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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk 
Mayor

DATE: May 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Zaleeae K. Sierra	Council of Youth	8/20/2023
Shavon Smith	Council of Youth	8/20/2023
Travon S. Atkins	Council of Youth	8/20/2023

Zaleeae Sierra, Shavon Smith, and Travon Atkins are all active youth residents in the City. Sierra currently works as a Youth Coordinator at Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley. Smith is a member of the Student Action Leadership Team, Student Council, and is currently studying at Kutztown University. Atkins is a member of the Student Government Association and Student Advisory Committee, and is currently a student at Building 21 High School. Atkins will replace Deyona Robert, Smith will replace Aijakynn Washington, and Sierra will replace Briana Pena, all of which are inactive members of the Council of Youth.

Authorities, Boards, and Commissions
Request for Appointment

Applicant Name: Shavon Smith

Email: Ssmit412@live.kutztown.edu

Phone: 4847956002

Address: 316 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA, 18109

Authority, Board, Commission: Council_of_Youth

Reason For Application: I am currently a college and went through Allentown school district so I am familiar with what it is like be a youth in Allentown, and I believe with my experience I can bring new ways and ideas to engage the youth.

Agreement to Verify Tax Payments: Agree

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Bio

Shavon has excelled in all academic fields and is acknowledged and heralded by his peers, mentors and teachers as an intelligent business savvy, hard working young adult.

Shavon is a graduate of Louise E. Dieruff High School and a member of Union Baptist Church of Allentown and serves as the Children & Youth Ministry Assistant Servant Leader under the direction of Rev. Knoxley Samms and senior pastor, Rev. Benjamin T. Hailey, Sr.

He is enthusiastically involved in Bible School, Fulfillment Hour Class, Media Ministry, Student Action Leadership Team and The Student Council.

Shavon is willing, responsible, cooperative, dependable and committed. He's excellent with his time management and a person of his word. He takes pride in his actions and known as "Mr. Encourager" or "Mr. Get it Done" and "Mr. Helpful."

He uses his voice to advocate for change and is never ashamed to voice his opinion and give solutions.

He was a notable voice at the March for Science and Climate Change Rally, and has been instrumental in the youth Leadership Council that oversees the Black History Month Youth Summit for the City of Allentown.

Shavon is very active in his local community of Allentown; he is well respected throughout the city, Allentown School District, of the former Allentown Mayor, Allentown Police Department, and Local State Representatives Office.

He was a key youth participant in the Allentown Vision 2030 Campaign, has been featured on PBS39, and in The PA Youth and Law Enforcement Curriculum.

He is currently studying Media & Communications at Kutztown University and continues to stay in touch with his community, providing informative and exciting updates on his YouTube channel.