



City of Aurora

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Legislation Text

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TO: The City Council

FROM: Office of the Mayor

DATE: May 21, 2024

SUBJECT:

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Michael Handzic as a representative "Student Member", to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION:

In June of 2021, the City Council approved changes to Chapter 2, which included a provision that allowed for students to participate, Sec. 2-414(h):

(h) Student Membership and Volunteers. In order to encourage civic responsibility and to provide for hands-on learning experiences, the city council may authorize the appointment of students to serve as members or representatives on advisory boards and commissions. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, a student member or representative of an advisory board or commission must be a junior or senior in high school and a resident of the city, provided that the mayor and city council may waive this requirement in the absence of otherwise qualified applicants. A student appointed as a member of an advisory board or commission shall have full voting rights, a student appointed as a representative to an advisory board or commission shall not vote nor be counted for the purposes of determining quorum.

As noted, the position as a student representative is non-voting and does not count towards quorum, but does otherwise allow full participation as a member. Mr. Handzic is a resident of the 10th Ward and attends Metea Valley High School. He is an avid cyclist and will work as a "Student Ambassador" for the Bike/Ped Transit Advisory Board.

This will be the first student representative appointed to a board, commission or council.



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution authorizing appointment of Michael Handzic to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board as a student member representative.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances provides that the Mayor, shall, with the approval of the City Council, appoint the members of the advisory boards and commissions of the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, the Mayor has notified the City Council of the appointment of the individuals listed in Exhibit A of this resolution to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board and to the term therein enumerated, and has requested the City Council's approval of said appointment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the appointee set forth in Exhibit A of this resolution possess the necessary qualifications to serve on Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board in the position to which they have been nominated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows that the appointment of the individual listed in Exhibit A of this resolution shall be and hereby are approved.