



Youth Council Update and Approval of the 2026 Youth Council Work plan

Mission, Values, Purpose

OYC Mission Statement

The Olympia Youth Council amplifies and elevates youth voices in City governance, and expands youth involvement in the community.

OYC Purpose Statement

We connect, represent, and give voice to the diverse groups of youth in Olympia.

OYC Vision Statement

We envision an Olympia that is accessible, equitable, inclusive, safe, and engaging for everyone in the community.

Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

- January 15, 2025 – First meeting of the seated Youth Council
- Developed first work plan
- Shared feedback on five chapters of the Comprehensive Plan
- First joint meeting of the Lacey Youth Council
- Began planning for joint 2026 Youth Summit
- Created a PSA related to Narcan and overdose
- Planned and held a recruitment event
- Featured on Actually, Olympia Podcast
- Onboarded new members

Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Joint meetings of the Lacey Youth Council



Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Created a PSA
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and overdose



A message from your
Olympia Youth Council



Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Planned and held a recruitment event

The flyer is a 2x2 grid of colored boxes. Top-left: Red box with Olympia logo (white star and mountain) and the word 'Olympia' below it. Top-right: Green box with 'YOUTH SOCIAL' in large yellow letters and 'HOSTED BY THE OLYMPIA YOUTH COUNCIL' in smaller yellow letters below. Bottom-left: Dark blue box with white text: 'Join us for games, activities, ice cream, and to learn more about the Olympia Youth Council'. Bottom-right: Dark blue box with white text: 'MAY 17 1 - 3 PM'. Below the top-left box is a dark blue box with white text: 'Join us for games, activities, ice cream, and to learn more about the Olympia Youth Council'. Below the top-right box is a red box with an illustration of four diverse people talking, with speech bubbles above them. Below the bottom-left box is a green box with yellow text: 'OLYMPIA CITY HALL' and '601 4th Avenue East Downtown Olympia' below. Below the bottom-right box is a red box with white text: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION' and a QR code below.

Olympia

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OLYMPIA YOUTH COUNCIL

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**MAY 17
1 - 3 PM**

OLYMPIA CITY HALL

601 4th Avenue East
Downtown Olympia

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Youth Council First Year Accomplishments

Featured on Actually, Olympia podcast



2026 Leadership Positions

- Nolan O'Connell, Co-Chair
- Donovan Jojola, Co-Chair
- Sophia Park, Secretary
- Addy Pitman, Treasurer
- Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Co-Vice Chair, Policy Subcommittee
- Amelia Eslinger, Co-Vice Chair, Policy Subcommittee
- Varshana Horback, Vice Chair, Communications
- Kaelyn Velazquez, Vice Chair, Outreach

Proposed Work Plan

February 18, 2025 – Business Meeting

- Intercity Transit briefing on changes to the bus system
- Transit PSA Development Discussion

Mar 18, 2025 – Business Meeting

- Olympia Sanctuary City and Public Safety Briefing
- Transit PSA Development Check-in
- Youth Summit Planning

April 15 – Business Meeting

- Youth Engagement: Communicating Public Policy to Youth Discussion
- Youth Summit Planning
- Transit PSA Development Check-in

May TBD - YOUTH SUMMIT

May 20 – Business Meeting

- Mental Health Resources for Youth Briefing
- Youth Summit Debrief
- Recruitment Check-in

June – No Business Meeting

July – No Business Meeting

August 19 - Business Meeting

- Olympia Climate Programs Briefing
- Third Places for Youth Discussion
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

September 19 – Business Meeting

- Welcome New Members/Team Building
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

October 14 – Business Meeting - 207

- Year Accomplishments Overview/Celebration
- 2026 Work Plan Discussion

November – No Meeting

December – No Meeting

Next Steps

- Move to approve the recommended 2026 Youth Council Work Plan and forward to the City Council for approval.



Thank you!