

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CONCURRENT MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 20, 2020

LOCATION: Council Chamber, City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565

CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS

Jelani Killings, Mayor/Chair
Marilyn Craft, Vice-Mayor/Chair
Holland Barrett White, Council/Agency Member
Shanelle Scales-Preston, Council/Agency Member
Juan Antonio Banales, Council/Agency Member
S.L. Floyd, Agency Member
Annie Hill Herring, Agency Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Garrett Evans, City Manager/Executive Director
Donna Mooney, City Attorney/Legal Counsel
Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (elected)
Nancy Parent, City Treasurer (elected)

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the City Council for July 20, 2020 was conducted electronically for Closed Session and through Zoom with broadcasting live through Granicus on the City's website. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chamber was not open for the meeting. Council Members participated electronically or through Zoom and were not physically present in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Killings called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:18 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA after convening at 6:00 P.M. in Closed Session for the following items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of cases: One (1) Case

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Section 54957.6:

City designated representatives: Garrett Evans, Stacy Shell, Fritz McKinley, Brad Farmer

Employee organizations: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 512 Management/Professional/Confidential Unit and Miscellaneous A Unit; Pittsburg Police Officers' Association; Pittsburg Police Managers Group; Teamsters Local 856

Unrepresented employees: Management Group; Senior Executive Team

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

ROLL CALL

All members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATION

3. Chamber of Commerce Business Improvement District (BID)

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REMARKS

City Manager Evans gave an update on the COVID-19 health order for the City of Pittsburgh.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Banales attended the Land Use Subcommittee.

Council Member White attended the Community Services ad hoc subcommittee.

Mayor Killings attended the 2x2 Subcommittee, the Economic Development Subcommittee and the Mayors Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A comment was received from Siu Ling regarding the need for blood drives.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Confirm the Engineer's Report, Diagram and Assessment and Levy the Annual Assessment for Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District 1988-01, Citywide (Fiscal Year 2020-21)

Mayor Killings opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak to the item, Mayor Killings closed the Public Hearing.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member White to adopt and carried unanimously.

4. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Confirm the Engineer's Report, Diagram and Assessment and Levy the Annual Assessment for Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District 1988-02, Oak Hills (Fiscal Year 2020-21)

Mayor Killings opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak to the item, Mayor Killings closed the Public Hearing.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member White to adopt and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION

6. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement by and between the City of Pittsburgh and Global Resources Trading, LLC.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member Banales to adopt and carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Vice-Mayor/Chair Craft stated she would recuse herself from Item 8 on the Consent Calendar due to her financial interest.

COMBINED CITY COUNCIL, PITTSBURG ARTS AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST PITTSBURG GHAD II AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A comment was received from Bruce Ohlson regarding Item 9.

Member Banales asked that Item 9 be removed and considered separately.

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Member White to adopt without Item 9, and carried unanimously.

7. Minutes of June 29, 2020 and July 6, 2020

8. Adoption of a Pittsburgh Power Company Resolution to Enter Into a Consultant Agreement with Dunbar and Associates For Fiscal Year 2020-2021

10. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Allocating Funds to Reimburse Seecon Financial & Construction Co., Inc. for Infrastructure Costs Incurred Related to Community Facilities District 2009 01, San Marco ("CFD 2009-01")

11. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Establish a Salary Range for Assistant City Clerk, Housing Program Analyst I/II and Senior Housing Program Analyst and Amend the AFSCME Management/Professional/Confidential Memorandum of Understanding

12. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Pittsburgh Municipal Code Title 18.50, Article IV to Revise Accessory Dwelling Unit Standards to be Consistent with State Law

The following item was considered separately:

9. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Accepting the Plans and Specifications, Allocating Funds, and Awarding Project 2223, SB-1 West Leland Road and Loveridge Road Rehabilitation Project

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Vice-Mayor Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. Consideration of a City Council Request for a Future Agenda Item Related to Youth Services

Comments were received from the following in support of funding for youth services:

Dikshya Koirala
Pittsburg Youth Action
Taylor Sims
Christine Carpio
Clarisse Carpio
Manisha Rattu
Julie Marco

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt and carried unanimously.

14. Consideration of a City Council Request for a Future Agenda Item Related to Measure M Funding/Spending Council Reports

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt and carried unanimously.

