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# Establishing the Kansas City Futures Commissions

Creating a platform for youth and young adult leadership in Kansas City through the Kansas City Youth Commission and Kansas City Young Adult Commission

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Neighborhood, Planning and Development



# Overview:

- Creating a new “**Kansas City Futures Commission Office**” within the Health Department with one Full time staff person and a \$40,000 budget to support the work of the Commissions.
- **KC Youth Commission:** Representing Kansas City’s youngest demographics, the KC Youth Commission is a commission of 13 youth aged 13-18 appointed by each city council member and the Mayor to represent and advise the city council on matters relating to this demographic.
- **KC Young Adult Commission:** Representing Kansas City’s young adult population, the KC Young Adult Commission is a commission of 13 young adults, aged 19-25, appointed by each city council member and the Mayor to represent and advise the City Council on matters relating to this demographic.
- **KC Futures Commission:** Representing the entirety of Kansas City’s youngest, the KC Futures Commission combines the 26 members of the KC Youth Commission and Young Adult Commission to work collaboratively to prepare for a better future for Kansas City.

These two commissions will lead the city’s youth and young adult outreach and engagement efforts.

# Importance:

## **Positive Policy Implications:**

- The Commissions can provide insights that may be overlooked by adults, leading to more comprehensive and effective policies.
- Demonstrates a commitment to building a city that reflects the needs and aspirations of all its residents.

## **Wide-reaching representation:**

- Reflects the unique needs and concerns of the youth demographic in Kansas City.
- Ensures diverse perspectives by including the voices of young individuals.

## **Investing in Youth & Kansas City's Future:**

- Provides a platform for youth to actively contribute to the betterment of their community.
- Offers hands-on experience in governance and decision-making.
- Investing in youth today contributes to the development of informed and responsible leaders for tomorrow.
- Fosters a sense of civic responsibility and engagement among young people.

# Specific Commission Responsibilities:

## **Advocacy:**

- Representing the voices of Kansas City's youth & young adults directly to the City Council, advising on matters relating to youth & young adults.

## **Community Impact:**

- Leading the city's youth/young adult outreach and engagement efforts.

## **Social Support:**

- Providing an avenue for direct support where needed to their peers.

# Membership:

## Kansas City Youth Commission

To qualify to serve on the KCYC:

- Reside in or attend school in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Reside in the district of appointment.
- Be between the ages of **13 and 18 years old**.
  - Any individual who is 18 years old and will have a birthday within six months of the beginning of the new term is **not** eligible to be appointed to begin a new term on the Commission.
- Each member serves a two-year term.

## Kansas City Young Adult Commission

To qualify to serve on the KCYAC:

- Reside in or attend school in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Reside in the district of appointment.
- Be between the ages of **19 and 25 years old**.
  - Any individual who is 25 years old and will have a birthday within six months of the beginning of the new term is **not** eligible to be appointed to begin a new term on the Commission.
- Each member serves a two-year term.

# Adult Advisory Commissioners

Up to 7 adult advisory commissioners per commission may be appointed by Council resolution as nonvoting members of the Commission solely to **provide advice, direction, insight, and support to the Commission on behalf of the community.**

- ✓ The Mayor will designate the Chair of these groups.
- ✓ The Mayor Pro Tem will designate the Vice Chair of these groups.
- ✓ The Oversight Councilmember will seat the remaining members, by resolution.

# Oversight Councilmember

- Oversees the relationship of the Commission and City Hall/City Council.
- Provides support, direction, and advice on behalf of the city & governing body.
- Via a consensus of City Councilmembers, a City Councilmember shall serve as a direct advisor to the Commission for a four-year period (with exception of the inaugural commission). This designation is to be included in the Council resolution seating the commissions.

# Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair

## **Kansas City Youth Commission**

- May reside anywhere in the city (not bound to a specific district)
- Must be between the ages of \*16- to 18-years-old.
- Must have served at least one year prior on the Commission.
- Chair is appointed by the Mayor.
- Vice Chair is appointed by the Mayor Pro Tem (selected among the 13 members).

