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ASHER HELLHAKE NAMED NEXT TIGARD YOUTH CITY COUNCILOR



Asher Hellhake, Tigard's Youth City Councilor for 2025-2026

The City of Tigard is excited to share that Asher Hellhake has been selected as the next Tigard Youth City Councilor.

He was chosen after an interview with Mayor Lueb and Council President Wolf and will be officially appointed by City Council today (July 1st) to serve a one-year term, from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

A lifelong resident of Tigard, Hellhake will be entering his junior year at Tigard High School this fall and says he is thrilled to be serving in this position to represent young people in his favorite city. He is active in his school community and spends a lot of time in the Deb Fennell Auditorium, either acting in productions or preparing for upcoming shows. He also volunteers in the guitar program at the high school, by playing music and helping organize work in class.

Hellhake is Tigard's 6th Youth City Councilor and the first transgender Youth Councilor to serve the city. He wants to use his term to bring up the queer community and to advocate for other minorities in Tigard. He recently performed at the Tigard Pride Parade and wants to attend a variety of future events to support as many people as possible.

"I am absolutely ecstatic about working with all of the talented and intelligent people on the Council this year and hope to use this position to not only make Tigard a better place, but to make the world a better place," Hellhake said.

Tigard City Council established the Youth City Councilor program in 2019 with the adoption of Resolution No. 19-13, which allows the Mayor to appoint one Tigard resident entering their junior or senior year of high school to serve as a non-voting member of Council. The program recognizes the contributions young people can make to city government, fosters interest in and knowledge of local government and provides a youth perspective and voice on City Council. Previous Youth City Councilors include Meghan Turley (2019-20), Emilio Calderon (2020-21), Aishiki Nag (2021-22, 2022-23), Madi Vogel (2023-24) and Shriya Myneni (2024-25).

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