



# San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, December 4, 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.*

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

**3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

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

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

A. Presentation on Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections (Prop N, November 2016) Implementation Efforts

Presenters: Hong Mei Pang, Director of Advocacy, and Kenzi Hilario, Dream SF Fellow, Chinese for Affirmative Action

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

A. [Third Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-04 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]

Sponsor: Commissioner Mao

(Document C)

B. [First Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-06 [Resolution in Support of Youth Justice Reform]

Sponsor: Justice and Employment Committee

(Document D)

C. Discussion on Youth Experience of Open Space in San Francisco

Presenter: Commissioner Amable

(Document E)



- D. Discussion on Possible Holiday Party  
Presenter: Executive Committee

## **7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee
- C. Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement and Immigration 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**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm by Vice Chair Yu in place of Chair Lind.

Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristin Tam, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Felix Andam, Zak Franet, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler.

Commissioners Paola Robles Desgarenes is still on a leave of absence.

Commissioner Mampu Lona and Commissioner Chiara Lind, are seeking approved absences for giving advance notice to staff. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motioned to approve these as excused absences. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon

Chair Yu informed the Commission that youth from Urban Legend would be taking pictures for their project.

No public comment.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Tam, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. October 16, 2017

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Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

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

3 Commissioners from Oakland Youth Commission are here to watch and learn.

#### **5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. BOS File No. 171138 - [Administrative Code - Indigenous Peoples Day]  
Sponsor: Supervisor Cohen  
Presenter: Leah LaCroix, Youth Commission Staff  
(Document B)

Normally we would have aides or supervisors come and speak on behalf of legislation but this time it will be staff. For the most part city staff would still get this day off it would just be a name change.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Andam-what are we doing with this legislation? Per your chartered duties you are to vote. 3 positions: motion to support, motion to not support, or no position at all. After you vote, YC staff then send a memo to the board with YC comments and motion.

Commissioner Andam: Does the public see the votes? Yes

No public comment.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Gregory motion to support changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

Comments:

Commissioner Vigil-finally SF will be behind Indigenous people and what is right  
Commissioner Andam-can folks who have private business still celebrate Columbus day? All communication of city of SF would recognize it as Indigenous people's day so businesses or schools are left to their own decision of how to name the day.

Commissioner Yu-only mentions city dept and employees, would think others would have own way to handle naming.

The motion passed by acclamation.

- B. BOS File No. 171167 - [Urging the Federal Government to Extend Temporary Protected Status for All Nations Currently Under the Program]  
Sponsors: Supervisors Ronen; Fewer, Tang, Kim, Safai, Cohen, Yee, Sheehy  
Presenter: Leah LaCroix, Youth Commission Staff  
(Document C)



This resolution is urging the Federal Govt to extend protected status to nations under the program. This is calling attention to a number of residents in CA and SF who benefit from this program.

No questions. No public comment

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motioned to support extending temporary status for all nations currently under the program.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Andam-urging federal govt, means Trump to make it as a law or executive order? This would encourage programs and permanent pathways to those who are currently under temporary status.

Motion passes with a majority vote with one nay vote from Commissioner Andam.

## **6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. Presentation: Youth Commission Elevator Pitch Training  
Presenter: Kiely Hosmon, Youth Commission Staff

Staff led Commissioners in a practice session of how to talk confidently about the Youth Commission.

- B. Presentation: Voter Pre-Registration Outreach Training  
Presenter: Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

The Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee led a training to the Commissioners on how to do voter registration with a specific target of getting 16 & 17 year olds to pre register.

Commissioner Gregory will help outreach to College Track.  
Commissioner Vigil will connect with Coleman Advocates and CJ.  
Commissioner Amable will reach out to SOMCAN.

Another training for youth on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in room 345, however, will actually be in room 278 at 4:30pm.

## **7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. Leave of Absence Request for October 23-December 4, 2017 for Commissioner Mampu Lona

Commissioner Lona is grieving the loss of his brother with his family so requesting leave of absence.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motion to approve Commissioner Lona's leave of absence. No public comment.

The motion was passed by acclamation.



- B. Motion to allow Commissioner Lona to temporarily step down from Executive Officer role and to have only one Youth Commission Outreach and Communications Officer until December 2017  
Sponsor: Executive Committee

The EC have decided not to reopen this up due to lack of interest based off the last meeting.

