

# POTENTIAL TEEN/YOUTH COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL  
JUNE 18, 2024



# GROUPS IN OTHER AREAS

- **Douglas County:** 25-member Youth Commission advises Commissioners on pertinent matters, including how to promote smoking cessation, youth suicide prevention, mental health help and more
- **Lone Tree:** Similar role to County's commission and awards Outstanding Youth of Lone Tree. Five to nine eighth to 12<sup>th</sup>-graders meet monthly and have an annual budget of \$5,000
- **Parker:** Similar role to others; implements social, educational, public safety, cultural, recreational, service and leadership activities for youth. Nine ninth to 12<sup>th</sup>-graders meet monthly and have an annual budget of \$8,500
- Other jurisdictions including Englewood, Northglenn and Superior also have youth commissions

# EXISTING TOWN GROUPS

- **Teen Advisory Group:** Helps plan Parks and Recreation activities of youth. Twelve seventh to to 12<sup>th</sup>-graders meet monthly, coordinated by a dedicated staff member but with no dedicated budget
- **Teen Court:** Provides 20 youth the opportunity to get involved in criminal justice, serve the community and grow skills. Staffed by a prosecutor at about \$18,000 annually; the program budget is \$4,800
- **Fire Explorer:** Encourages youth to go beyond high school education, teaches leadership skills and forms friendships. Nineteen members are ages 14 to 20, coordinated by a member of the Fire Department, with an annual budget of \$5,000
- **Police Explorer:** Assist CRPD by working Town events and projects. Twelve members are ages 13 to 20 are advised by Police Department members, with an annual budget of \$15,000
- **Youth Police Academy:** Provides 60 youth the opportunity to learn and build leadership. Overseen by SROs, this program does not have a dedicated budget

# OTHER INFORMATION

- Town's existing five teen programs serve 125 youth and represent \$50,000 in Town investment
- Town also invests \$19,800 annually toward Douglas County Youth Initiative, which coordinates youth-serving efforts and assesses young residents' needs
- If Council wishes to add another teen/youth group within the Town, staff recommends exploring whether the Teen Advisory Group Coordinator can take this on; otherwise, staff recommends hiring another, similar position to coordinate a new Teen/Youth Council, should Council decide to pursue that concept
  - If current staff can assist, the group could be in place in August; if not, it would take at least a couple additional months
- The anticipated cost of adding another teen/youth group is up to \$12,000, about a third for the coordinator, with the rest for programming, based on neighboring communities' budgets





# POTENTIAL MOTION

*"I move to direct staff to amend the 2024 Budget to include related expenses to establish a Youth Commission this year."*