

## If I were Mayor...

Dear City Council

I would be a good Junior Mayor because, in addition to my passion for reading and art, I love helping my community. I believe in leading with kindness and love to help my family, neighbors and friends. My main focus would be to end bullying because I have seen kids getting teased and called names. It is very important to me to build an environment that is inclusive and welcoming of everyone. If I were Junior Mayor, I would create a program that pairs kids who have never been friends before with each other. If we take the time to get to know someone new we can learn from each other and all feel like we belong.

I also want to stop pollution by starting community gardens and recycling programs in every neighborhood to keep the environment safe for future generations. I would make school playgrounds greener, and ensure every neighborhood has clean streets and parks. Since I was a kid, I have always been passionate about the environment and believe we should be good citizens to our fellow creatures on earth.

Gaithersburg is a great city where people treat each other with fairness and care. We all help our city to become a better place. Being a junior mayor is lots of work but I'm up for the challenge since I know how to multitask and carry on lots of responsibilities at the same time. I am also not afraid to talk to people, hear their ideas, and come up with compromises to motivate them to get things done that will benefit us all.