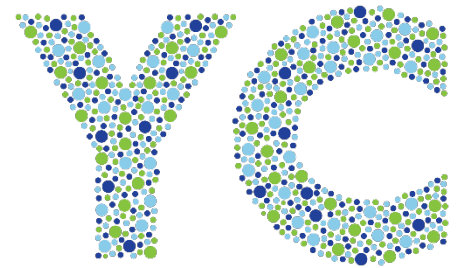


# YOUTH COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN

Below are some of the Youth Commission's goals for the upcoming year.

## CITY-WIDE PUBLICATION

The Youth Commission will continue to curate a monthly publication that will be provided to students around Dallas online and on social media channels. The Youth Commission will also leverage their relationships with other regional Youth Commissions and Teen boards for outreach to engage and raise awareness about events and issues of concern to the City of Dallas, its Mayor and City Council Members.



THE YOUTH COMMISSION  
City of Dallas

The publication:

- Features interviews with Distinguished Youth in Dallas.
- Inform students and their parents about issues affecting their districts.
- A look-ahead: highlighting events in each district and opportunities for youth leadership and development.
- A look-back: offering a recap of events that have happened in each district.
- Serves as a catalyst for students to become more involved with Youth Commission initiatives and provide input.

## DISTRICT SPECIFIC EVENTS WITH CITY COUNCIL

In an effort to foster greater relationship building and engagement in each district represented, the Youth Commission:

- Will work with their respective Council Member to identify specific issues as it relates to youth in their respective districts.
- Develop and coordinate targeted events in partnership with their respective Council Member that engages and benefits students and their parents.
- Develop a plan of action for engagement of youth in each district that will culminate in an annual Council meet and greet with the youth of the district.

## TEXAS STATE-WIDE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Youth Commission will collaborate with state-wide youth innovators, creators, builders and leaders among the major cities in Texas.

- These leaders will come together to address opportunities and best practices for youth to promote economic prosperity and development.
- Today's youth understand and care more about development of their cities than ever before, this virtual conference seeks to drive meaningful change and uniting and amplifying the voices of our students statewide.
- The Texas Student Voices Conference will convene virtually across the state. Hosted annually by the Youth Commission in partnership with Austin Student Council, San Antonio Youth Commission and additional major Texas cities.

### Texas Youth Legislative Priority List & Youth Voter Pre-Registration Bill

- In collaboration with youth leaders across Texas, the Youth Commission will be developing a priority advocacy list for the upcoming Texas legislative session and participating in advocacy efforts in Austin

- They also have plans to advocate in support and work with State legislators on a youth voter pre-registration bill that has a goal of establishing a proactive measure to ensure youth voter turnout in Texas elections.

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## MONTHLY COUNCIL UPDATE & MAGAZINE

The Youth Commission plans to curate monthly updates to the council on initiatives and projects they are working on, as well as a youth perspective on happenings in Dallas. They will also be curating a larger magazine that will be distributed to constituents throughout Dallas. The update will be:

- An opportunity to meaningfully discuss City programs and policies that affect youth.
- Bring youth concerns, priorities, and goals to the attention of the Council and City.
- Allow students to feel included and empowered to contribute to improving the livability of their communities.
- Collaborate with youth and businesses all across Dallas

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## PLAN FOR YOUTH FOCUSED INITIATIVES

The Youth Commission hopes to be a vital resource for City of Dallas departments to aid in raising awareness and involvement for department specific initiatives, including:

- **Urban Policy Summit:** a summit designed to foster critical thinking on policy issues with a racial equity and sustainability lens and give youth an unique opportunity to interact directly with scholars, politicians, cultural workers, and advocates on policy specific issues in our region while deepening their leadership skills and building a network of future leaders.
- **Teens For Dallas Pilot Program:** a community service grant initiative for youth organizations in the City of Dallas.
- **Education, Trade & Career Lecture Series:** an opportunity for youth to learn and explore opportunities outside of typical curriculum, will include an extended college/military & trade exhibition as well as an university sponsored lecture series for students.

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## YOUTH COMMUNITY & SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The Youth Commission will encourage civic engagement amongst youth, as well as aid in developing their leadership skills:

- Help Council Offices identify youth in their district who may be ideal candidates to participate in young leadership workshops, as well as potential nominees for the Youth Commission.
- Work with respective council members to build citywide community youth affinity groups that specifically work with public safety officers on youth programming and needs.
- work with strategic partners who can provide guidance, training, and resources for students for skill development and potential employment.
- By creating long lasting empowerment and training for working age students through a public safety internship program, the Youth Commission hopes to reduce the racial and economic gaps in the City of Dallas.
- Providing youth in Dallas with employability and job opportunities will repel youth from crime and anti-community activities and boost overall community growth.
- Once developed these skills can be used to earn livelihood, assist others in the community and even invest directly back into Dallas.
- Summer Public Safety Internship Program