



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, June 19, 2017

5:15 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Madeleine Matz (Chair), William Juarez (Vice Chair), Martin Krause, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Cris Plunkett, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Noah David, Hugo Vargas, Cecilia Nicole Galeano, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. June 5, 2017
([Document A](#))

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Presentation and Overview on the Youth Commission Annual Report Process
Presenter: Leah LaCroix, Youth Commission Staff

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [First Reading] Youth Commission Annual Report 2016-2017
Sponsors: Executive Committee
(Document B)
- B. Youth Commission Motion No. 1617-AL- 16 [Motion to Support Funds for a Designated TAY Navigation Center and Urge the City to Fund Homeless Youth Services Proportional to the Homeless Population]
Sponsor: Executive Committee & Housing, Recreation and Transit Committee
(Document C)
- C. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1617-AL- 16 [Declaring 2017 as the Year of the San Francisco Youth Experiencing Homelessness]
Sponsor: Commissioner Plunkett



(Document D)

- D. Discussion on Youth Commissioner Schedules and Summer Meetings
Sponsors: Executive Committee

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee
- C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement Committee
- E. Our Children Our Family Council

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, June 5, 2017

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:16pm.

Present: Madeleine Matz, William Juarez, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Cris Plunkett, Mary Claire Amable, Noah David, Hugo Vargas, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind.

Absent: Commissioners Krause, Galeano, E. David, Mao, Ng.

Commissioner Juarez is running late.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

B. May 15, 2017
([Document A](#))

Commissioner N. David, seconded by Commissioner Plunkett, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

There was no public comment.



5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

B. Presentation on The Beat Within

Presenter: David Inocencio, Director and Founder, and Lisa Lavaysse, Program Director and Volunteer Coordinator, The Beat Within

David Inocencio founded this publication while working with youth in Juvenile Hall, where he saw a need to give youth a voice in the criminal justice system. He believes there is more to the alleged story of what brought youth into the criminal justice system. He created The Beat Within and first workshop was in 1996. It is a weekly publication of art and insight from inside juvenile hall. This publication is an anchor/lifeline for the youth who are incarcerated so they know they are not alone with what they are facing. They also do writing workshops in other places.

Commissioner Lind: where can one get the magazine? Have to reach out to The Beat Within as it goes to the youth in county jail, juvi, and state prison. Can find them online or facebook for some snippets of the writing.

Commissioner Matz: Urban works a lot with you so it's great to hear directly from you about what you're doing.

Commissioner Plunkett: this is incredible. This goes against central norm that these are "bad kids". Such a testimony of what youth are capable. Read a poem into the record "No Interruptions".

Commissioner Matz: What can the YC do? Always looking for volunteers (typing and editing of the magazine). Have to be at least 21 to go into the halls. Also have workshops in the community so aspects of volunteering are many. They have monthly orientations for those who want to get involved.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: this is really eye opening

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner Lind, motioned for a general motion of support. Vote was taken by acclamation. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Juarez arrived at 5:23pm.

C. Presentation on Organ and Tissue Donation

Presenter: Kristina Ruiz-Healy, Community Development Liaison, Donor Network West

A presentation was given by Donor Network West on the importance of Organ and Tissue Donation.

Commissioner Matz: how would you like YC to support you in your goals? Would like to understand what the YC can do to impact high schools or how to get the word out. Matz-the district has an advisory council and the YC is separate from the school district. The City does give money to the wellness centers so that does fall under YC area.

Commissioner Amable: what tools are you giving youth to prepare them for these conversations with their elders? Using pamphlets/resource guides that have a framework for youth to use. Amable-a conversation like this is very difficult because of the controversy with science and religion so is curious of what feedback has already been given. They are just starting to do



training of health educators so if you have any ideas of what could help with these conversations they would love to hear back from Commissioners.

Staff-in the past YC helped with supporting an advocacy project via another community based organization that was youth driven and community health driven. Where is there potential of college aged potential since youth in SF tend to get their drivers licenses later? Would be a great idea to honor youth organ donors and get the YC involved with this. So YC could honor youth who have given an organ in advance they could do that.

Commissioner Matz-who's interested in connection more on this issue? Mesler, Juarez, Matz, Ng.

A recess was taken for food at 5:57pm

The meeting was called back to order at 6:04pm.

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- B. Youth Commission Motion No. 1617-AL- 15 [Motion to Issue a Letter supporting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) federal grant]
Sponsor: Housing, Recreation and Transit Committee
Presenter: William Tyner, SFMTA
(Documents C and D)

Item 6B called out of order. They had a focus group in the HRT committee last month to gather information regarding the next bus system. Found that youth are using alternative modes like uber and lyft versus public transportation. They know youth are very dependent on public transportation and they asked youth what it would take be "hip" or "cool" and the answer was it doesn't need to be it just need to function properly. Doing focus groups and an online survey.

They have zero dollars to help with this project, even though there is excitement about it. They are looking for different sources of money but not enough to implement what they want to do. The federal government has a program they can apply for via a grant. They disburse funds to different transportation agencies throughout the country and 100 usually apply and only 5-10 actually receive money. This money would help them to look at new technology and if received, could help SF get something implemented that doesn't exist anywhere else. Part of the application has asked for letters of support.