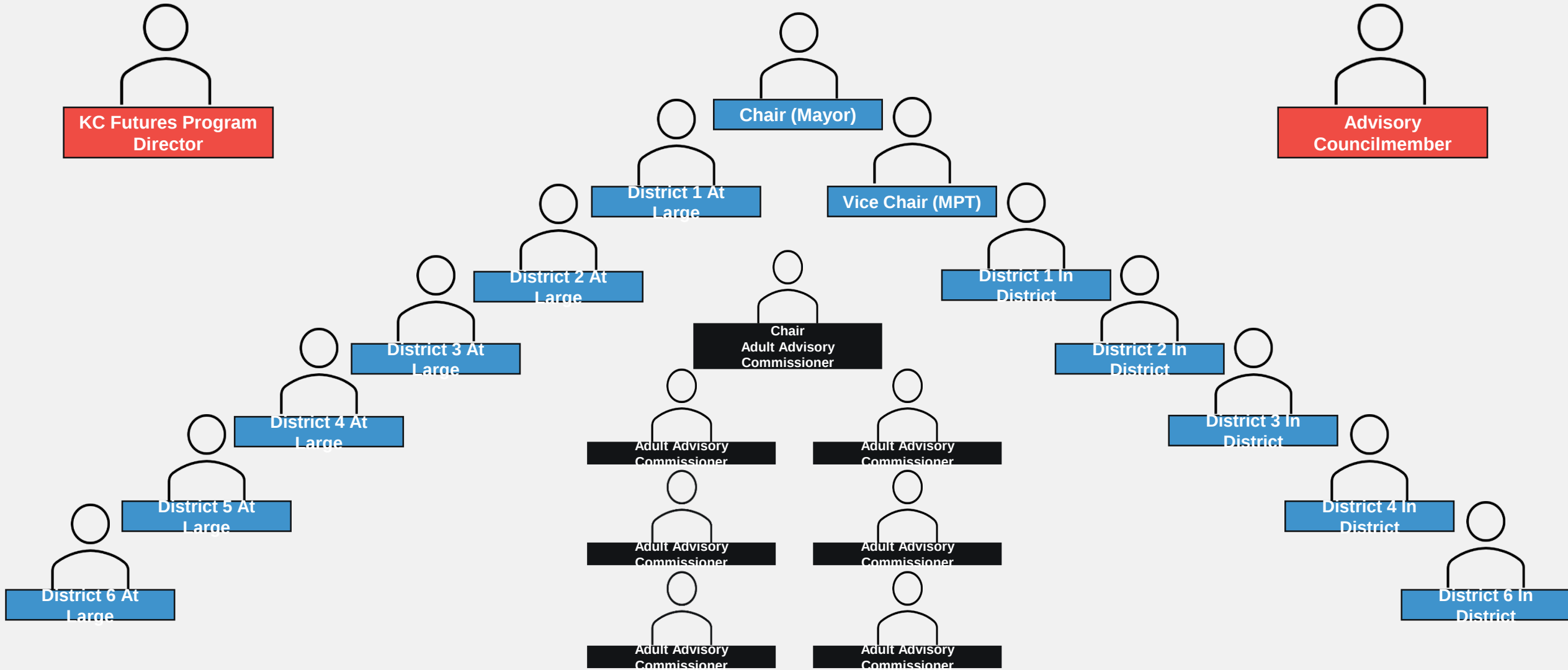
## **Kansas City Young Adult Commission**

- May reside anywhere in the city (not bound to a specific district)
- Must be between the ages of 19-25 years-old.
- Must have served at least one year prior on the Commission.
- Chair is appointed by the Mayor.
- Vice Chair is appointed by the Mayor Pro Tem (selected among the 13 members).

