



## **CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS**

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### **Salem Youth Commission**

**Mission Statement:** The Salem Youth Commission is dedicated to coordinate and enrich the services to our City's youth through community education, community service coordination, and advocacy while promoting positive activities and opportunities.

**Purpose:** To encourage youth involvement in the community, enhance leadership skills, and provide a platform for sharing policy ideas and concerns.

#### **Key Components:**

**Policy:** Giving youth the platform to voice their concerns and thoughts in a meaningful way is important in our community. To better enable that, the Salem Youth Commission will meet with City officials and other stakeholders to discuss how various issues impact the youth population of Salem, learn about City projects, and offer feedback and input to decision-makers.

**Networking & Advocacy:** Members of the Salem Youth Commission have an opportunity to dialogue directly with City officials and community leaders that work directly in areas that are critical to the community's quality of life.

**Education:** Salem Youth Commission members have the opportunity to learn how local government operates and responds to the needs of a community, as well as to participate in leadership development opportunities.

**Service:** Salem Youth Commission members engage in community service projects with City staff and community leaders as well as other youth in their communities.

**Other:** The Salem Youth Commission may organize special events or programs and is invited to recommend ideas for City policies and laws to the Mayor and City Council.