Questions:

Commissioner Amable: Muni is something that all of use on a daily basis and part of the issue is getting more people to use it, but every year the fare for muni goes up and uber and lyft are more accessible at some points. As part of the survey they ask questions specific to being in certain situations. The fare differential is something they want to tease out more in follow up research. They personally don't believe that uber and lyft pay living wages and won't be sustainable. They are finding that people are peeling off to uber and lyft when muni is unreliable or there is a long wait. However, when alternatives are presented people will go towards muni and have a lot higher retention rate which speaks to investment in the process. It's latent demand, the will to ride is there, it's just not there yet.



They have sent it to all those who have signed up for the Free Muni for Youth program and just got 700-800 responses already. They did ask about google maps. Muni wants to make sure their app is totally accurate and making sure the experience is very clear.

Commissioner Matz-Groupsie app, Next Route, Routsie, Transap.

Commissioner Amable-is this app going to be integrated with other apps or would it be totally separate? They have a couple different options and haven't solidified that portion yet. IF they partner with apps they have to find that they are consistent with MTA policies. Right now they are putting data out there and whoever grabs it grabs it. As of right now there is no formal arrangement.

Commissioner Matz-is there any private collaboration or is it just through the city. No formal relationship with any private sector app except for NextBus.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to Issue a Letter supporting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) federal grant. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Matz reopened Item 1 to discuss absences of tonight. Commissioners Mao and Galeano did not give advanced notice and are not open to motions.

Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to excuse Commissioners Krause, Ng, and David. There was no public comment. Motion was approved by acclamation.

- A. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1617-AL- 11 [Youth Commission Recommendations for the 2018-2023 Youth Empowerment Allocation]
Sponsors: Commissioners Amable and Matz
(Document B)

This item tabled until after Item 6B.

Commissioner Matz excused herself from chairing duties to due being a co-sponsor. Commissioner Juarez assumed chair. The resolution was read into the record. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Amable-can we not have DeVos name in there? DeVos is misspelled.
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, you're stating a fact.

Commissioner Matz- we will fix the few spelling errors.

Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Park, motioned to approve this resolution. The motion was approved by acclamation.



C. Discussion on Youth Commissioner Schedules and Summer Meetings
Sponsors: Executive Committee

Commissioner Juarez-want to see what everyone is doing for the rest of the summer so we can decide meeting scheduling and attendance for next couple of months as our terms don't end until August 23rd.

Meetings scheduled so far: June 19th, July 3rd and July 17th, August terms end but have legislation recess so agreed in beginning of the year that august was also a recess. You can call an august meeting, if needed.

Commissioner Matz-the idea is we might not have enough business to have all three meetings. We could choose 1-2 meetings to attend versus all that are still left.

June 19th: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Yu, Plunket, Amable, Vargas, Juarez, Matz, Mesler, Lind. Maybe: Park. No: Vargas.

July 3rd: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Yu, Plunket, Amable, Juarez, Matz, Mesler. No: Park, N. David, Vargas, Lind.

July 17th: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Park, Plunkett. Maybe: N. David, Vargas. No: Yu, Amable, Juarez, Matz, Mesler, Lind.

Exec Cmte will be meeting on the 14th and will plan to have something on the 19th for June unless otherwise notified.

D. Debrief and Celebration of the Year
Sponsors: Executive Committee

Evaluations of the year were handed out. They will also go out in the Weekly Internal.

Pluses/Deltas as reflection for the whole year that were done on the evaluations. Holding off on team building until the next meeting.

Commissioner Matz-has been so proud and excited to work with all of you and you have brought so much to the table regarding your ideas and your passion. It has been really inspiring and has had a very different experience this year versus her experience last year. Genuinely says thank you for all the work you have done. Immense faith in all of what you are capable of.

Commissioner Juarez-with new Trump administration it seems that youth stepped up and he has faith that everyone is doing good work and feels deep and profound connections with all of you. It was incredible working with all of you this year.

Adele-it's a hard year to get excited about local politics when there is so much going on in the national stage. Thinks you all did a really solid job and is proud of you of the BPPs and the presentations you gave last week. Proud of the community events that you all put on and is proud of seeing you all develop through the year and really watching the leadership grow. This was 5th year of commissioners and it was a pleasure working with all of you and this year with you. You have accomplished a great deal. We really appreciate you and see what you all have done.



Leah-in terms of the arc of the 20 year history this year has been really really solid and really strong and you are continuing the legacy of previous years work and this year is more stronger and compelling. Your BPPs and your own selves and your dedication is incredible. She is happy and excited to see where you will move into. Your commitment here is a really strong and awesome year.

YCers thank staff for their hard work.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

F. Executive Committee

Structured this agenda and get temp check for scheduling for next few full YC meetings. Tried to weave in food so hope you enjoyed your term.

G. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Did not meet last week due to BPP presentation.

H. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

IJE canceled meeting last week.

I. Civic Engagement Committee

There is a meeting this Wednesday in room 278 and have leftover funds from the What Now event so are now hosting a closing event. Everyone is welcome from 4:20-5:20pm. There will be sushi, cake and boba. Big theme is collaboration for this meeting. RSVPs: Adele, Maddie.

J. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Galeano is absent so this item is tabled.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Number of things happening on June 17th:

-door knocking opportunity to do outreach on free city college and help get the word out. 9am is the training and door knocking is 10-12pm.

