlaville@dlgsd.org>

Good morning Mrs. Laville,

The Dillingham Planning Commission has two seats available and I thought this might be a great opportunity to engage the High School Students, particularly the Student Government students in their community serving as a Commission Member.

Currently there are 2 seats available with different term ends:

- Seat B, expires December 2023
- Seat F, expires December 2022

These two listed seats are to fill the vacancy until the term ends as listed above. Usually these seat appointments are a 3 years appointment. I thought that sending an invitation to the Student Government leaders and all the High School Students would be beneficial for them to have a chance at real life Government, and with Seat F being a shorter term may be timely enough for them to participate without the 3 year long commitment.

I'd be happy to speak to any group of interested parties, however a simple letter of interest submitted to our City Clerk would be sufficient for any resident of our community to be eligible to submit that letter. As the poster states, the Mayor would ultimately choose who would be appointed to either seat, however I'm hoping to get the youth of Dillingham involved in local interests and public service.

If you or any of your staff have questions I'm available by phone or email.
Thanks!

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