

In which ways can youth get involved in local politics? Results of our surveys.

Some of our young Kids Save Ocean volunteers surveyed many city officials to understand the different ways cities incorporate youth into the political process.

Here is what city officials said. First, some overall results:

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

- **Average of all cities = 92/100**

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

- **Average of all cities = 85/100**

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

- **Average of all cities = 88% Yes**

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

- **Average of all cities = 85/100**

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

- **Average of all cities = 87%**

The rest of the following pages have the individual answers from the cities. They are sorted starting with the smallest towns or cities up to the biggest – going from Magnolia, Arkansas up to New York City. This gives you a picture of the massive variety of ways and ideas of how you might work with your local government. One way that **doesn't take loads of time** but is very **powerful** is to bring a proposal to the council for a new rule (e.g. against single-use plastics). You can find examples in the FateChanger app's resources.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Magnolia Arkansas 11,717

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

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Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

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Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Letting us know THEIR concerns

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

No

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

81

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?
COMMUNITY

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Council Meeting

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Portsmouth, NH, 21,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

99

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
By showing up, speaking, sending letters and getting involved.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Kids are as welcome as any residents in Portsmouth, regardless of age, in any public meeting and public input channel.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

We tried, however, NH is not able to pass legislation that isn't already a policy at the state level, but there are some proposals coming before the state legislature to allow for just this scenario.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Again, kids are as welcome as any resident in the city. We have a very open government and public input process.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

City of Lafayette CA, about 24K residents

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

75

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

75

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? To influence city policy, Lafayette youth can join the Lafayette Youth Commission and participate by attending the Environmental Task Force meeting and Council Meetings.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy? **No**

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process? **75**

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

The City has a Youth Commission that advises the City Council on issues pertaining to teenagers in Lafayette. For more information on how to get involved in the Youth Commission please contact Steven Heinsma at sheinsma@lovelafayette.org. Youth may also attend Environmental Task Force meetings and work with the task force to achieve their sustainability goals each year. For more information about ETF, contact Payal Bhagat at pbhagat@lovelafayette.org.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan? **Yes**

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

In 2014 the City enacted an ordinance that prohibited local retailers from providing single-use carry out bags and food packaging made out of polystyrene CFC-processed take-out packaging. Currently, the Environmental Task Force is exploring a policy that addresses other single-use food ware related issues.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

No.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Hazleton, Pa. 25,000 plus population

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?

Joining our Jr. City Council

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Jr Council. Attending meetings, Council, Planning, Zoning, Authority meetings.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Recycling

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Go to Public meetings

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Northampton, Massachusetts, 28,593 – two different politicians from Northampton

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

80

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

50

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? participation in the Northampton Youth Commission

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

75

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Anyone is welcome to make a public comment at the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Northampton has an active Youth Commission that holds regular meetings and sponsors projects and initiatives. This is an ideal forum for youth looking to be involved in civic activities.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

On May 21, 2015, the Northampton City Council passed an ordinance banning the use of single-use plastic shopping bags in the city.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

public comment period, Northampton Youth Commission. The City Council recently passed a resolution (August 16, 2018) to lower the voting age for Northampton municipal elections to 16.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Northampton, MA 29,000 residents

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

98

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

99

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Come to meeting, weigh in, invite electeds to come speak with them in schools and other settings, join our Youth Commission in high school

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

96

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Design charettes that we hold regularly; committee meetings

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Plastic bag ban; discussions re: styrofoam ban underway

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Respondent skipped this question

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 30,000 – two different politicians from Oak Ridge participated

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

80

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Through school programs

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning Commission,

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Through the schools

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, About 30,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

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Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

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Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
We have a Youth Advisory Board that meets twice monthly and provides the city government with input on youth concerns related to the city. High school students serve alongside adults on our Environmental Quality Advisory Board and Traffic Safety Advisory Board. Involvement with these boards is an excellent opportunity to provide input on policies and practices. Also, any citizen, including youth, can contact city council members at any time.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

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Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Meetings of advisory boards are good places for students to engage because these meetings are less formal than official business meetings, giving more opportunity for discussion.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No. Our state government typically preempts local action on measures like that.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Kids can get involved with local political parties working to elect state and national candidates.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Newark, California, Population ~ 46,500

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

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Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Presenting valid arguments why a policy is being suggested.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Newark is a small city therefore there are not a lot of issues. However, we welcome youth input to the process with the most recent example being our Park Master Plan. Youth input had a direct impact on setting priorities for a skateboard park, and turf fields.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

We have Planning Commission meetings and City Council meetings twice each month. There are opportunities for young people to speak on any topic on the agenda and on anything under oral communications

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Newark California - Population 47,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

99

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?

By actions

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

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Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Yes

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Not sure!