-The Mix's 2nd birthday from 6-10pm. The Mix has been an awesome partner with the SFYC so it would be great to show support for their birthday

-BOS softball game

-All YC applications have been sent out so now you should be reaching out to your appointing office to let them know you are interested in being reappointed

-BPP presentation shout outs to Claire, Jonny, Josh, and William for doing the BPP presentation. BOS members were impressed and staff encourages you to watch the presentation. See how the BOS want to help collaborate and follow up with your appointing offices about the issues you brought up in BPPs

-This Friday from 6-8pm Young Workers United is celebrating their quince a the Mission Cultural Center and YC staff want to know if 1 YC'er who wants to attend on behalf of the commission.



Your ticket is already paid for. Commissioner Juarez might be able to do the ticket. It is not paid for by city funds.

-Petra DeJesus reappointed for the police commission is this Thursday in the Rules committee at 2pm. Her reappointment has turned into quite the controversy so if YCers can go to rep the YC position please do so and talk to Adele. She has been on 8 years and there was another candidate who just revoked her application today and you can read about other controversies in the press. Since YC is on the record of supporting her you can go out and support that publicly.

-Congrats to recent press of YCers. Got press for BPP and year of homeless youth so that's on our FB and EC's survey on internet access was in the examiner

-Project What is hiring youth so any youth who has or currently had incarcerated parent or guardian

-Budget Justice Coalition will be doing mobilization so lots of community folks on June 14th doing budget advocacy.

-July happenings:

-Power Youth Movement Conference is happening and YC supported this so please RSVP is June 17th

-Human Rights Commission is hosting July 27 Equity Summit, tons of workshops

-Retreat facilitation: William, Jonny, Lisa

-Queer youth panel on race, contact Kiely to give you contact for person organizing it from Our Family Coalition

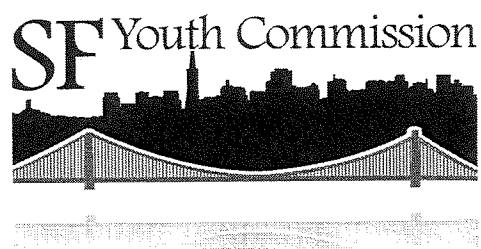
-In your committee you'll be talking about your Annual Report that summarizes the work that you do in your committees and we will be drafting them, and have to be approved, by the full commission.

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Matz will be graduating on Friday at 11am and you are invited; it will be at Stern Grove.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.



**ANNUAL REPORT:
REVIEW OF YEAR 2016-17**

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YOUTH COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17

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OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

[Introductory letter about the YC]



ABOUT US

The San Francisco Youth Commission is a body of seventeen young individuals appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco. Under Section 4.124 of the City Charter, we are responsible for advising the Board and Mayor on the *"effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco."*

History

In 1995, community members lobbied City Hall to develop a resolution that would create a Youth Commission in San Francisco. This piece of legislation originally failed at the Board of Supervisors. Then-Supervisor Angela Alioto subsequently sponsored a Charter Amendment that put the question of whether or not to create the Youth Commission to the voters of San Francisco. In turn, Proposition F won 60% of the votes on the November 1995 ballot, and the Youth Commission was created! The first class of commissioners was sworn into office in April 1996. We are currently in our 20th year of existence!

Purpose & Duties

The Youth Commission also has the duty to provide the Board and Mayor with "comment and recommendation" on all proposed laws "that primarily affect the children and youth" of San Francisco. We are charged with identifying the "unmet needs" of youth through a variety of methods. These include researching existing government and private programs and sources of funding for such programming, holding public forums and working with existing youth groups and advocacy organizations. Each year, the commission provides the following: comment and recommendations on pieces of proposed legislation referred to the commission; resolutions and motions that formally articulate our positions and requests on various youth-related issues; and a set of policy priorities to guide the City's annual budget process as it relates to young people.

WHO WE ARE:

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MARTIN KRAUSE
District 1

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LILY MARSHALL-
FRICKER
District 2

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Immigration, Justice,
and Employment
Committee

Member,
Housing,
Recreation, &
Transportation
Committee

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District 3

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JOSHUA PARK
District 4

Media & Outreach
Officer

Chair,
Civic Engagement
Committee

Member,
Housing, Recreation, &
Transportation
Committee

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District 5

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MARY CLAIRE
AMABLE
District 6

Legislative Affairs
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STAFF & INTERNS

ADELE FAILES-CARPENTER, DIRECTOR

Adele serves as the Youth Commission's Director. Since beginning work at the Youth Commission in January 2013, she has staffed the commission's juvenile justice, housing, LGBTQ, youth employment, and voting rights priorities. Adele began her youth advocacy work in 1999 as a young person in Portland, OR. Since moving to San Francisco over a decade ago, she has worked in tenant advocacy, harm-reduction based substance abuse and mental health treatment with LGBTQ youth, youth-focused HIV-prevention research, and youth-led policy advocacy. She has worked as a leadership team member with a national anti-racist political education organization and as a researcher and facilitator with a national veterans' anti-war organization. She currently serves on the steering committee of San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. Adele is excited to bring her experience to the Youth Commission to continue building the commission's leadership development work and supporting strong youth-led policy advocacy for a livable and just city. Outside of the office, Adele lives in Bernal with her partner and daughter, bicycles, and tries to surf.

