| **Engagement Session Title:**  | **Youth Commission REP Presentation**  |
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| **Event Type:** **(Virtual or In-Person)**  |  **In-Person** |
| **Date:**  |  **5/17/2022** |
| **Time:**  |  **6 - 7pm** |
| **Attendance count:**  |  **12** |

| **Attendee Names/Initials & Race/Ethnicity:** **(Align info with Input Event - Sign-in Sheet)**  |
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| * Myles Sturns-Thomas, Black, 75232 (District 3)
* Nathan Day, White, 75238 (District 10)
* Anyk DeSquare, Black, 75216 (District 7)
* Aaliyah Bryant, Black/Hispanic, 75201 (District 2)
* Simon Cohen, White, 75240 (District 11)
* Kalon Wofford, Black, 75217 (District 5)
* Recardo Corpus, Hispanic, 75211 (District 1)
* Andrea Mercado, Hispanic, 75206 (District 14)
* Ashley Shan, Asian, No Zip (District 13)
* Elisha Burrell, Black, No Zip (District 8)
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| **Open Ended Inquiry Responses:** **(Specify Question, Question Alignment with PM/BAG, Name/Initials of respondent, Response)**  |
| *These questions below are based on the presentation regarding the Youth Commission to the students from another gentleman:* * How would we be a part of the second Youth Commission? (i.e. working from a distance)
	+ The idea is to keep the two commissions separate - to allow each to have space to do their own work
* In terms of appointing members, would we (the youth) be involved or just working with the results?
	+ We are open to you all being involved
* Is this a kickoff for Dallas Universities - will there be expansion to colleges outside of Dallas?
	+ It would be great to have this commission launched in other cities (i.e. Lubbock or Fort Worth)
* Do we have a projected timeline or date to pick students?
	+ We would like to have bi-annual reports to the mayor (end of the fall semester/end of spring semester)
* Why work under City Council instead of creating an org independently and partnering with the Council?
	+ We saw it as a way to connect with the City coming off the pandemic
* What events have you all put on/accomplished?
	+ We had a fundraiser raising $6,000 for the NAACP

**Office of Equity & Inclusion - REP Presentation by Kevin Acosta*** How should the City be investing to address disparities?
* How can the City improve services to make Dallas the most equitable City in the nation?
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| **Memorable Quotes:** **(Specify Name/Initials of respondent & what question this aligns to)**  |
| * Myles Thomas (District 3): Economic development is the most important area for me because the Oak Cliff area is underserved with resources - if you could measure the level of distribution would be much lower in this area for the way information is being shared
	+ How is the city currently investing in addressing disparities?
* Elisha Burrell (District 8): Public safety is important for me - a lot of the problems I currently see dealing with police officers mishandling situations which seems to be due to a lack of training.
	+ A good way to address workforce development - many of the homeless people would love a job but no one is seeing them; there should be a plan to allow them to show and prove they want to work
* Ashley Shan (District 13): Housing is most important for me because gentrification is huge in my community and the effects should be addressed by the city - i.e. tax breaks for neighborhoods with less income coming in; combatting the lasting effects of redlining on the city (actual tangible solutions)
	+ I think disaggregating data is a great way to go about about mapping - I think mapping out the intersectionality of racial enclaves to determine the socioeconomic status of each area
* Kalon Wofford (District 5): The most important start is housing - I’ve heard how gentrification is hitting folks I know pretty hard. Many are selling houses they can no longer afford. People living right at the poverty line cannot afford or sustain a way of life - these are the same people being pushed out of their neighborhood they’ve been living in for years. I believe addressing housing will inevitably improve all other areas.
	+ I think the City should work with the governor to identify the areas that need to be fixed - I truly hope to see this money utilized effectively
	+ I think the City has to step up with their outreach and educating the people (i.e. knocking on families’ doors and hearing them out); having assemblies at schools to educate students on the importance of these things
	+ Reaching and educating our communities will probably take a greater effort than expected but it’s necessary
* Andrea Mercado (District 14): I’ve noticed how schools are impacted by the location they are in (i.e. Lakewood Elementary being much cleaner than schools in lower-income neighborhoods) - if you focused on giving more attention to schools in lower-income areas then those students would be just as excited to attend their campuses.
	+ We haven’t touched on the environmental part of this plan - I stay next to a beautiful part, but the park near my high school isn’t up kept and doesn’t look like an inviting place. I think the City could do a better job by cleaning up these parks.
* Ricardo Corpus (District 1): Over the past three years, we have experienced exponential gentrification - potholes were repaired and painted when the newer homes started to pop up. Hispanic culture thrives off community and where I live is predominantly Hispanic so I feel investing in community development is the root to addressing many other issues.

**\*Did not get the names of the individuals who asked these 2 questions and made this 1 comment below:** * What are the top three areas that need the most help?
* What is the makeup of the office of equity and inclusion meetings? (demographic)
* I feel like if the City conducted a townhall collective of various districts to hear different needs of families from their respective communities; I feel like while the 311 call center is helpful, we need more accessible resources like an app or just making resources more community friendly
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