

# **Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)**

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Minutes**

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via Zoom and in-person commencing at 9:00 am.

### **Committee Members Attending**

Sasha Blackshear, Cameron Demery, Savannah LeNoble, Jaira Lunsford, Nidhi Patel, La'Miracle Price, Rodney Wells, Claude Wright, Katie Carlson, Tess Miller, Logan Smedley, Jakhye Wilkins, Jeanley Boursiquot, Maurice Chakour, Olivia Gills, Rae Merrifield

### **Staff Attending**

KK Cherney, Aszloyn Wakefield

(9:03) Rodney Wells calls the meeting to order

(9:07) Roll Call is taken

(9:13) Rodney introduces speaker: Honorable Judge Virginia Norton

**\*\*Gave some backstory\*\***

- Born and raised in Jacksonville
- First member of family to graduate from college
- Learned diplomacy at the front desk of an animal hospital
- Experiences make you who you are
  - Listen- If you don't listen you miss out on so much in life
- Sometimes what you learn from another person is who you don't want to be
- Norton attended University of Florida law school and practiced law in Jacksonville
- 1 of the youngest judges elected to Jacksonville
  - Paradigm- a way of looking at things
- Do not let paradigms keep you from pursuing your goal
- **\*\*You don't have to do it the way its always been done\*\***
- **\*\*People get stuck in it always having to be a certain way because its simply always been that way**
  - Issues of paradigms
  - Greatest waste of time is fear
  - Sometimes you must grab your nose and jump in the pool
  - Bring unique perspectives

- \*\*Contact her to “Spend a day with Judge Norton”
- “ A lot of people help me so I’m going to help a lot of people: W.W Gay
- “Everyone has lost, there is no dishonor in losing only in not trying”
- “We’re all in this together”
- “Just because you forgive someone doesn’t mean you’re ol with what they did to you”

(9:55) Nidhi Patel introduces Laurie Ann Thompson

(Changemaker Webinar)

(10:21) Break

(10:40) Committee meetings \*\*see specific committee minutes\*\*

(12:14) Committee Reports \*\*see respective committee minutes\*\*

(12:22)

- Everyone shared accomplishments

Announcements:

- Seniors: Leah Lynch is working on college launch (scholarship)
  - Begin working on essay (What would you do if you really had a voice? For example, if you were the mayor how would you make a change)
- 1 year state college plan applies to tuition only and an equivalent is in the works for out of state students

\*\*\*Next meeting: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021\*\*\*

(12:34) Nidhi Patel moved to adjourn the meeting and Sasha Blackshear seconded

(12:34) Meeting adjourned