LEAH LaCROIX, COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Leah joined the Youth Commission staff in December 2015 as the Coordinator of Community Outreach and Civic Engagement. She is the former chair of the San Francisco Youth Commission where she led the commission's early work on Free MUNI for youth and the prior Youth Lifeline pass. Leah studied Urban Studies & Planning and Political Science at San Francisco State University. She is an alum of the Boards and Commission Leadership Institute and a recent graduate of the CORO Youth Development fellowship. Leah is currently staffing the commission's Housing, Environment and City Services committee, and brings years of commitment to the Youth Commission, first as a YouthWorks intern during high school, later as a youth commissioner and commission chair, and finally, as a college intern before joining the staff. Outside of the YC office, Leah enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

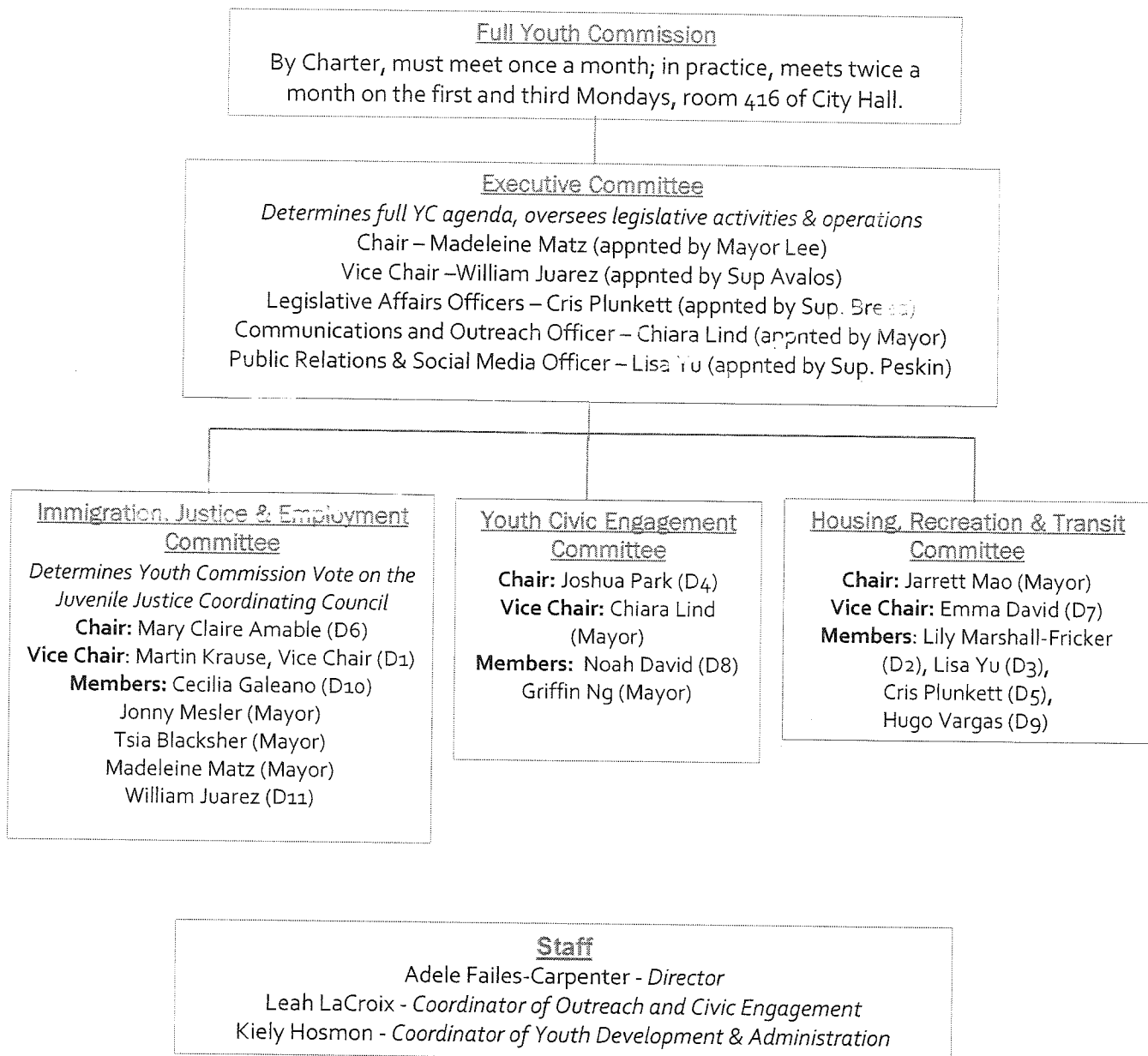
KIELY HOSMON, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Kiely is thrilled to be the Coordinator of Youth Development and Administration, as she makes her way directly from the Youth Leadership Institute and being lead staff for the Marin County Youth Commission. She has been a youth worker for 15 years where 11 of those years focused on LGBTQ youth led organizing. Kiely excels at working with youth communities (in fun, interactive, and creative ways!) to build up their voices and leadership skills to be community change agents and activists. Kiely has extensive background in social justice organizing, looking deeply at issues from a systemic lens relating to power, privilege, and oppression. She holds a Master's Degree in Women's Studies from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Women's Studies and LGBTQ Studies from UC Santa Barbara. Outside the YC office, Kiely loves to dance bachata and kizomba and you'll probably find her at any number of the Zumba classes offered by the City.

