

## **My Week as Mayor**

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One Saturday night, I could not fall asleep. I messaged all my friends, but none of them responded. I stumped on my couch, lazily scrolling through all the channels—from Netflix to Prime and Hulu. I was so bored that I decided to watch the news!!! I am 11! Finally, something came up that caught my attention. It was the mayor of the city, Frank Yokoyama! He was in need of help! He had to go to his mother's house for a week because she was sick. He needed someone to watch the city. "Wow, this is amazing for me," I thought. I just had to be the 5th caller, and I could be it! How amazing! I quickly grabbed my phone and typed in the number. "If I make this, I won't be so bored," I thought to myself. I had the number ready to go. My hands were trembling as I clicked the send button. My thoughts were racing, my heart was beating... Finally, I called, and I... won!!!

The next day, I went to the mayor's house, and I loved it. He told me all the rules. I could practically do whatever I wanted to do, with whatever budget. Even though I could do whatever I wanted, I wanted to help the city. Ring! Ring! The first thing I did was call some construction companies to help fix roads, public transportation, bike lanes, and more! Then, I went to my local firehouse. I ensured that they were doing their job properly. I gave them a bunch of free supplies and trained them to become better firefighters. I also interviewed and hired new people to make our city a better and safer place.

I surprised all the people with a Grow-A-Garden contest, where every time a kid plants a seed and takes care of it, they write a checkmark on the flyer we are going to give them. if they get four checkmarks, they get a small prize. I wanted this idea because there is a game on Roblox where they grow a garden on a computer. I thought it would be fun to make it in real life, and the kids had an absolute blast with it as well! All the kids participated!

I attended many meetings as mayor. We met up with some important townspeople, and I made sure everybody's voice was heard. I wanted to do a mandatory Popcorn Hour where all the restaurants could only serve

popcorn, as I thought that would be fun and different. I also wanted a glow-in-the-dark parade where everyone can walk or ride bikes at night, and we can have glow sticks, LED Lights, and neon colors. The team made it all happen, and the city was happy.

Finally, it was the last day, and the mayor came back and said, "Thankkk--." I woke up on my couch with the TV blasting in the background. It was all a dream!!! Nooooo!!!