Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Dear Parents, Teachers, Administrators and Students,

As Mayor of the Town of Gilbert I would like to personally invite youth in grades 9-12th (ages 14-18) to participate in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. We need your voice to be heard in the Town and **YOU** are part of what makes Gilbert great! As we enter the 26th year of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, I have witnessed the long-term effects of participation and the leadership skills that can be developed when you invest yourself in this great program.

MYAC contributes to the community in many ways including Youth Town Hall, Youth Government Days and our Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit. The students are involved in many volunteer efforts throughout the town and assist the Town Council in identifying problems effecting our community and most importantly, finding solutions.

The MYAC meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Police Department Amphitheatre from 6-7:00pm. The first meeting of each month will focus on our assigned task for the year, service and planning and the second meeting will be focused on leadership skills and local government education. We ask that each student make a commitment to attendance and participation.

Attached is a list of requirements for committee participation. **The deadline for applications is August 30, 2013**. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Hood at 480-635-7709 or jennifer.hood@gilbertaz.gov if you have any questions. Your contributions to the community are both needed and appreciated. Good luck!

Sincerely,

John W. Lewis
Mayor, Town of Gilbert

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Requirements

1. To be eligible for MYAC, youth must live in Gilbert or attend a school in Gilbert and be in 9th-12th grade (14-18 years old).

2. Each member must make a minimum nine month commitment to the program (September to May). We encourage participation until graduation.

3. MYAC meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Attendance is taken and required. Please see the 2013-2014 calendar for exact dates and times. If you have multiple unexcused absences and/or do not actively participate in the program, you may be removed from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.

4. Each member must attend at least one council meeting during the school year.

5. MYAC is committed to community service. Each student must complete at least 20 hours of community service per school year. If you do not complete your community service, you will not be eligible to graduate and you may not invited back the next year. Opportunities for community service will also be made available.

6. Members are expected to participate in Youth Town Hall on December 5, 2013. Any exceptions must be approved by Jennifer Hood, MYAC Advisor.

7. Members are expected to participate in Student Government Days on April 2-3, 2014. Any exceptions must be approved by Jennifer Hood, MYAC Advisor.

8. Members are expected to participate in the Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit on April 16, 2014. Any exceptions must be approved by Jennifer Hood, MYAC Advisor.

9. The committee may also be asked to assist the Mayor with various assignments. You may be asked to attend meetings or participate in a focus group on various topics. Participation in these events are voluntary.

By signing this form, I agree to adhere to the listed requirements.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

2013-2014
Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Calendar

August	30 – Deadline for Applications
September	3 – MYAC Board Meeting
	9 – Notification of Acceptance into MYAC
	17 – First MYAC Meeting – Team Building
October	1 – Regular Meeting
	22* - Guest Speaker
November	5 – Regular Meeting
	19 – Guest Speaker
December	3 – Holiday Party
	5 – YOUTH TOWN HALL
	17 – Town Council Presentation
January	7 – Regular Meeting
	21 – Guest Speaker
February	4 – Regular Meeting
	18 – Guest Speaker
March	4 – Regular Meeting
	18 – Guest Speaker
April	1 – Regular Meeting
	2-3 – STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAYS
	15 – Project Wrap Up
	16 – MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
May	6 – Graduation Party
	8 – Town Council Presentation

*October 22nd Meeting is the 4th Tuesday to accommodate Fall Break

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2013-2014 Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Email address _____

Do you have your parent's permission to join the Committee? _____

List your extracurricular activities

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What is your role as a teen in the Town of Gilbert?

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What is one problem you have identified in the Town?

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What is a possible solution to the problem you've identified?

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Name one person who has inspired you and list the qualities you admire about that person.

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What skills and talents do you bring to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee?

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Please email, mail or drop off this completed application AND a letter of recommendation from an adult (no relatives please) **by 6pm on August 30, 2013** to:

Jennifer Hood
Gilbert Youth and Adult Resources
75 E. Civic Center Drive
Gilbert, AZ 85296
jennifer.hood@gilbertaz.gov

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at 480-635-7709