OFFICE INTERNS

Thank you to all of the interns whose work throughout the year really was an invaluable asset to our daily operations in 2016-2017. We appreciate you interns Kathy Mai (SOTA), Saula Gonzalez (Ida B. Wells), Gennifer Hom (SOTA), and Grace Hoogerhyde (SOTA)!

YOUTH COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Joshua Park; Vice Chair: Chiara Lind

Members: Noah David, Griffin Ng

[Reflection on the 2016-17 term]

California has responded to voter suppression efforts by attempting to expand voter access, via expanding early voting, vote-by-mail, and voter registration efforts through the DMV, public colleges, and school districts. In 2014, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 113 by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) allowing voter pre-registration beginning at age 16, making California the 21st state to allow pre-registration. Pre-registration allows 16 and 17 year olds to register to vote for the first election they are eligible for, after reaching age 18. This year the Civic Engagement Committee has begun implementing focused on voter pre-registration with the Department of Elections and the Student Advisory Council and there are now 501 16 and 17 year olds pre-registered to vote. We've also held a big emphasis on voter education events.

Victory #1-Voter Education Events

The Young and Future Voter Forums were two voter education events that the Civic Engagement Committee held. What Now? And the Young and Future Voter Forum.

The first event the Civic Engagement Committee hosted was the Young and Future Voter Forum at Mission's High School Cafeteria. This event had over 50 youth and cCommunity a Allies and was facilitated by the Student Advisory Council (SAC) and the San Francisco Youth Commission. Since the 2016 election ballot was the biggest, longest, and most dense in the history of elections, tThe goal of the event was to teach youth about most of the local propositions that affected youth in an impartial way soteaching youth could learn both sides of the issue and letting youth develop their own opinions. The "What Now?" A Youth-Led Post-Inauguration Reflection Gathering eEvent was the second in the Young and Future Voters Forum series and was entirely youth led and planned by the Civic Engagement Committee. The goal of the event was to help youth vent their feelings about the election of Trump and to learn about resources in the community that could help them fend off attacks from this administration, as well as giving information on how to be involved to fight back and resist. and Oover 85 youth and adult allies attended, over 10 community organizations also attended and tabled, and we had 8 artists facilitating artist workshops at our event. The goal of the event was to help youth vent their feelings about Trump and his winning campaign. This event led to new partnerships and collaboration with community organizations. This event led to new partnerships and collaboration with community organizations.

Victory #2

DCYF requiring older youth serving grantees to make pre registration available

In February, the Youth Commission met with DCYF and MAria Sue and the Civic Engagement Committee presented on requiring 2018-2023 older-youth-serving grantee agencies to offer the option of pre-registering to vote to youth program participants. We believe this will help with Preregistration Outreach.

Victory #3

Collaboration of Community Partners

The Civic Engagement Committee has had a long list of community partners this year and so we just wanted to highlight a few. We've worked very closely with the Student Advisory Council and the Department of Elections around preregistration of 16 and 17 year olds. We've also worked with the

Youth Leadership Institute's BLING Grant program where we applied and received \$4,800 for pre registration which begins next school year. We also wanted to highlight that over 10 community organizations tabled at the What Now? Event.

Things to be sure to mention:

1. Young and Future Voter Forums
 - a. The first one focused on the 2016 election
 - b. The second being the What Now event
 - c. Be sure to mention community partners who helped (the grant you received, tablers, artists, and the number of youth who showed up)
2. The meeting with DCYF and Maria Su where you got your win of requiring 2018-2023 older-youth-serving grantee agencies to offer the option of pre-registering to vote to youth program participants.
3. Collaboration efforts of key players: Department of Elections, the SAC, and receiving the BLING grant to help with voter outreach and continue efforts for next year

Fun facts:

Josh:

Chiara:

Noah:

Griffin:

HOUSING, RECREATION, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Jarrett Mao; Vice Chair: Emma David

Members: Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Cris Plunkett, Hugo Vargas

[Reflection on the 2016-17 term]

IMMIGRATION, JUSTICE, AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Mary Claire Amable; Vice Chair: Martin Krause

Members: Madeleine Matz, William Juarez, Jonathan Mesler, Cecelia Galeano, Tsia Blacksher

[Reflection on the 2016-17 term]

MEDIA & OUTREACH OFFICERS' REPORT

[Reflection on the 2016-17 term outreach and events]

PRESENTATIONS TO FULL YOUTH COMMISSION

[List of all presentation to the YC during the 2016-17 term]

LEGISLATION REFERRED

[List of all legislation referred to the YC, with YC action, during the 2016-17 term]

YOUTH COMMISSION BUSINESS

[List of all action legislation and business introduced by commissioner during the 2016-17 term]

YC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT*

This year, the Youth Commission hosted or participated in over [###] *activities*, included General Community Meetings, Youth-Specific Events (Youth Forums, Youth Town Halls, and Resource Fairs) and Visits with Youth Programs, Organizations, and Schools. That translates to [###] *hours* spent engaged in community outreach, reaching thousands of people. Additionally, the Youth Commission held [##] *regularly scheduled meetings*, spending [###] *hours* in City Hall as a full commission, or in issue based committees, serving the public through policy advising.

