

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A

# YOUTH COMMISSION

TOWN COUNCIL  
JANUARY 7, 2025



# ABOUT THE COMMISSION

- The Youth Commission provides a means for Castle Rock youth to learn more about their local government, participate in the process, and to represent and articulate the needs of the community's youth.
- Available to students in grades 9-12, must reside or go to school in Castle Rock.
- Regular meetings will be held in Council Chambers at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, excluding June, July, August or Town holidays or school closures.



## Commissioners will serve in an advisory capacity to Town Council

### INVOLVEMENT

Identify opportunities to increase youth participation and involvement in local government and make recommendations to Town Council on matters affecting Castle Rock youth.



### COMMUNICATION

Relay information from the Commission to the community.  
Share updates about opportunities, activities, events, projects, resources and other items relevant to and for the youth.



### ENGAGEMENT

Serve the youth of Castle Rock by developing, organizing, planning, and participating in service projects, events, and functions for youth that benefit the community and enhance engagement.



### RECOGNITION

Support the Castle Rock community by developing, organizing, and planning recognition programs for youth.



# FUTURE PLANS

- **May to August 2025**
  - Applications open
  - Recruit young citizens to participate and contribute to future initiatives
  - Recruit in high schools and middle schools (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- **Late August/early September 2025**
  - Interview, select and present for Council's appointment the Town's first Youth Commissioners
    - Interview panel will consist of the staff liaison, the Council liaison, and a representative from one of the Town's established youth programs
    - In the future, the Youth Commission will have representation on the interview panel



# BYLAWS DETAILS

- Youth Commission will adhere to the rules and procedures outlined in the Town's Boards and Commissions handbook, with a few exceptions:
  - Officers structure — Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
    - Additional positions available to provide more leadership opportunities
  - Nine members, initially appointed with staggered terms; two-year terms in the future
    - Five two-year terms and four one-year terms 2025/2026 year
    - Schoolyear program – Terms run September 1 through August 31
  - Youth Commissioners will not be able to exceed two unexcused absences



# PROPOSED MOTION

*"I move to approve the resolution as approved by title."*