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Call for participants for the Great Youth Debate

Cincinnati, OH – The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission (CHRC) is looking for youth between the ages of 14-18 who are interested in participating in this year's Great Youth Debate. The event will take place on November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cincinnati City Council Chambers in City Hall. The participation requirements are as simple as having three (3) youth to a team, an adult mentor and attendance at the Saturday training sessions (October 1 – November 5), each from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Cincinnati City Hall (Room 115).

The Great Youth Debate is modeled after the film *The Great Debaters*, starring Denzel Washington, who portrays Professor Mel Tolson who created a debate team at the historically black Wiley College. In 1935, Tolson pushed the team to a level of excellence that allowed them to become the first black college to debate and win against the infamous Harvard University.

For questions or to receive registration materials, contact Courtney Mims at Courtney.mims@cincinnati-oh.gov or by phone at 513.352.3237.

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