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### **Anchorage Assembly to Hold Worksession on Path for Expanding Youth Engagement in Local Government**

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Following the introduction of AO 2022-69 at the Regular Assembly Meeting on June 7, the Anchorage Assembly will hold a worksession on Friday, June 17 from 12:10pm – 1:40pm at City Hall, Suite 155 to explore the expansion of programmatic support and funding for the Assembly Youth Representative and the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC).

“Providing opportunities for inclusive youth engagement in local government is vital to empowering the voices of Anchorage youth and the future of our community,” Assembly Chair Suzanne LaFrance said.

“When the Assembly created a seat for a Youth Representative to the Anchorage Assembly in 2017, we failed to provide the necessary funding and programmatic structure to support a robust youth engagement and civic education program as recommended by the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition at the time,” continued Chair LaFrance. “AO 2022-69 is intended to address the shortcomings of the original code and provide an opportunity for a thoughtful community conversation about youth engagement in local government. This Friday’s worksession is an important first step for the Assembly to consider formalizing a civic education program with funding and community partnerships to sustain meaningful youth engagement in local government.”

The worksession will be streamed on the Assembly YouTube channel: [bit.ly/39mfUCu](https://bit.ly/39mfUCu)

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