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to allow Commissioner Lona to step down and to have only one Outreach and Communication officer until December.

No public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

- C. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-04 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]  
Sponsor: Commissioner Jarrett Mao  
(Document D)

Resolution read into the record for a second time.

Edits:

Commissioner Amable-didn't find info for this but would like first page line 16 to emphasize a number for Pilipinas and Chinese women who were also affected. Commissioner Mao-Koreans were most affected so that's why he only has those numbers in. Commissioner Amable-if I give you that number can we put it in? Yes.

Commissioner Amable-likes that we included an experience of someone. Can we include two more personal experiences? Staff-if edits would change resolution so much that it seems like it would be different then there should be another reading to come before the Commission.

Commissioner Andam-line 23 page 1 victim should have an "s".

Commissioner Franet-missing some grammar and punctuation stuff. Bigger stuff-doesn't like the word victim, would prefer survivor instead. Is a defining word and would recommend changing that word.

Commissioner Franet-7-10 on page 1 the sentence doesn't read so well. Choppy transition for this part. Make two separate sentences or two clauses. On page 1 lines 23-25 also doesn't read well and also choppy.

Commissioner Franet-page 2 lines 9-10 would change 'like' to 'by'. In resolved clauses suggests a synonym for encourage so as to not use it twice.

Commissioner Yu-thanks to Commissioner Mao for writing this up and doing the research. For any Commissioners who asked to help please help out with the research.

Commissioner Mao will make the edits and hold off on voting to support until the next meeting since edits are substantial.

No public comment.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**



#### A. Executive Committee

Holiday party discussion-wants to see if folks want to do that. Haven't decided when/where but getting sense of who is interested. Folks seem interested so if anyone is interested please bring ideas to EC. More info to come at next meeting.

Had presentation regarding an intern coalition.

There is now a buddy system so make sure to connect with them if you need anything. Don't have to stick to your buddy but it is your guaranteed check in person and for a way to bond with others who are not in your committees. EC will be contacting you.

#### B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Kristen and Leah met with head of Dept. of environment and want to have the dept. present to them about what the city is doing to be more environmentally friendly. Solidified they want to work on environmental education in the future.

Supervisor Safai proposed holding a zero waste hearings and HECS writing a letter of support for that.

#### C. Justice and Employment Committee

Main tasks are review of the TAY court system as well as framing the conversation where inmates are going to be housed when 850 shuts down. Each member has been tasked to research a point of data. Zak has met with Critical Resistance regarding strategies to make voices heard regarding 850 Bryant question. Possible they will present to full YC meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### D. Civic Engagement Committee and Immigration Committee

Will have training for youth this Wednesday on November 8<sup>th</sup> in room 278 at 4:30pm. Also had presentation from Jill Fox of Dept of Elections. Had conference call last Thursday to discuss details of the training regarding stipends. Welcome our new intern, Josh Park, who is helping with CEI work.

#### E. Our Children Our Family Council

No meeting.

### 9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

-MLK Weekend is your mandatory mid year retreat. No excuses.

-Start thinking about your holiday schedules now and who will be able to attend or not:

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> full YC meeting:

Not available: Kristen, Jonny, Conna.

Maybes: Bahlam and Arianna, Felix.

Yes-Zak, Lisa, Mary Claire,

Jan 2-mik'el missing.



- Staff will be reaching out to y'all for mini groups to plan the retreat. Leadership roles are available.
- Youth Advocacy Day-April 26<sup>th</sup>. The ask is for you to be youth leaders. Lisa was a youth leader last year.
- Weekly Internal-trying to figure out ways to give info without being such large files.
- Coleman Town Hall debrief at 3:30 send notes to Leah so she can give feedback.
- Card is for Oakland Youth Commission and their swear in ceremony. Please sign and give support.

## **10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Franet-this Wednesday is Larkin Performing Arts night and can give free tickets, starts at 7-8:30pm and 220 Golden Gate.