15. Consideration of a City Council Request for a Future Agenda Item Related to Establishing a Youth Advisory Commission

Comments were received from the following in support of a Youth Advisory Commission:

Dikshya Koirala
Pittsburg Youth Action
Taylor Sims
Christine Carpio
Manisha Rattu
Julie Marco

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member White to adopt and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND REMARKS

Member Scales-Preston thanked the youth for their recent involvement. She participated in a march last Wednesday in honor of Vanessa Guillen and Danielle Lucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. to August 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

Alice Evenson

From: Siu Ling <siubluewind@bikeforums.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:20 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Speaker card for next Council meeting.

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Good evening Mayor Killings, Council members and staff, my name is Siu Ling, Community Advisory Commissioner.

Last year an American Red Cross Blood Drive was conducted at City Hall. Some of us would like to donate on a regular basis but do not have the time nor means to get their Pleasant Hill donation center, nor the other various locations throughout Contra Costa. They are emailing the donors and asking for more blood because there is a dire need due to COVID-19. I was wondering if it were possible to have regular blood drives here in Pittsburg again, maybe three times a year please.

Thank you

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Please read this Public Comment on Item 9 of the Consent Calendar

Bruce Ole Ohlson [bruceoleohlson@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:09 PM

To: meetingcomments

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"Good evening Mr. Mayor,, Council Persons, Staff, and fellow Residents of Pittsburg:

I am Bruce Ohlson, Pittsburg's conscience when it comes to transportation infrastructure.

Everyone knows that we get what we build for. If we upgrade the automobile infrastructure, we will get more people using automobiles for their personal transportation over the short distances that we find here in our community. If we include bicycle and pedestrian facilities along every street upon which we are spending money, we provide transportation options for everyone . . . those who drive and those who choose other methods to move around our community.

Pittsburg's bicycle community wants to be assured that bicycle lanes will be included on both sides of each of these streets over the entire length of the planned upgrades.

Pittsburg's pedestrian community wants to be assured that crosswalks will be included in all four quadrants of each signalized intersection over the entire length of the planned upgrades to these streets.

Both of these streets are considered by the CCTA to be "Routes of Regional Importance." These streets are routes of regional importance for bicyclists and pedestrians as well as motorists.

There is no defensible reason to JUST maintain and rebuild what infrastructure currently exists. Both of these streets were designed and built way back in the early part of the last century. Now is a good time to bring this infrastructure, and all of Pittsburg's infrastructure, up to date and into the current century. As I mentioned previously, we get what we build for.

Bicycling and walking for transportation and recreation provides exercise. Everyone in this virtual room understands that exercise is healthy for each individual. Sitting, whether it be in a car or in a house, leads to less healthful outcomes.

Thank you, City Council, for directing staff to make sure that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are upgraded or installed along both of these roads as these roads are being maintained.

All best wishes,

Bruce Ohlson"

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Bruce "0le" Ohlson
Bike East Bay
Delta Pedalers Bicycle Club
Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee
CCTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee
TRANSPLAN appointee to Highway 4 Integrated Corridor Management Study
Healthy and Livable Pittsburg Collaborative

Alice Evenson

From: Dikshya Koirala <koirala1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 3:06 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: ITEM NUMBER 13 (YOUTH FUND)

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I support the Youth Fund to establish a dedicated funding mechanism for youth programs and hope the council will too.

Alice Evenson

From: Pittsburgh Youth Action <pittsburgyouthaction@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:09 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 13

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Dear Councilmembers,

Pittsburg Youth Action is in support of the Youth Fund proposed by Councilmember Scales-Preston. We strongly believe that there needs to be a substantial allocation of funds toward youth employment, recreation, and other programs that is separate from other budget allocations.

We believe that this fund can support youth summer employment, youth programs, and a youth recreation center. By providing Pittsburgh youth with summer employment opportunities, the city will be supporting students who may need to work to support their families or themselves, as well as those who want job experiences. This not only helps our young people develop skills necessary for future opportunities, but it also enables them to continue learning over the summer and make good use of their time. If coupled with a financial literacy program, this opportunity can help young people learn how to smartly manage their money.

