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MAYOR’S OFFICE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR THE MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Mayor’s Office is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Mayor’s Youth Council.

The Mayor’s Youth Council (MYC) is comprised of students from across Marion County who serve as the voice of Indianapolis youth in city government. MYC members are selected based on proven leadership skills, school activities and community involvement. MYC members can be nominated by a school principal, guidance counselor, school superintendent, teacher, faith leader, or community leader.

“The Mayor’s Youth Council gives youth a chance to learn about and participate in local government, and become a voice for their peers,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “We make a point to engage the youth in discussion about issues that are important to them. We truly value their opinions and ideas.”

The MYC also gives students an opportunity to express their civic pride through a variety of community service projects and interaction with city leaders.

“The young men and women on the MYC remind me constantly that it is everyone’s responsibility to improve the lives of others,” said Executive Director of Neighborhood Programs, Mitzi Hurst. “I am inspired by their optimism.”

Last year’s community service projects included the Great Indy Clean Up and the Back Pack Attack.
If you are interested in being considered for the Mayor’s Youth Council, or if you would like to nominate a youth for the Council, please visit http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Education/MYC/Pages/application.aspx. Applications are due by Monday August 31, 2009.

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