Commissioner Vigil-Latinx Ball for Latinx Democratic Club. Costs \$25

Commissioner Mao-CEI can't leave, please stay after for a check in for Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> training

Commissioner Andam-SI Young Republicans is having a debate about kneeling during the national anthem on Veterans Day at 4pm

Commissioner Amable-big rally in front of federal building

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Prop N 2018 Community Perspective One Pager

**OVERVIEW:**

*Proposition N was a ballot measure passed by popular vote in San Francisco's 2016 elections that would enable non-citizen parents, guardians, and caretakers of children and youth (ages 0-19) eligible to enroll in San Francisco United School District to vote in the District elections, starting in 2018. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is tasked with introducing an ordinance to provide the Department of Elections guidance for implementation for non-citizens to exercise their right to vote as currently mandated by San Francisco charter.*

**1. Prop N is a community-driven civil rights victory and implementation is already underway**

*Prop N has already garnered attention and visibility since November 2016. Community groups have been convening membership and leaders to provide updates with the implementation process. While safety is a concern, community expects the Department of Elections to serve their needs by paying close attention to voter outreach, engagement, and turnout with linguistic and cultural competency.*

**2. We must harness community power in response to threats of Trump Administration**

*Community members are powerful not panicked. While we are concerned about the safety and protection of their information, it is necessary for Prop N to be implemented to combat the continued marginalization of immigrant communities through a rollback of rights, including their right to vote. Community members are informed through community-based organizations and Prop N is an opportunity to democratize San Francisco rather than a reactionary limitation that is collateral to Trump's attacks.*

*Current deportation defense protections through the SF Rapid Response Network and the Public Defender's office were fought for by community and we continue to remain dedicated to expanding these protections.*

**3. A fair and transparent implementation process ensures the vitality of our democracy**

*Prop N is a civil right for non-citizens in San Francisco guaranteed by popular ballot vote and we hope to be accountable to voters who supported the initiative. Prop N is a dynamic initiative that will lift the silence and ensure that we are honoring the political voice of San Francisco residents.*



Prop N 2018 Community Perspective One Pager

**4. Non-citizen suffrage is key to preserving fair representation in the upcoming school board elections**

*Non-citizens are taxpayers who contribute to the economic vitality of SFUSD and San Francisco and should have the power to decide the future of their children. More than one-third of current SFUSD enrollees are children of immigrant parents. Delaying implementation would be a form of disenfranchisement and significantly stall civic awareness and participation at the school board where working class parents can unique exercise their democratic voice.*

**5. Department of Elections should be tasked with implementing a fair and equitable election through a stand-alone ballot for non-citizen vote**

*With the signing of AB 918 (Bonta) on the state-level, the San Francisco Department of Elections must provide linguistically and culturally responsive voter outreach and engagement, which should include Prop N and related risk assessment.*

*SFUSD has been tasked with distributing absentee ballots by City Controller with the following:*

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition N:

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, there would be an additional cost, as estimated by the Department of Elections, of a minimum of \$160,000 per election to print and distribute voting materials, train poll workers and separately register people who would become eligible to vote in School Board elections. Should the election take place by absentee ballot only, which would require a subsequent ordinance by the Board, costs may be reduced to approximately \$110,000, in addition to any costs associated with registration processes.

The amendment would permit non-citizens 18 years of age or older who have children residing in the San Francisco Unified School District to vote in the elections for the School Board. The amendment would sunset on December 31, 2022, but could be extended by ordinance.<sup>[2]</sup>

1 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]

2 **Resolution supporting the memorialization of comfort women and other atrocities**  
3 **committed by the Japanese Imperial Army during the 2nd World War.**

4 WHEREAS, the Japanese Imperial Army committed countless atrocities across the Asian  
5 continent ranging from human experimentation by Unit 731 and Unit 100 of the Japanese military to  
6 massacres in Manila, Philippines and Nanjing, China to name a few<sup>[9,10,11,12]</sup>; and

7 WHEREAS, there were as many as 200,000 women and girls taken from occupied countries  
8 such as Korea, China, the Philippines, which constituted a majority of the comfort women population,  
9 and smaller groups originated from other Asian countries, and even places like Australia and the  
10 Netherlands, where they were used in brothels during World War II by the Japanese military<sup>[1]</sup>; and

11 WHEREAS, Tokyo refuses to admit atrocities committed in formerly-occupied countries and the  
12 events are not taught in their schools<sup>[8]</sup>; and

