My name is Maya Mackey and I am the acting chair of the San Antonio Youth Commission, an organ of the city government that aims to amplify and illuminate the voice of youth in San Antonio. Since the Commission is beginning its new year, I am reaching out to you in the spirit of pursuing a closer collaborative relationship with high schools throughout the City of San Antonio and informing you of an area in which we would like your assistance.

The San Antonio Youth Commission was launched on July 25, 1991 in order to provide youth a chance to make their voices heard on important issues in the city. We firmly believe in the power of youth to enact change as important stakeholders in the San Antonio community. This year, the Commission had the honor of presenting to the Community Health and Equity Subcommittee of City Council, outlining important policy areas that we plan on developing further throughout the year. In addition, SAYC is working hard to better streamline the internal procedures of the Commission. One of our top priorities is filling the vacancies that were left by members graduating the Commission. I have attached a poster that the Commission has created to inform students in the community about this exciting opportunity.

As Principal of ______ High School, you are a critical part of the lives of San Antonio's youth as a mentor and opportunity provider. It is for that reason that I am requesting on behalf of the Youth Commission that you consider taking efforts to recruit students via posters, announcements, informing teachers and counselors, etc. If you would like any assistance in advertising vacancies to youth, please contact me or the Youth Commission as a whole at <u>sanantonioyc@gmail.com</u>. We are looking for engaged, energetic individuals who will be able to make a substantial commitment to the Youth Commission. On behalf of SAYC, I would also like to suggest that prospective members are referred to a SAYC member or liason in order to coordinate their attendance to a meeting before or upon sending their application so that they may gauge their interest in the Youth Commission. It is my hope that by coordinating our efforts, SAYC will be able to fill vacancies quickly and recruit members who are able to make a positive impact on the Commission and the city's youth as a whole. Thank you for being a part of this important process.

On behalf of the San Antonio Youth Commission, thank you so much for your time and I look forward to working with you on this critical initiative. I look forward to an impactful partnership and am excited to see the positive impacts that we will create for San Antonio's youth in this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Maya Mackey Chair, San Antonio Youth Commission