| **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) |
| **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? |
| **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 |