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Casper, Wyoming. population: 55,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

50

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

49

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
We already have a Youth Empowerment Council that provides feedback to city government regarding the needs/concerns of youth in our community.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

72

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

As above. We have an existing structure.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

No

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

We have not discussed a ban on plastic bags or other single-use plastics. We do have recycling program.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

We regularly receive feedback from youth in our community regarding activities or amenities that they would find attractive or helpful. Youth have the same opportunities to comment as adults.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Hartford, CT Approximate Population 123,400

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? Share their thoughts and concerns they have at Public Comment.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

The Mayor's Office has opportunities

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

In the City Charter

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Visit City Hall

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Aaron Mays, Topeka Kansas, 127,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Get to know who officials are and introduce yourself to them.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

No

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

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Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?
Discussions on quality of place, workforce development and retention.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Diversity and inclusion

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Lafayette, Louisiana Population 126,848

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? Youth can influence City-Parish policy by engaging public meetings of our local government, such as City-Parish Council meetings and meetings of Lafayette Consolidated Government's various boards and commissions.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

The Lafayette City-Parish Council meetings, which are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. The meetings are held at Lafayette City-Parish Hall, which is located at 705 West University Avenue in Lafayette.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

No

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Yes. This is overseen by the City-Parish's Environmental Quality (EQ) Division.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Making direct contact with elected officials (Mayor-President and Council members) to request shadowing opportunities.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Topeka Kansas 150000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

50

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Getting involved and speaking up.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

50

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Yes

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Fort Collins Colorado 126,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Youth Advisory Board

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Our City Plan that engages all citizens

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

We have discussed this and chosen more impactful issues that benefit our triple bottom line.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Yes, every regular meeting of our City Council provides for citizen comment. Also email, my cell phone and numerous other opportunities.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Boise, Idaho 250,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? By serving as youth members on city commissions, or on the youth advisory council, which our city offers

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Commission meetings, public input sessions

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

We have a highly progressive city plastics recycling program and have been preempted by the Idaho Legislature on the prohibition of single-use plastic bags

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Kids are always welcome and listened to in city processes in Boise and we welcome more involvement!

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Anchorage, Alaska population 297,012

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
We have a youth member sitting to my right at every city council meeting. We have an active Youth Advisory Commission. A local environmental organization has a very active youth group. Anchorage can be a model for the involvement you are looking for.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?
Our Community Councils are the best way to be involved and to learn how city government works.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Yes. We banned all plastic shopping bags effective September 15, 2019.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Too many to list!

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Anchorage, Alaska, approx 300,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

85

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

90

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Presenting at community councils, becoming engaged in our youth leadership programs, finding an advocate on the Assembly

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

65

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Youth Advisory Commission.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Yes. Anchorage passed a plastic bag ban, which will go into effect in September of 2019.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Countless opportunities, from the grassroots to grasstops. Community council to serving as the youth rep on the Assembly.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Saint Paul, MN population: 306,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
Work with the Mayor's office, or a City Councilmembers' office

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?
community involvement

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?
currently under consideration

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

the City encourages youth involvement through a variety of means from community meetings to interactions with elected officials to working within the schools. As an aside, some questions above are not applicable to our City Council but the survey will not allow me to write in a n/a. so some of the responses may be misleading.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Wichita, KS 380,000+

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

75

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?

Reach out to us and set up a meeting

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

50

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

All of our meetings are open to the public. The vast majority allow for comment.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Reach out to us at anytime

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Raleigh, NC population 464,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? Work directly with our Office of Sustainability. They have staff and resources dedicated to sustainability, and frequently gather input from the public. This includes the development of new policies.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in? Contact the City Clerk or apply online to serve on any of our Boards or Committees.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

No

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No. However, we are in the process of learning more about them. Now is a great time to provide input to the sustainability office.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Respondent skipped this question

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Kansas City, Missouri 480,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?
I think that the youth of any city can be very helpful in policy making by helping the elected officials understand what young people are thinking, saying and dealing with on a daily basis.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

I think that kids would be extremely helpful in the area of parks and recreation.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

No

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Not sure

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city.

Seattle, WA 740,000

Q2: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to occasional youth (aged 12 - 18) involvement (e.g. suggesting new programs and regulations)?

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Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

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Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy?

We have a youth commission that has high school and middle school volunteers on it and they work through the school year to make recommendations to the city. Youth can also schedule meeting with councilmembers to advocate for positions they care about. They can also come to committee meetings and testify.

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy?

Yes

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in?

Youth Commission is a good start. They can also participate in the "Your voice your choice" community grant awards process. Community planning meetings are another good way. Or youth can come together and form their own advocacy groups and lobby council.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

Yes - single use plastic bags are banned.

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process?

Yes - see above.

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QUESTION 1

Please fill in the name, location and rough population of your city: **New York City, 9 Million**

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100

Q3: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to deeply integrating youth into a city sustainability unit via collaboration with a school program?

100

Q4: What are the most effective ways youth (aged 12 - 18) can influence city or county policy? Organizing your thoughts and ideas into written letters and testimonies to share with your elected officials. And learn what the process is to run for office yourself some day!

Q5: In the past, as far as you know, have youth influenced city policy? **Yes**

Q6: On a scale of 0 - 100, how open would your council be to including youth in the city planning process?

100

Q7: Are there any processes or types of meetings that you think kids would best fit in? I have heard extremely powerful testimonies delivered by children during our council's public hearings on a variety of topics. Children have an abundance of unique experiences and perspectives to share.

Q8: Does your city have a sustainability unit or plan?

Yes

Q9: Has your city developed any regulations concerning single-use plastics?

New York State lawmakers have agreed to impose a statewide ban on most types of single-use plastic bags from retail sales just last month!

Q10: Are there any other opportunities within your city where kids can be integrated into the political process? Elected officials are often seeking new high school interns during the summertime, which is a great opportunity to learn how city government works hands-on. As for younger children, staying informed and up-to-date on what is happening in the political world at a city, state, and federal level will put them at an incredible advantage moving forward.