We are also in support of a youth recreation center that will provide a physical space for youth to convene and engage in programs or activities. This does not need to be a brand new facility, but it should be specifically for the use of youth and it should incorporate meeting rooms, sports areas, and more. This center can also help young people build relationships with mentors or engage in different panels around careers, jobs, life, financial literacy, or other topics.

The center can also be a meeting space for young organizers who are in need of a shared safe space and who wish to mobilize on local actions or issues.

The vision is such that students who need a space to do homework, a place to shoot hoops, or a place to organize a march in response to an issue they care about can all find space in this Youth Recreation center.

We support this fund and hope that it can expand to encapsulate some of these visions we shared with you all today.

Best,
Pittsburg Youth Action

From: Taylor Sims <tsims@liftupcoco.org>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:14 PM

To: meetingcomments <meetingcomments@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>

Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM NUMBER 13 (Youth Fund)

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Mayor Killings and City Council,

I would like to start my comment by saying thank you to councilmember Shanelle Scales-Preston for your leadership and getting this on the agenda. The youth fund would establish a dedicated funding mechanism to address the formal funding of programs and facilities for Youth Services in the City of Pittsburg. Councilmember Scales-Preston specifically advocated for a summer jobs program that would employ 15-22 years olds. This is something the community seriously needs. Here is what the community would like to see with the youth fund.

Youth Summer Employment

Supports students who may need to work to support their families or themselves, or those who want job experiences through explicit resources and opportunities

Develops skills necessary for future opportunities

Enables students to continue learning over the summer and to make good use of their time

Possibly encourages financial literacy

Youth Recreation Center

Provides a physical space for youth to convene and engage in programs or activities

Serves as an opportunity to build relationships with mentors or engage in different panels around careers, jobs, life, financial literacy, or other topics

Allows young people to mobilize on local actions or issues because of access to a shared space

Serves as a safe space for young people to be present

Again, thank you councilmember Shanelle Scales Preston for your leadership and continuously meeting with the youth of Pittsburg to help meet our demands.

With hope,
Taylor Sims

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Alice Evenson

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From: Christine Carpio <christine.carpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:46 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 13

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Dear Mayor Killings and Pittsburg City Councilmembers,

I am writing to you in full support of the Pittsburg Youth Fund proposed by Councilmember Scales-Preston. Providing funding towards youth employment, recreation, and other youth related entities that are separate from other budget allocations is a great way to get our youth more involved in the community.

During my sophomore, junior, and senior year of high school, I was employed by the City of San Francisco in their Recreation and Park Department each summer. I worked as a camp counselor throughout those summers and regularly commuted on BART each and every day. I loved this job and the lessons that it had taught me. Working for the city not only educated me on how to be financially responsible but it also gave the opportunity to be independent, helped me gain the skills needed to communicate with others, and overall helped in developing my resume when working with other children during my college career. I believe that it is important for those in high school and individuals in their early years of college to gain work experience in any industry because of the life lessons that it may teach you later on down the line: patience, resilience, and empathy.

In addition to youth employment, I am in full support of a youth recreation center. Providing a physical space for youth to convene and engage in programs and activities is such a vital aspect for this community. This serves as an opportunity to build relationships with mentors or other youth in the community and overall will be such a fun place to play some basketball.

With this youth fund, we can create a better Pittsburg.

Thank you,
Christine Carpio

Alice Evenson

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From: clarisse carpio <clarissecarpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:49 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM NUMBER 13 (Youth Fund)

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Dear Mayor Killings and City Council Members,

As many of the youth are finding something to do over the summer such as finding a summer job or even parents trying to keep their kids occupied throughout the day, I've always wondered why there weren't many opportunities for the youth in Pittsburg to dedicate their time to. Although we aren't a big city, from my personal experience working as a Camp Assistant for San Francisco Recreation and Park at one of their recreational facilities, I saw a positive change from the beginning to the end of camp in not only the teen staff but as well as the children that were in attendance. Many of my coworkers were shocked that I wasn't from San Francisco and that I had to commute everyday from Pittsburg all the way to the city, and that was all simply because there weren't enough job opportunities for people my age or even a recreational space in Pittsburg.

I support the Youth Fund that would establish a dedicated funding mechanism to address the formal funding of programs and facilities for Youth Services in the City of Pittsburg. This would be extremely important for our youth as many teens are searching for a part-time job as well as those that are willing to engage in a recreational space for activities or even somewhere to be present. As a result this would not only keep many of the youth engaged but as well as show appreciation towards their community. Not only would the youth be excited about this youth fund, but many parents would also be in favor of sending their children to a recreational space or even for their children to have a space to dedicate their time throughout the day.

