

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

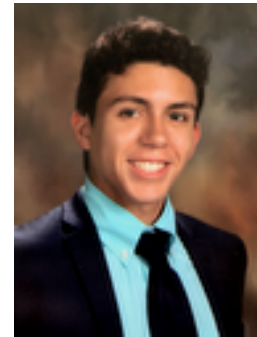
I declare my candidacy for the position of
Speaker of Assembly Freedom

Name: **Alexander Garcia**

Year in school: 11th Grade Number of years in YAG: 3

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

I have been in Youth and Government ever since I was a freshman, making this my 3rd year. Currently I am a subcommittee member for my district, as I meet with the steering committee to plan the meetings, and have been nominated to be a committee chair for this year's conference. Last year, I was awarded the Chemistry scholars award and have consistently been on the High on a roll with distinction list at my school. I am currently a volunteer at Rochester General Hospital and at an elementary school in a 5th grade class tutoring kids in reading and math. I have also volunteered abroad to Guatemala and Dominican Republic working in orphanages and hospitals. Volunteer work is a very important factor for me to serve social justice for my community, which I will apply this attitude if I were elected. I am also a member of the Model UN club at my school, French club, and lead saxophone player in the band.



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

As Speaker of Freedom, I understand that I will be faced with bill topics that oppose my standpoints. Although, in this position I know I will need to uphold my duties to democracy, which means it is important to keep an open mind and viewpoint. It is my job to run the chamber without any bias towards anyone's views, and assure that delegate's voices are all equally heard. If I were to be elected Speaker of Assembly Freedom, I would uphold the duty of parliamentary procedure and no matter what bill topic it is, I will assure an equal chance for all to voice their ideas and opinions.

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

Servant leadership is the ideal that is upheld to provide the greatest quality of leadership to society, which consists of working with the people, for the people. Servant leaders must uphold the responsibility and integrity to know that the people's needs become more important than their own. If elected I would not only assure these ideals to be upheld, but also I will make it my duty for everyone to be comfortable expressing their ideas, and that equality is met for everyone doing so. This also includes problems if they arise, as I will adhere to these standards no matter how difficult the situation is when I find a resolution. If elected not only will I positively impact my chamber holding these ideals, I will improve the club as it is important with someone with these characteristics to hold a position as an officer.