# **KC Futures Program Director “Oversight Staff”**

The Oversight Staff member plays a pivotal role in advising and guiding the Kansas City Youth Commission, ensuring its operations align with the Bylaws, city regulations, and staff expectations. This individual serves as a key advisor, advocate, and point of contact, working closely with Commission members, city officials, and the community to facilitate effective representation and advocacy for the youth and young adults of Kansas City.

***KC Youth & Young Adult Commissions***



# KC Futures Commission

When the two Commissions combine.

## KC Futures Overview:

The purpose of the KC Futures Commission, and periodic combination of the Youth Commission and the Young Adult Commission, is to create an avenue of collaboration between youth and young adults on behalf of Kansas City's youngest demographics. KC Futures will meet quarterly.



# KC Futures Commission

**Kansas City  
Youth  
Commission**

**Kansas City  
Young Adult  
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# Annual Meetings

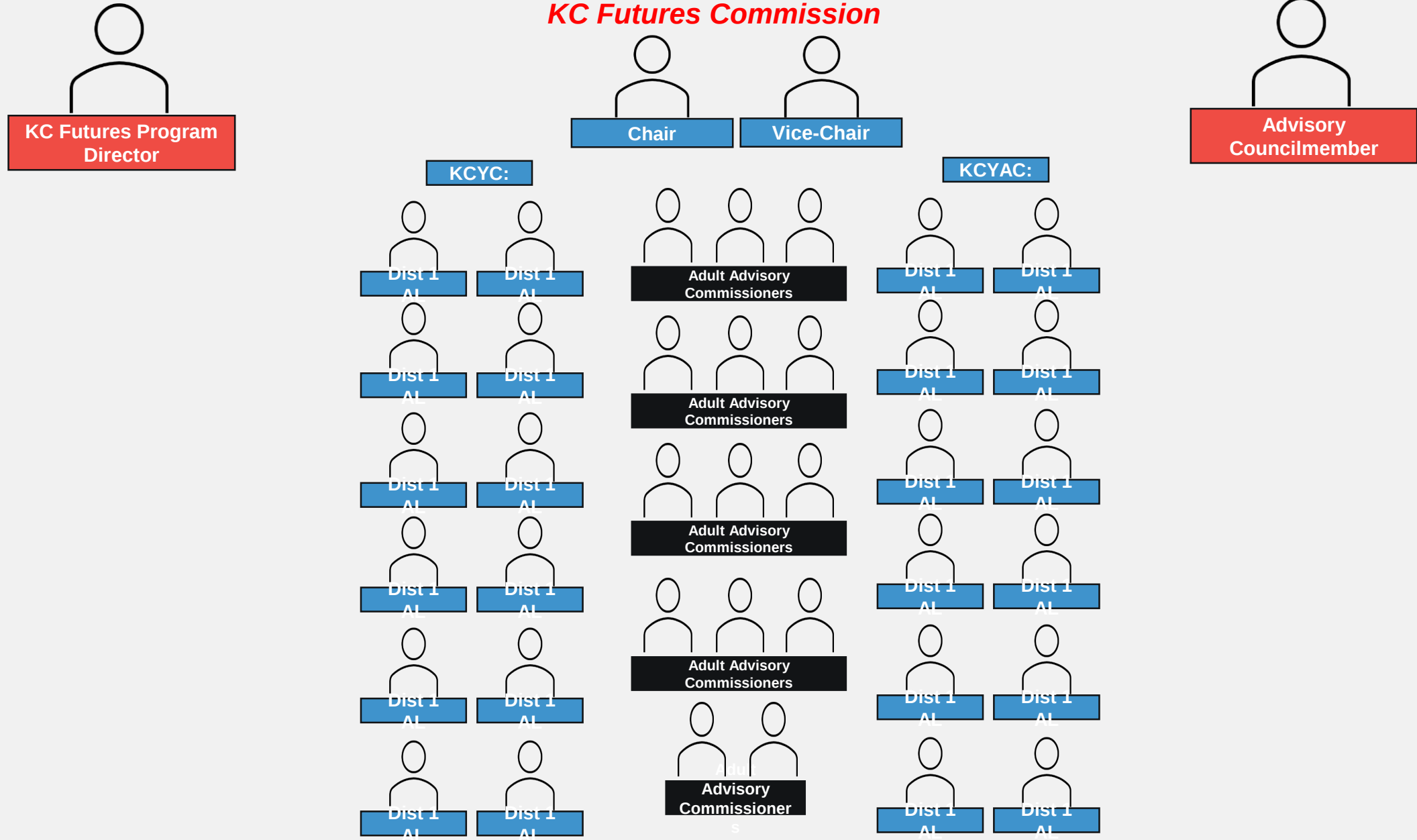
- The annual meeting of the two commissions shall take place in concurrence with the other, thus constituting a convening of the KC Futures Commission.
- During this convening, the Commission will:
  - set plans, budgets, and schedule dates for key activities or goals to guide the Commissions for the new fiscal year;
  - Finalize the annual report of the work of the respective Commissions;
  - Schedule a City Council Business Session to deliver the annual report results.

