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## Election Forum Exclusively for Youth

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The Hyjinx Youth Council in conjunction with the City of Airdrie is hosting an election forum exclusively for Airdrie’s youth. The Airdrie municipal election is underway with twenty candidates for alderman, and four for mayor vying for potential votes. The Hyjinx Youth Council is aiming to ensure those without a vote, young people under the age of 18, have a voice in this election. The youth election forum will take place on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m., Rotary Room, Genesis Place, 800 East Lake Boulevard.

“We hosted a similar event for the 2004 election and got great feedback from our youth,” says Robbie White, City of Airdrie Community Developer. “The Hyjinx members have worked to make the forum very youth friendly to help encourage them to get involved by asking the candidates questions that are relevant to youth today. The theme of the event is *‘Vote Out Loud.’*”

People of all ages are welcome to attend this event, but only those age 24 and under will be allowed to ask questions of the candidates. Pre-approved questions will focus on issues such as growth, sustainability, school crowding, and curfews.

The Hyjinx Youth Council members are enthusiastic about running this event, as they have been working together as a team to develop questions important to youth. Hyjinx empowers youth members by planning events for Airdrie youth and by working together to bridge the communication gap between youth and the greater community of Airdrie.

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