



May 8, 2024

**Re: Letter of Support, Youth Leadership Authority**

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Henderson is extremely proud to be the home of the Youth Leadership Authority (YLA), a solution-based organization that offers a spectrum of focused training and mentoring programs for youth in our community. As not only Mayor, but a mother and grandmother, I recognize the importance of programs that provide our youth with the skills and self-confidence they need to become future leaders, while instilling in them the value of service to their community and nation.

The goal of YLA is to help teens develop the confidence and leadership attributes that will make them successful as adults and encourage them to become engaged community members. YLA programs include life skills, community service, physical training, leadership training, financial literacy, ethics, and conflict resolution. At-risk students are connected to resources to assist in overcoming the challenges that so many of our young men and women face. Students are matched with appropriate mentors and peers for growth and monitoring, and YLA's success is demonstrated by the fact that over 80% of all youth who graduate from their programs go on to college. Many of these graduates also seek careers in the military or with public safety agencies such as fire or police.

Leadership, community service and teamwork are at the core of YLA's programs and experience has shown that the youth who graduate will be well equipped to become our future community leaders and active citizens who positively contribute to Henderson's continued growth and standing as one of America's premier communities. I encourage you to learn more about YLA's programs and how they are investing in the future of our young adults and sharing the importance of honesty, respect, peace, kindness, and humanity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Romero".

Michelle Romero, Mayor  
City of Henderson

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