# Chair and Vice Chair of the KC Futures Commission

- Position of Chair and Vice Chair of the KCFC rotate between the Chair of the Youth Commission and the Chair of the Young Adult Commission each fiscal year.
- On even-numbered years, the Chair of KCFC will be the Chair of the Young Adult Commission and the Vice Chair will be the Chair of the Youth Commission.
- On odd-numbered years, the Chair of the KCFC will be the Chair of the Youth Commission and the Vice Chair will be the Chair of the Young Adult Commission.



**KC Futures Commission**



## Committee Overview:

- When the Commission finds necessary, it may establish a committee to form a working group of individuals focused on a specific task or topic.
- **Example:** CW MPH is in active conversations with area business leaders about interest in opening (and investing in) a *Youth CAN Center*. This can be a project that a committee could have a meaningful and critical advisory role in.

# Committee Membership:

- All members of any committee, including any officers of the committee, are appointed by the Chair of the Commission.
- Committee members **DO NOT** have to one of the 13 Council-appointed commissioners to serve on a committee.
- There is no numerical limit to the members of a committee.
- **Committee members must simply:**
  - Be within the Commission's age group; and
  - Reside or attend school in Kansas City.

# Health Department Commission Staff Oversight

The Director of Health shall designate a fulltime staff person for "The KC Futures Office" that has direct oversight of the Commissions, ensuring accountability, innovation, and high-quality productivity.