As someone who is speaking on the behalf of the youth from the Pittsburg community, I would like to see change happen now for not only our community members but for also our youth. These are just the baby steps to building a stronger and better community. The time to act is now.

Best,
Clarisse Carpio



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From: Manisha Rattu <mrattu@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:52 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public comment - agenda item 13

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of an explicit and separate Pittsburg Youth Fund within the city's budget for youth programs, employment, and recreation. The Youth Fund can help support summer employment opportunities for many young students who need to work to support themselves or their families, or those who want to spend time working and gaining experience. This opportunity allows for mentorship, skill development, and work experience, all of which are crucial for further opportunities.

I also think that the Youth Fund should include a plan for a recreation center where young people can gather to organize, hang out, hear from different speakers, or play sports.

So many young people want to leave Pittsburg, but by incorporating programming and recreation directly intended for them into the community, there is a higher probability of them staying in Pittsburg and also supporting local businesses.

Please support the creation of the Youth Fund.

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Manisha Rattu

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For Public Comment - Item Number 13

Julie Marco [julievmarco@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:38 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Hello,

My name is Julie Marco. I believe an established Youth Fund would be a wonderful asset to empower and encourage our youth to get out there and take part in the things our Youth Services offers.

I am particularly supportive of these funds going towards more outlets for our youth to be able to become employed. I think if you even brought local business owners into the mix, perhaps you can provide incentive to our business peoples to hire Pittsburg youth through some facet of this funding.

Thank you for the work you do and for prioritizing the needs of our youth's futures, which is everyone's future.

Julie Marco

Alice Evenson

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From: Dikshya Koirala <koirala1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 3:05 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: ITEM NUMBER 15 (YOUTH COMISSION)

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I stand by PYA's comments on the importance of providing the youth with a mechanism by which they can communicate with the Council around civic engagement.

I fully support this movement and hope the council will too.

From: Pittsburgh Youth Action <pittsburgyouthaction@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:09 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 15

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Dear Councilmembers,

Pittsburg Youth Action is glad to see that the Youth Commission is on the agenda today as this has been a key demand of ours for weeks. We are pleased to see that further action is being taken and we hope that all council members will vote in favor of creating a Youth Commission.

We strongly believe in the power in young people's ideas, voices, and imaginations. Pittsburg youth are incredibly talented and equipped with a drive to uplift our community. A Youth Commission provides an avenue for young people's visions for Pittsburg to come to life.

A Youth Commission will encourage civic engagement and help our community's youth understand how local government works. This is crucial as local governments are the backbone of this country. Even more pressing is the low rate of voter participation among young people which may partially be due to inaccessibility of information. A Youth Commission can help bridge that gap and enable stronger and more active citizens.

Furthermore, this opportunity allows young people to develop a deeper sense of belonging and engagement within the community. This will encourage young people to speak on issues and decisions that impact them and other youth. Of course, this opportunity also provides tangible skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork which are all useful to showcase on resumes or college applications.

Most importantly, a Youth Commission is a concrete mechanism by which Pittsburg youth can make their voices heard. Numerous Pittsburg community forums have shut down young people's voices and we hope that our city will do the opposite by supporting a Youth Commission that has the ability to speak on policies impacting young people in the community and provide recommendations on the city's annual budget allocations.

We also hope that the Council will engage Pittsburg Youth Action in an advisory role throughout the process of developing the Youth Commission so that it truly is a successful program and not a ceremonial commission without much say.

