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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of Temple Terrace Mayor Mel Jurado announces Formation of Mayor's Youth Leadership Council**

(Temple Terrace, Florida, January 19, 2018) – Dr. Mel Jurado, mayor of the City of Temple Terrace, has announced the creation of a Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. Applications now are being accepted for the Council, which will encourage participation in civic, leadership and community service programs that inspire a commitment to community service and lifelong civic responsibility for Temple Terrace area high school students.

Students on the Council will serve as City Ambassadors at various functions and engage in a Community Service Impact Project as well as take part in Leadership 101 quarterly development sessions focused on interpersonal skill building, public speaking, business etiquette, etc. They also will earn service hours and volunteer experience that can be used to enhance scholarship applications.

"I am thrilled to be able to partner with our local high schools and provide this opportunity to area youth," said Dr. Jurado. "I look forward to the energy and enthusiasm these students will bring to the program and am interested to discover more about the issues that are important to the young people in our Amazing City.

"I firmly believe that the City of Temple Terrace stands to gain as much from this relationship as the students."

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is open to high school students in grades nine through 12 during the 2018-'19 school year who live in or are connected to the Temple Terrace community. Students must have a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. and commit to one year of service on the Council, which will meet at least once a month. In addition, members must possess a strong desire to learn about City government and impact our community and beyond for good.

Applications are available at area high school guidance offices or online at [www.TempleTerrace.com](http://www.TempleTerrace.com). Students must have permission of a parent or guardian and applications should include two references from community leaders, advisors, school faculty or principals, organizational leaders, coaches or club sponsors. Completed applications should be submitted via email to [lhayes@TempleTerrace.com](mailto:lhayes@TempleTerrace.com) or by mail to: Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Application, 11250 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617, Attention: Laurie Hayes.

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Applications are due March 15. Interviews of prospective members will be conducted in April and membership will be finalized by the end of May. The first meeting of the Council will take place in August and will run through the end of school, with a final special event in July.

Additional details about the program will be forthcoming as they are finalized and will be announced on the City's website and via the City's Facebook page.

For more information, go to [www.TempleTerrace.com](http://www.TempleTerrace.com) or call Laurie Hayes, Marketing and Communications Officer, at 813.506.6406.

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