

New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2018 - 2019 OFFICER NOMINATION

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

**Deputy Speaker of Assembly
Freedom**

Name: Evin Mattupurath

Year in school: 11 Number of years in Y&G 3

**Previous Youth and Government experience and/or
other qualifications:**

Youth and Government has done so much for me. I joined the program as a freshman, nervous to speak and anxious to present. However, since then, it has morphed into much more. My second year in the program I was given the opportunity to attend CONA, something for which I am eternally grateful. That conference, as trite as it may sound, changed everything. Suddenly I was being presented with opportunities I never thought I would receive. This past year I served as the co-chair for the legislative branch in my district and it was incredible to work with and help people whose shoes I was in just months prior. I have attended multiple Greenkill conferences and through them, have learned so much about the inner workings of this program. This year I have been given the chance to serve the state as a Committee Chair. Youth and Government, through the experiences and people it has allowed me to meet, has played a key role in developing me into who I am today.



If you were faced with a bill topic that goes against your personal standpoint, how would you effectively handle the matter?

Something I have learned through my years in Youth and Government is that for every viewpoint you have, there is bound to be someone with the exact opposite. If I were a Presiding Officer, I would be completely impartial to everyone in chambers no matter my personal standpoint. In lawmaking especially, everyone's opinion deserves the equal opportunity to be heard and taking that right away would be obstructing the democratic processes that our nation is built upon.

Define servant leadership and describe how you plan to incorporate this if elected into office:

Servant leadership is the drive to put the needs of others above your own. The defining characteristic of a servant leader is that they lead to serve the people, not to have the people serve them. If elected I would make sure that each and every delegate has their deserved right of an equal opportunity to voice their opinion. Also, in past years I've noticed that oftentimes around presiding officers, delegates become nervous. I would work to change that. If I were elected I wouldn't want anyone's opinions of my position to change and I would still exist to help and serve my fellow delegates. Overall if given this position I would strive to create an open environment that is safe and welcoming in which people can express their opinions freely.