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REGISTRATION FOR 2015-16 MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL OPEN UNTIL APRIL 24

Kenner, LA. – High school students interested in working side-by-side with the Mayor and members of the City Council of Kenner can apply for a position on the 2015-16 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Council, which formed in 2013, is only for residents of Kenner attending high school in the metropolitan area or home-schooling in the city, said Kenner Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Natalie Newton.

In the past two years, the Youth Council has been asked for its opinion on several key issues at City Council meetings, identified The Esplanade mall as an amenity of the city to support and planned fund-raisers to benefit the Veterans Park Playground as well as the Kenner Recreation Department in general.

"Council members have been excited about their unique view of Kenner city government," said Newton, the council's advisor. "They have learned quite a bit about how city government works and have embraced the idea of giving back to their hometown."

To be eligible for one of the 20 spots on the Youth Council, students must be willing to regularly attend meetings and be active participants in the group.

To qualify, students must be between the ages of 14 and 19, live in Kenner and have a strong interest in civic participation and the process of working toward community solutions. Council members serve for a year and are allowed no more than three unexcused absences.

Applications are available at the City of Kenner's website, www.kenner.la.us. Prospective members must include two reference letters and a parent consent form along with the application. The application must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2015.

Applications also can be submitted electronically to MYAC@kenner.la.us.

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