Best,
Pittsburg Youth Action

From: Taylor Sims <tsims@liftupcoco.org>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 1:03 PM

To: meetingcomments <meetingcomments@ci.pittsburg.ca.us>

Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM NUMBER 15 (Youth Commission)

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Mayor Killings and City Council,

I would first like to thank councilmember Holland Barret White for getting this on the agenda for tonight's meeting and continuously meeting with Pittsburg youth to work with us and hear us out. I fully support and encourage the council to establish a youth commission. This youth commission will not only provide the youth a mechanism by which they can communicate with the Council around civic engagement and community service while furthering their understanding of how municipal government works but also:

Encourage civic engagement and understanding of how the municipal government works from a young age, especially since local politics are key to a lot of local funding allocations and projects

Promote a deeper sense of engagement with the community

Enable a deep commitment in the well-being of other young people and the community through teamwork, specific projects, and open dialogue

Develop leadership and communication skills as well as more technical skills, all of which can be shared on resumes or college applications

Provide mentorship opportunities that can help support young people

Encourage young people to speak on issues and decisions that impact them, as well as propose resolutions or programs to uplift other youth

Allow young people to set policy priorities to guide the City's annual budget process as it relates to young people

Again, thank you councilmember Holland Barret White for your leadership and taking into consideration one of the demands from the Pittsburg youth!

With hope,

Taylor Sims

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From: Christine Carpio <christine.carpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:46 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 15

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Dear Mayor Killings and Pittsburg City Councilmembers,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for adding the Youth Commission as an agenda item for tonight's meeting. I'm glad to see that action is being taken, as this was one of the demands that the youth has been pushing for over the course of several weeks.

Although we are working towards a better future by encouraging youth engagement and helping them understand how government works, we must not distract ourselves from the important topic of conversation: defunding the Pittsburg PD. As the word "defunding" is a scary verb for many in the community and for those of you sitting on the council, we must remember that this particular word serves for the allocation of funds towards our community through social services, housing, education, etc. We must reimagine and rethink what our city has the ability to look like.

Thank you,
Christine Carpio

Alice Evenson

From: Manisha Rattu <mrattu@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:49 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment - Agenda item 15

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Dear Councilmembers,

As a young resident of Pittsburg, I am writing in support of a Pittsburg Youth Commission. The Youth Commission can help our young leaders learn about civic engagement, foster a deeper sense of belonging and commitment to our community, and develop their personal and professional skills.

I had the privilege to participate in a few different programs and roles during high school that helped me better understand the state government process, and I truly wish this sort of experience was more widely available for understanding local government. The Pittsburg Youth Commission is an opportunity to foster awareness around local government which holds a lot of power in decision-making.

I was once told by an incredible community organizer in Richmond that "You can't change the world if you can't change your hometown" and that resonates with me to this day. So many of us Pittsburg-born-and-raised young residents are ready to bring about meaningful change in our community. We have ideas and skills that are ready to be put to use.

Unfortunately, online Pittsburg community forums have discredited us time after time. I have personally been referred to as a child and discredited for my age whenever I spoke about issues I cared about. On top of that, when I mentioned my Stanford education and personal experiences to back up my statements, my education was used against me. I was told that "I don't know anything" from sitting in a classroom, that I'm brainwashed by my leftist professors, and that I think I'm better than Pittsburg residents. This is not only hurtful but completely inaccurate of who I am as a person.

So many of my peers and I are some of the first in our families to go to college, we are often children of immigrants, we have worked extremely hard to get our degrees, and we want to apply our knowledge and skills back into the community that made us who we are. I don't see that as us thinking we are better than others, it just means we want to give back by bringing some of the learning we have gained during our time away back to Pittsburg.

I also don't see us as being radical. I see us as being visionaries and this Youth Commission will help bring our visions to you all. Please help ensure that youth voices do not get shut down or discredited by voting in favor of the Pittsburg Youth Commission.

Best,
Manisha Rattu

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Manisha Rattu

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For Public Comment - Item Number 15

Julie Marco [julievmarco@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 6:33 PM

To: meetingcomments

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Hello,

My name is Julie Marco. I graduated as a part of PHS Class of 2018, and I really wished I got to see something like a Youth Advisory Commission while I was still in high school-- even middle school. If there was... Well, I wish the attempts to outreach to our local youth were wider and more enthusiastic.

I feel like there is much potential in what the youth can contribute to the city if they had a proper, accessible way to do so. There is such a disconnect between many adults, especially those in positions of influence both publicly and privately, and the youth of our town. THis could be one way to bridge that gap.

Similarly, I think the city and the opportunity to work with and learn about municipal government will benefit the lives of our youth, for the benefit of themselves and those they will affect as they grow as people.

Please keep the lives of our youth and the sustainability of the future we will build for them in mind as you continue to do your duty as our elected representatives.

Julie Marco