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SUBJECT—

Amendments Code Section 2-1176 related to the Youth Advisory Board.

SYNOPSIS—

This action would alter the appointments to the Youth Advisory Board in order to better facilitate the board's ability to appoint individuals to all board positions.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Youth Advisory Board, originally called the Youth Advisory Coordinating Board, was created on October 17, 1990 by Roll Call No. 90-4666. At its inception, a majority of board members were adults with a minority representation of youth. On May 5, 2003, changes to the board's name and composition were approved by Roll Call No. 03-1491. This action shifted the membership of the board and created an environment where youth were in the majority and adults the minority.

The composition of the board, as established in the 2003 amendments, is very precise and, as a result, some positions have been difficult to fill. Greater flexibility in these appointments will help the board to make assignments that reflect the current needs of the Youth Advisory Board and to attract interested parties. For example, because of lack of interest, the Scavo Campus appointment has never been filled. The adult representatives from the Park and Recreation Department, the Police Department, the City Manager's Office and Youth Homeless services will be changed to two appointments by the City Manager and two individuals

selected as a result of nominations from community organizations. The changes would not preclude these agencies from being represented, but would no longer restrict representation to only those agencies.

The Youth Advisory Board has continued to build momentum since the 2003 code changes and these proposed changes would help the board continue to capitalize on its success. This year alone, the board has had numerous large accomplishments including MetroStar 2005, the Trails Ambassador Program, work with the City's surplus equipment, and the Community Scan project. The Youth Advisory Board voted to support these changes at its July 6, 2005 board meeting.