



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of resolutions for the dissolution of the Novi Youth Council and creation of the Mayor's Youth Forum

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Relations

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Novi Youth Council has seen declining participation and is no longer the most effective model for sustained youth engagement.
- Creating a Mayor's Youth Forum would establish an open, inclusive platform for all Novi high-school-aged residents to share ideas, discuss issues, and engage with City leadership.
- Meetings will be topic-driven, focusing on initiatives identified by City Council, departments, or community partners, encouraging broad and diverse participation.
- Establishing the Mayor's Youth Forum would affirm City Council's ongoing commitment to fostering youth involvement in civic affairs through the new venture and additional opportunities such as events and volunteer initiatives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi has long recognized the importance of involving youth in civic life. In the past, this was accomplished through the Novi Youth Council, a structured 13-member body that required an application, interview, and appointment process. Over time, however, participation and sustained commitment declined, with many students finding meaningful civic and leadership opportunities through school-based programs and extracurricular activities.

To better reflect the needs and interests of Novi's youth, City staff recommend that a more flexible and inclusive model will be more effective. The Mayor's Youth Forum will provide all high-school-aged residents with an open opportunity to share ideas, discuss issues, and engage directly with City leadership. Meetings will be topic-driven, based on priorities identified by City Council, City departments, and community partners, encouraging broad participation that reflects Novi's diversity.

The dissolution of the Novi Youth Council and creation of the Mayor's Youth Forum underscores the City Council's continued commitment to youth involvement in civic affairs and ensures that young residents remain active contributors to the community's future.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of resolutions for the dissolution of the Novi Youth Council and creation of the Mayor's Youth Forum