



# If I Were Mayor ....

Student Contest

2024

## The City of La Cygne and the Mayor invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest.

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

CONTEST DEADLINE: Friday, April 5, 2024 by 4:30pm

### Contest Rules

#### General Rules:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student and one student per entry form will be accepted.
- Entries become the property of the city.
- The City of La Cygne retains the right to publish entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.

#### POSTERS (To submit poster's electronically please take a picture and save as PDF, JPG, or PNG)

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 2—5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three-dimensional art, etc.) The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

#### ESSAYS (Formats allowed: Word, PDF, PowerPoint, or google doc)

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6—8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Essays must be 250—500 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

#### DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION: (Formats allowed: MP4 or online video format, or PowerPoint)

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in grades 9—12 or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted on flash drive or emailed.
- The student's name and a phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on an envelope accompanying the flash drive or in the title of the electronic file.

### SUBMISSIONS

All entries can be submitted to City Hall during regular business hours. They may also be submitted to the student's school and a city official will pick them up as needed. The PREFERRED submission method would be electronically to [jvogt@cityoflacygne.org](mailto:jvogt@cityoflacygne.org).

Top winners will be invited to attend the Council Meeting on April 17, 2024 to present their winning submissions for "If I Were Mayor..." student contest! Other prizes and recognition will be awarded as well.

For more information about the contest please contact Jenn Vogt at [jvogt@cityoflacygne.org](mailto:jvogt@cityoflacygne.org) or call 913-757-2144

# “If I were Mayor...”



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### Official Entry Form

(This form must accompany EVERY contest entry)

#### **Judging Criteria**

Judging will be conducted by your city officials and or other persons appointed by the mayor. In selecting the winners, the judges will consider:

- ⇒ Creativity—Does the student demonstrate curiosity, positivity, and originality?
- ⇒ Clarity/Sincerity of Thought—Is the submission well thought out and organized?
- ⇒ Proper Use of Grammar—Does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation?
- ⇒ Subject Relevancy—Are the major points relevant to the role of the mayor? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of the job of mayor?

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY—Fill in EVERY blank— One Person per entry**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended/Home-Schooled: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification Statement:** I hereby verify that the student whose name appears on this entry form produced the work submitted.

Signature of parent/guardian: (required for students under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form and be received no later than:

Friday, April 5, 2024 by 4:30pm

Send questions and/or electronic submissions to:

Jenn Vogt: [jvogt@cityoflacygne.org](mailto:jvogt@cityoflacygne.org)

\*Prizes and special recognition will be given to top winners in each category. (elementary, middle, and high school)

# Meet our Mayor

## Debra Wilson



Mayor Wilson has lived in La Cygne for 26 years and began serving as Mayor in 2020, and is currently in her second term. Behind the scenes, the Mayor has worked hard with the council to improve our processes to make our governing body more efficient. Mayor Wilson helped guide our city through the Covid Pandemic and kept operations running during the shutdown. In 2021, the Arctic Blast hit and gas prices skyrocketed affecting most homes in the city. The mayor along with city staff and officials worked through the gas crisis and were able to take care of the extreme gas bill so that our patrons did not have the burden of an outrageous bill. The Mayor and Council also finished a big water project, CCLIP project and just finished a major sewer project. The Mayor and Council are looking into future projects to improve our city streets and the mayor has wonderful ideas on how to engage with the community through city events.

### General Role of the Mayor

The Mayor is elected at-large and as such is a key political and policy leader. The Mayor presides at all meetings of the Governing Body, serves as spokesperson for the community, facilitates communication and understanding between elected officials, assists the City Council in setting goals and policies, serves as an ambassador and defender of the community, nominates persons to serve on boards and committees, and then appoints them after Council approval. The Mayor also makes proclamations. Together, the Mayor and City Council form a policy-development team.

On ordinary ordinances and other matters, the Mayor votes only when the Council is evenly divided. The Mayor has signature authority only when so designated by the Council. Staff prepares documents for signature at City Hall.

*Questions about being mayor contact Debra Wilson at [mayoroflacygne@cityoflacygne.org](mailto:mayoroflacygne@cityoflacygne.org)*