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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2016-17 MAYOR’S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 6

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 2016-17 Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Council, or MYAC, formed in 2013 and is for residents of Kenner attending high school in the metropolitan area or home-schooling in the city, said Kenner Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Maria Leon.

In the past three years the Youth Council has decided to give back to Kenner by holding fund-raisers to benefit the Kenner Recreation Department in general and Veterans Park in particular. In addition, the City Council has requested the group’s viewpoints on a variety of issues, and the group has worked to benefit The Esplanade mall.

“Getting the viewpoint and the opinions of young people is an enormous benefit as a council member,” said Acting Mayor Michael Sigur, who is also the District 2 council member. “I am excited to work with the council during my time as acting mayor because it’s something I think benefits the city and the kids.”

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 excused absences.

Applications are available at the City of Kenner’s website, www.kenner.la. Prospective members must include two reference letters and a parent consent form. The application must be postmarked no later than May 6, 2016.

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