

Resolution to Create a Minneapolis Youth Congress

WHEREAS the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) is a leadership body with elected officials from the five jurisdictions that support Minneapolis children and youth (city, county, schools, parks, libraries);

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis values its young people and believes that youth involvement in local government is critical to their investment, influence and their commitments as engaged citizens of the future;

WHEREAS, all five YCB jurisdictions understand that youth have determined a need for effective communication, engagement, and working relationships between Minneapolis youth and the five YCB jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the five YCB jurisdictions will benefit by creating a citywide process for youth to have authentic power and influence in decisions and policies relevant to youth, illustrated through the vision of the Minneapolis Youth Congress, “No Decision About Us, Without Us.”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the five YCB jurisdictions commit to identify, on an annual basis, several key policies issues and/or concerns that are relevant to youth; and that the Minneapolis Youth Congress and its committees will hold hearings, and make recommendations to the jurisdictions on those issues/ concerns based on the needs, welfare and views of the youth of Minneapolis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the five YCB jurisdictions commit to creating “space,” that is youth friendly, inclusive, constructive, and open to struggle; to engage and work with youth on the policy issues and recommendations under consideration by Congress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Youth Congress is created upon approval of the conditions set forth in the charter currently in design by the Minneapolis Youth Congress planning team.