[Photographs of commissioners and YC events during the 2016-17 term]

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- Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors and their staff
- Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
- Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Senior Advisor on Education and Family Services
- Nicole Elliot, Mayor's Legislative Director
- Sandra Naughton, City Lead, Our Children Our Families Council
- Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
- State Senator Mark Leno
- Assemblymember David Chiu
- Assemblymember Phil Ting
- Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez
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- Kevin Truitt, SFUSD
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- Glenn Eagleson, DCYF
- Chief Allen Nance, JPD
- Sheryl Cowan, JPD
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- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
- San Francisco Reentry Council
- Jeff Kositzky, DSHS
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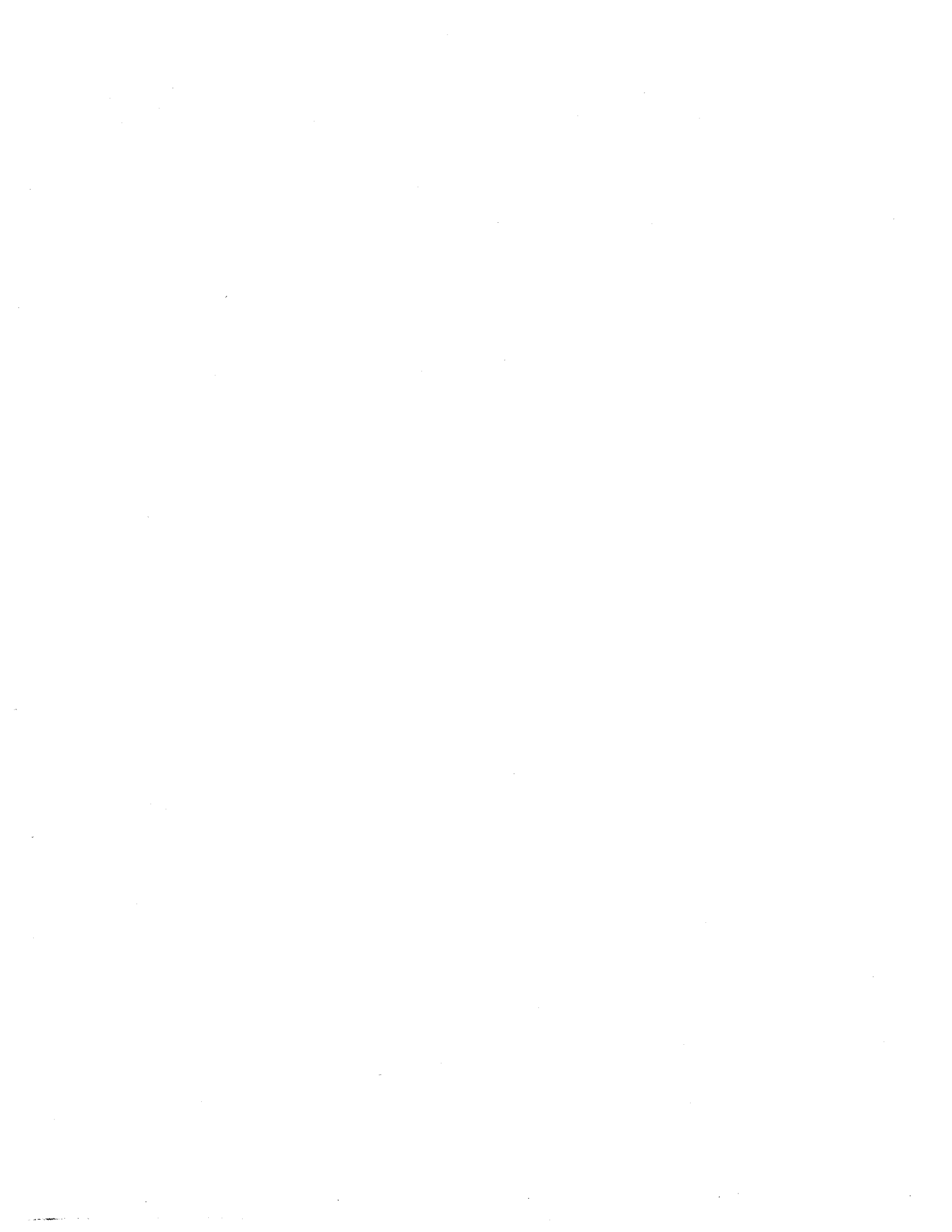
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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

MAYOR LEE AND SUPERVISOR SHEEHY ANNOUNCE NEW INVESTMENTS FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Funding will lead to increased hours at youth centers, expansion of outreach teams and additional support for rental subsidy programs

San Francisco, CA – Mayor Edwin M. Lee and Supervisor Jeff Sheehy today announced \$1.54 million in increased funding for services to support San Francisco's youth, particularly those experiencing homelessness.

"This is a critical time for many of our young residents, which is why it is important that they receive vital services they need," said Mayor Lee. "We want to create an environment where our youth can succeed and move toward safe, stable living situations. We have an obligation to support, encourage and develop our next generation of San Francisco residents. My proposed budget is a reflection of that commitment."

The \$1.54 million in additional annual funds includes \$289,000 for increased drop-in hours at the San Francisco LGBT Center, \$350,000 for expanded outreach services for homelessness youth and \$906,000 for housing subsidies for young adults in need.

