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## Florida League of Cities Announces 2021 Youth Council Video Competition Winners

Gulf Breeze, Sanford and Wellington youth councils win statewide competition

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – The **Florida League of Cities** (FLC), the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, today announced the winners of the 2021 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition. The goal of the competition is to provide a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity and commitment to their communities.

The 2021 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition winners are:

- City of Gulf Breeze Municipal Youth Council
- City of Sanford Mayor's Youth Council
- Village of Wellington Youth Council

"It's incredible seeing how engaged these students are," said **FLC President Phillip Walker**, **Commissioner** for the **City of Lakeland**. "Not only are they actively involved with their local government, but they're also identifying local problems and finding local solutions to solve them. If this is any indication of what's to come for Florida's cities, towns and villages, our future looks bright. Congratulations to this year's competition winners!"

This year's video competition asked councils to decide the most critical youth issue they'd like to address in the coming year, focusing on how young people can be part of the solution and how their local government and community can work together to resolve the issue being addressed.

Municipal youth councils are special councils that typically serve as an advisory board to the local government. They are composed of high school students within the city and are sometimes referred to as youth corps, teen advisory boards or mayor's youth councils.

Winners will be showcased on the League's website and social media platforms, be recognized in the League's Quality Cities magazine and receive a monetary award and a plaque.

Additional information on the winning videos will be available on FLC's website at flcities.com/youthcouncils.

Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit <u>flcities.com</u>.