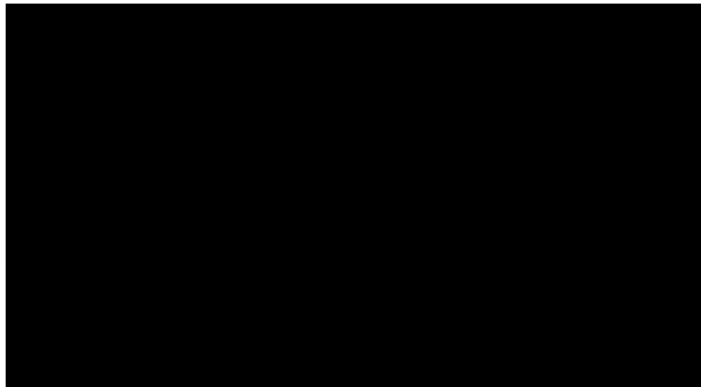

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Which Board or Commission Are You Applying For?: Youth Commission

Birthdate: Jun 07, 2007

School: Hulstrom Options

Grade: 8

Can You Commit to Attending Meetings at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month?:

Yes

Why Do You Want to Be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Northglenn Youth Commission?:

I want to get involved in the decisions being made in my community. I've always been involved with different clubs and activities at my school and realized that I had a passion for doing good in my community. To take this one step further, I think that the youth commission would be the perfect place to grow my voice and actively help fellow citizens. Northglenn Youth Commission would also help develop my understanding of community hardships especially during this pandemic, where families are feeling uneasy about the constant changes happening around us. I want to use this opportunity to help students at my school become familiar with the role that we have as young leaders in the community.

How Does City Government Affect Your Life?:

Going to school in Northglenn means that I am impacted by the decisions made in the city. My local city government impacts my daily life by actively playing a role in how safe and functional the community is. They make the policies that are put into place in order to ensure safe living and education. City laws also bring together the community and create a sense of unification for citizens, putting aside their differences for the safety and greater good of the city. So, in conclusion, the city government affects my life because of the direct impact it has on my education and future.

What Other Organizations, Clubs or Teams You Are Currently A Member Of?:

National Junior Honors Society, Student Council, Spanish Language and Culture Club, All-Star Ambassadors, Mathcounts.

What Do You Want to Accomplish for Youth in the

One problem that I think a lot of youth in the city experience is a lack of mental health resources. I'd like to aim and tackle this problem by making it easier for teens in the community to access the care

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and communication that they need. Especially with Covid-19 resulting in remote learning, a lot of kids feel pressured and anxious when attempting to adapt to this new learning environment.

Another idea that I was planning to implement as a member of the youth commission is to host drives. Weather for clothes, basic necessities, canned food, etc. there are so many families that would benefit from a drive. A lot of kids our age don't know how lucky we are to have coats to wear in the snow and even shoes to wear on our feet. A clothing drive can help educate the kids of our community as well as exposing them to ways they giving back to those in need early on in life. This benefits the youth by educating them about ways to stay involved in our community, while simultaneously helping those who are receiving the donations. Learning about how you can help your community from a young age is always a valuable lesson, and spark an interest in young kids to stay active in these programs as they grow up. You start to value how lucky you are and want to help those who aren't. Lots of families don't have time to donate and don't know how or where to start. A drive makes all of the hassles go away. It's easy and beneficial to all ends of the youth in our city.

**What Impact Do
You Think That
Youth of Your
Age Can Have in
Our City?:**

A while back, I thought that as a kid, I can't make a difference and that I'm not old enough to have a voice in my community, but now, I realize that decisions currently made by adults are ultimately going to impact my future. I think that a lot of what we are told as children growing up is that "the adults make the rules" and that we should "leave the decision making to the grown-ups", and while that is true, it doesn't mean that we can't actively be involved in the decision making process. In the modern age of technology and the huge advancements in communication, teens have more of a voice than ever. This is why the youth are a huge part of the change in our city. Teenagers are in the stage of life where we start to develop our own understandings of the world, and how we fit into it. Having an active role in our future is extremely important. Youth my age can give the city the necessary information they need to make a sustainable future for our generation.