These new funding commitments are designed to benefit Transition Age Youth (TAY) in San Francisco. TAY are described as young people age 18 - 24 who are homeless or in danger of homelessness, have dropped out of high school, have a disability or other special needs, and are low-income parents, among several other considerations.

"Nearly half of all homeless youth identify as LGBTQ," said District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, whose district includes the Castro and the SF LGBT Center. "With intolerance on the rise on the national level, it is crucial that San Francisco remain a place of acceptance and tolerance for those fleeing unsafe spaces. Mayor Lee's investment will help support and provide a path forward for our most vulnerable residents."

"Young people are the future of our city, and it is unacceptable that some of our children and young adults are homeless and in need of services they are not getting," said Board of Supervisors President London Breed. "This proposed increase in budget funding would help fill that gap. It is only right that we take this extra step to provide for this vulnerable population that we have a responsibility to protect and care for."

The new TAY funding allocations are part of the Mayor's proposed two-year budget and represent a significant overall investment in youth programs. For the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, Mayor Lee has pledged \$22.6 million from the General Fund for TAY initiatives, and the 2018-19 Fiscal Year includes \$23.3 million from the General Fund in TAY programs.

"The Mayor's expanded investments to benefit some of our most vulnerable young people is inspiring," said Jeff Kositsky, director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. "We will leverage these

investments with the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funds to identify specific ways to strengthen existing collaborations that build on the priorities identified by youth and community stakeholders: launching youth coordinated entry, creating low-barrier programs and flexible housing models.”

The \$350,000 investment in outreach services will fund a new outreach coordinator stationed at the Larkin Street Youth Services headquarters. It will also pay for new resources and increased staffing for outreach teams that interact with young residents dealing with homelessness. These outreach teams go out on the streets in the Castro and Haight-Ashbury to speak with local youth and offer them support and counseling, while providing information on how to move off the streets and into stable homes.

“Larkin Street Youth Services is grateful for the Mayor’s investment in LGBTQ young people experiencing homelessness,” said Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director of Larkin Street Youth Service. “Since launching the Castro Youth Housing Initiative in 2004, Larkin Street has worked in partnership with other nonprofit providers to ensure wraparound services for LGBTQ youth, who are dramatically over-represented among those experiencing homelessness and have their own unique needs. This infusion of funding demonstrates the City’s commitment to expanding outreach, engagement, and housing for LGBTQ youth who are seeking safety and sanctuary in San Francisco. Recognizing and resourcing the needs of our most vulnerable community members is an investment in the wellbeing of our entire city.”

The SF LGBT Community Center will benefit from the \$289,000 in extra funds by extending their operating hours. The budget will also support the expansion of the center’s youth meal program.

“LGBTQ youth come to San Francisco in search of acceptance and community, but unfortunately many end up in extremely disadvantaged situations,” said SF LGBT Center Executive Director Rebecca Rolfe. “The additional funding will allow the Center to expand our current services supporting youth with the resources and tools they need to get off the streets, build community, and thrive.”

The \$906,000 in additional funds for rental subsidies will allow an extra 94 youth clients to receive housing support.

On June 1, Mayor Lee presented his two-year balanced budget, proposing a \$10 billion outline for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and a \$10 billion outline for Fiscal Year 2018-19. Mayor Lee has made homelessness and harm reduction a centerpiece of his proposed budget.

The City Charter requires the Mayor submit a balanced budget proposal by the first working day in June. To deliver this two-year consensus budget proposal, Mayor Lee worked with the Board of Supervisors and heard directly from community leaders and residents, and met with hundreds of residents, nonprofit organizations, City Commissioners, labor organizations, business owners, and advocates to discuss priorities and address concerns.

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[Declaring 2017 as the Year of the San Francisco Youth Experiencing Homelessness]

Resolution declaring 2017 as the Year of the San Francisco Youth Experiencing Homelessness, and urging the city to review the methodology used for the annual homeless count to provide a more accurate representation of the city’s homeless population along with an increased understanding of their needed essentials

WHEREAS, Unaccompanied children are defined as those individuals under the age of 18 who are not part of a family with children or unaccompanied by their parent or guardian during the episode of homelessness¹; and

WHEREAS, Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) are youth are defined as young people between the ages of 18 and 24 years old who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian and are not a parent presenting with or sleeping in the same place as their own child ²; and

WHEREAS, Among all major cities, SF has the highest percentage of unsheltered unaccompanied children and homeless TAY at approximately 1,363 individuals³; and

WHEREAS, 2% of these youth are unaccompanied children at 104 individuals⁴, and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area is home to 1,842 unaccompanied immigrant youth experiencing homelessness ranging 13-24 years old, the second largest settlement of immigrant children in California, San Francisco hosting the second largest amount in the Bay Area⁵; and

WHEREAS, 93% of all of San Francisco’s unaccompanied children and 81% of the TAY homeless population are unsheltered⁶; and

¹ US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress; 2016

² Transitional Aged Youth San Francisco (TAYSF). <http://www.taysf.org/home>>

³ SF Examiner: Among Major Cities, SF has highest percentage of unsheltered homeless youth . 2016, December 7. <http://www.sfexaminer.com/among-major-cities-sf-highest-percentage-unsheltered-homeless-youth/> & Applied Survey Research, January 2017, Homeless Unique Youth Count and Survey

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⁵ Association of Bay Area Governments. Bay Area Services To Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

