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County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 28

**TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY YOUTH CORPS**

WHEREAS, the basis of a functioning government relies on the engagement of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the future of democracy rests in the hands of the youth; and

WHEREAS, youth make up a significant percentage of the overall population, including those 18 years or younger comprising 22% of the population in Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County government recognizes the importance of cultivating a community that encourages the civic involvement of all County residents, including the youth; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive acknowledges the limited opportunities for the youth to directly engage and impact their community within Anne Arundel County's government; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive committed to providing and preserving equal opportunities for youth engagement in civic duties within Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is forming the Youth Advisory Council and Youth Corps to provide opportunities for engagement with as many young County residents as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 17th day of August, 2020, as follows:

1. The Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council is created.
2. The Council shall meet with the frequency it determines necessary to perform its functions under this Executive Order. There shall be at least one meeting per month.

3. All meetings shall be open to the public.
4. Council members shall be between ages fourteen (14) and twenty-two (22) and represent a broad array of different backgrounds including, but not limited to race, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, physical or mental disability, immigration status, educational status, and/or language ability.
5. The Council shall consist of no more than twenty (20) members selected from eligible applicants and appointed by the County Executive, as follows:
 - a. At least fourteen (14) students from the public high schools in Anne Arundel County, no more than two (2) students from each high school;
 - b. No more than two (2) home school students in Anne Arundel County;
 - c. No more than two (2) private school students in Anne Arundel County; and
 - d. No more than two (2) Anne Arundel County youths who are not students or are currently enrolled in a higher education institution.
6. Each Council member shall serve a one year term; and, at the discretion of the County Executive, the term may be extended for an additional one year.
7. The Council shall act as an advisory board that serves as a means to recognize and legitimize youth voices to provide feedback and recommendations regarding County policies that affect them. Specifically, the Council shall:
 - a. Identify and discuss issues youth are facing in the County and create strategies that address these issues.
 - b. Advise the County Executive on policy matters impacting youth, strengthen opportunities for youth to engage in civic duties, serve as an advocate for youth issues, and provide outreach and community feedback on policies affecting youth to the County Executive.
 - c. Offer a fresh and unique perspective to the County Executive's Office and Anne Arundel County government.
8. The Council shall create and submit an annual report of its activities and recommendations by the end of each term.
9. The Anne Arundel County Youth Corps is also created.
10. The Corps shall meet with the County Executive at least two times per year to provide input and participate in special learning experiences.

11. Membership of the Corps shall include:
 - a. Any youth between the age of 14 and 22 years of age who registers as a member with the Office of the County Executive;
 - b. All members of the Youth Council; and
 - c. All interns of the County Executive who satisfy the age limitation.
12. A Corps Member may remain in the Corps through 22 years of age.
13. The Corps shall:
 - a. Receive communications from the County Executive's Office regarding issues that affect the youth of Anne Arundel County.
 - b. Encourage other youth to participate in civic activities.
 - c. Share input with the County Executive regarding issues that affect the youth of Anne Arundel County.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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