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CITY SEEKS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP LAUNCH NEWLY FORMED YOUTH COMMISSION

***Participants Needed at Fall Work Groups to Help Establish Commission to Give Young People A
Presence in City Government***

(Edmonds, WA) – Now that the City of Edmonds has created a Youth Commission to give young people a presence in city government, youth volunteers are needed to help establish the new commission by participating in a series of work groups this Fall.

A series of 3-to-4 work groups will be held after school in Edmonds in the late afternoons or early evenings during the months of September and October. Input from these meetings will then be used to make recommendations to the City Council on the Youth Commission formation. Participants should be Edmonds residents and in attendance at a local area high school, running start program, or at a home school. Interested volunteers can contact carrie.hite@edmondswa.gov, or 425-771-0256.

The idea of a youth commission was presented to the City Council by a group of local high school students this summer who spoke about their desire to have a presence in city government. Under the ordinance unanimously approved by the City Council in June, the Youth Commission's mission is "to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life for Edmonds youth by advising the City Council and the public on issues relating to youth policies, programs, and opportunities."

The commission will include nine members and two alternates who will fill one-year terms, with up to three terms allowed per member. Each city councilmember will make one appointment, while the mayor will appoint two members plus the two alternates.

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