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WHEREAS, Educational attainment is the single greatest predictor of future employment and economic success for young people; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness is the single highest known risk factor for dropping out of school⁷; and

WHEREAS, The city’s, nation’s, and world’s most vulnerable homeless population are the young people ages 18 and under, with a higher percentage of homeless youth reporting domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness compared to the adult population⁸; and

WHEREAS, 29% of San Francisco’s youth experiencing homelessness have been involved with the criminal justice system⁹; and

WHEREAS, States spend approximately \$5.7 billion each year to incarcerate youth for a non violent offense, such as homelessness¹⁰

WHEREAS, Unaccompanied children are much more likely to be on the streets and without a place to stay than are homeless adults in San Francisco¹¹; and

WHEREAS, Many of both San Francisco’s homeless unaccompanied children and TAY Population experience abuse including 29% enduring emotional abuse and 23% physical abuse¹²; and

WHEREAS, TAY Youth comprise the cast majority of San Francisco’s homeless youth population¹³; and

⁷ America’s Promise Alliance, 2014, Don’t Call Them Dropouts: Understanding the Experiences of Young People Who Leave High School Before Graduation
⁸ IBID
⁹ IBID
¹⁰ Bernadine Watson. Dec. 20, 2013. www.washingtonpost.com
¹¹ Larkin Street, June 2014, Youth Homelessness in San Francisco: 2014 Report on Incident and Needs
¹² IBID
¹³ IBID

1 WHEREAS, 36% of San Francisco's Homeless TAY population reported psychiatric or
 2 emotional conditions, 23% drug or alcohol abuse, 21% a physical disability, 26% Post-Traumatic
 3 Stress Disorder, and 13% HIV/AIDS¹⁴; and

4 WHEREAS, An average one bedroom one bathroom apartment in San Francisco in May 2017,
 5 costs \$3,448 a month; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco citizens have voiced that their number one concern in the entire city
 7 is homelessness, the second being housing affordability¹⁵; and

8 WHEREAS, Housing remains a critical detriment to the SF Homeless TAY Population, as 25%
 9 said they stayed with a friend or family member at least one night in the past two weeks and 63%
 10 reported they do not usually stay with the same person¹⁶; and

11 WHEREAS, 39% of SF's Homeless TAY Population noted they used emergency shelter
 12 services, 21% used shelter day services, and 14% stayed in transitional housing¹⁷; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco missed its 2015 deadline to build 400
 14 supportive TAY housing units, with only 188 completed and another 64 in developmental stages¹⁸; and

15 WHEREAS, Supervisor Kim and prior Supervisor Campos have expressed an interest in
 16 declaring a state of emergency for homelessness¹⁹; and

17 WHEREAS, the homeless youth population is not homogenous and different people have
 18 different needs, but what all homeless youth have in common is the need for shelter, food, water, and
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 22 ¹⁴ Company Community and Harder Research, Novemeber 2015, Providing Stability and Support: An Assessment of San
 23 Francisco's Transitional Aged Youth Housing and Services System

¹⁵ SF Chronicle: Homelessness Soars to No. 1 Concern in SF, New Poll Finds. 2016, March 16.

¹⁶ <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Most-see-SF-moving-in-wrong-direction-poll-finds-6892152.php>

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¹⁹ CBS Bay Area: Campos Calls For Declaration of Homeless Emergency in San Francisco. 2016, March 8 <
 25 <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2016/03/08/campos-calls-for-declaration-of-homelessness-emergency-in-san-francisco/>>

1 clothing; and

2 WHEREAS, when these common needs are addressed, these at-risk youth take the lead and
3 serve as policy advisors, youth commissioners, community advocates, and graduate from intensive
4 training programs²⁰; and

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6 WHEREAS, Congress and the Obama Administration set a federal goal of ending
7 homelessness for youth, children, and families by 2020²¹; and

8 WHEREAS, ending youth homelessness in San Francisco is a strategic step towards San
9 Francisco’s 10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Mayor’s Office announced the formation of a City Department
11 of Homelessness that would consolidate all homeless services²²; and

12 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is currently responding to many of the goals of this
13 resolution; and

14 WHEREAS, Some resources are not developmentally and age appropriate for youth
15 experiencing homelessness; and

16 WHEREAS, Unaccompanied Homeless Youth should be investing their early years into
17 education, family, and other constructive outlets, not survival; and

18 WHEREAS, No homeless individual is “invisible”, nor are they just a number; they are people
19 with complex emotions, coming from diverse backgrounds; they are noticed and they are loved in this
20 city; and now, therefore, be it

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22 RESOLVED that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the city to declare 2017 as the
23 Year of San Francisco Youth Experiencing Homelessness; and be it further

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25 ²⁰ Year-Up Not for Profit Organization; <<http://www.yearup.org/>>

²¹ The United States Interagency on Homelessness; http://usich.gov/opening_doors/

²² Fagan, Kevin (2015, December 3). SF Mayor Launching Department on Homelessness. *The SF Chronicle*

1 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission strongly urges the City of San Francisco continue a
2 youth census with progressive changes of improvement, as numerous different estimates developed
3 all substantially vary; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a proportional allocation of the City’s Budget put towards the Department of
5 Homelessness and Supportive Housing be utilized specifically for the SF homeless TAY and
6 Unaccompanied Children populations.

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