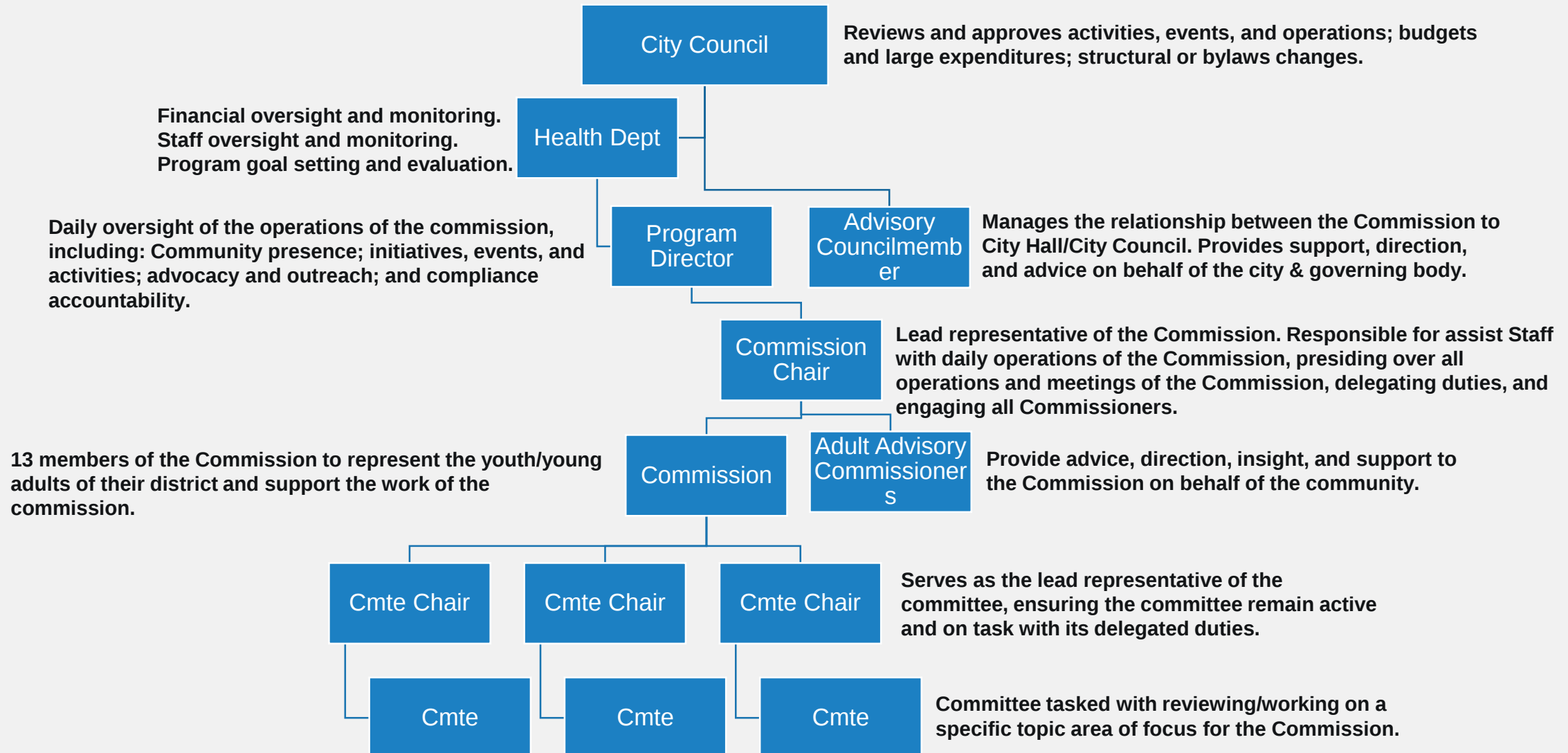
# Health Department Financial Oversight

## Requested Inaugural Operational Budget:

\$40,000

## Financial Oversight of the Health Dept.:

- Oversight of expenses, income, and purchasing. This is including the acceptance of donations, hosting of fundraisers, application of grants, and the receipt of funds directly from the City Council or Health Department.
- Review and approval of annual budget requested by the Commission to the City Council.



# Community Engagement

Taking the proposal to the Community.

## Focus Groups

- During the preparation process, we conducted focus groups in the community, targeting individuals who are within the eligibility criteria to serve on the Commission.
- From classes to community organizations, we've taken this proposal directly to Kansas City's youth for feedback.
- The response helped confirm the interest, need, and potential of this new program.

# Steering Committee

We convened a Steering Committee to review and provide feedback about the proposed structure, bylaws and implementation plans.

**The Transition Zone (Jackie Buycks)**

**Youth Guidance (Garret Webster & Briana Butler)**

**High Aspirations (Brian Johnson)**

**KC Greek Picnic (Stanley Taylor)**

**Partners For Peace (Carly Mitchell)**

**20/20 Leadership (Caitlyn Wells)**

**Maddie Rhodes (Angela Florez)**

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- **Councilmembers are asked to make appointments within 30 days of ordinance adoption (February 25, 2024).**
- Councilmembers may decide on a process for appointment.
- Our Steering Committee is going to help lighten the load by providing a bank of applicants to Councilmembers.

# Steering Committee Recommendation

- If passed, the office of CW MPH will release an application to the public and all Councilmembers are asked to share it.
- As applications come in, the Steering Committee will review these applications.
- The Steering Committee will provide a list of recommendations to each Councilmember of potential appointees.
- The Councilmember can choose to appoint a person from the list or make a different appointment.

# Questions?