



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

Date: 6/4/2007  
To: IGR Committee

**Subject: Minneapolis Youth Congress Agenda**

**Recommendation: Consider adoption of the Youth Congress Agenda, as passed by the Youth Coordinating Board**

**Previous Directives: The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting the healthy, comprehensive development of Minneapolis children and youth through collaborative action and policy alignment.**

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Presenters in Committee: IGR Staff

### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

### **Supporting Information:**

#### Attached:

Minneapolis Youth Congress Agenda

MYC Action Plan

MYC Description

**Resolution  
of the  
City of Minneapolis**

By Hodges

**Creating 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); and

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; and

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; and

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.";

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

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.

Be It Further Resolved that 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.

Be It Further 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.