



OFFICE OF **MAYOR SAM ADAMS**
CITY OF PORTLAND

DATE: September 17, 2009
TO: Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade
FROM: Mayor Sam Adams

SUBJECT: Welcome new Multnomah Youth Commissioners (Presentation)

The Multnomah Youth Commission, the official youth policy body for both Multnomah County and the City of Portland, strives to provide a voice for youth in the City and County's work. Housed within the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families & Community and the City of Portland's Office of the Mayor, the Youth Commission works to change policy affecting young people, as well as negative community perception about youth.

Each year, the Youth Commission selects forty-two young people (age 13-21) who live, work, or attend school in Multnomah County or the City of Portland. Youth Commissioners participate as non-paid volunteers working with city/county officials, community leaders, and other youth to create positive change for the youth of our community. Guided by "Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth", the nation's first Bill of Rights written for and by young people, youth commissioners ensure youth are at the table in all levels of community decision-making.