13 WHEREAS, the statue was created by Californian Steven Whyte<sup>[1]</sup>; and

14 WHEREAS, the statue depicts three young girls and a grandmother figure<sup>[1]</sup>; and

15 WHEREAS, it was first unveiled in St. Mary's Square on September 22nd, 2017<sup>[1]</sup>; and

16 WHEREAS, many comfort women survivors have passed away and only 35 South Korean  
17 victims are alive today, and many are running out of time for the reparations and apologies they so  
18 long seek<sup>[4,5]</sup>; and

19 WHEREAS, although in 1993 an apology was issued by Japan and a fund was created for the  
20 victims, the fund relied on private donors and was never fully accepted by the South Korean  
21 government<sup>[1,3]</sup>; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2015 South Korea and Japan came to an agreement that Japan would make an  
23 apology, and a promise of \$8.3 million dollars to a foundation used to care for the victim, and South  
24 Korea agreed to never criticize Japan over the issue again<sup>[1,3]</sup>; and  
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WHEREAS, the agreement has been criticized by activist groups as they were not consulted enough, and many Koreans want the decision reversed<sup>[1,5]</sup>; and

WHEREAS, survivors are still haunted by their experiences: “It was my first time and that experience really caused me so much pain... I cooked for and prepared the needs of Captain Sakuma in the morning, while at night he would lie beside me and forced me to make love with him. I did not put up any resistance every time he would have sex with me, because I was afraid of being hurt. After he was through, I would go to the [lavatory] and douche myself.” -Ma Fe Yabut Santillan, the Philippines<sup>[6]</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the survivors are not only psychologically tormented by their experiences, but some were physically harmed like having their uteruses removed<sup>[7]</sup>; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s sister city Osaka, Japan has threatened to sever ties with San Francisco over the statue, calling the issue “Japan-bashing” and “a one-sided view”<sup>[1,2]</sup>; and

WHEREAS, 40 statues dedicated to the same message of memorializing Japan’s wartime sex slaves have been erected in South Korea, and 10 in the United States including Virginia, New Jersey, and Southern California<sup>[1]</sup>; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the threats by San Francisco’s sister city Osaka will not deter the San Francisco Youth Commission from standing on the side of truth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Japanese government to recognize all atrocities committed by the Japanese Imperial Army during WWII; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission stands by the freedom to express oneself including through the use of art; and be it finally

1 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors  
2 and Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Mayor of Osaka to rethink his threats to sever ties with San  
3 Francisco and to resolve this through open dialogue between our sister cities.

4 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/21/why-japan-is-losing-its-battle-against-statues-of-colonial-era-comfort-women/?utm\\_term=.d06657d1d580](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/21/why-japan-is-losing-its-battle-against-statues-of-colonial-era-comfort-women/?utm_term=.d06657d1d580)<sup>[1]</sup>  
5 <http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/diplomacy/article/2113015/it-japan-bashing-osaka-may-sever-sister-city-ties-san-francisco><sup>[2]</sup>  
6 <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/29/world/asia/comfort-women-south-korea-japan.html?mcubz=1><sup>[3]</sup>  
7 <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/09/south-korea-world-longest-protest-comfort-women-170908024721239.html><sup>[4]</sup>  
8 <http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2017/05/30/529671510/not-all-south-koreans-satisfied-with-japans-apology-to-comfort-women><sup>[5]</sup>  
9 [http://maywespeak.com/?page\\_id=981](http://maywespeak.com/?page_id=981)<sup>[6]</sup>  
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11 <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-21226068><sup>[8]</sup>  
12 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/223038.stm><sup>[9]</sup>  
13 <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/02/world/japanese-veteran-writes-of-brutal-philippine-war.html?mcubz=1><sup>[10]</sup>  
14 <http://unit731.org/experiments/><sup>[11]</sup>  
15 <http://www.nytimes.com/1995/03/17/world/unmasking-horror-a-special-report-japan-confronting-gruesome-war-atrocity.html?pagewanted=all&mcubz=1><sup>[12]</sup>  
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1 [Resolution in support of Youth Justice Reform]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to set a goal for decarceration of**  
3 **transitional age youth and to create a task force to identify alternatives to incarceration for**  
4 **Transitional Aged Youth prior to the resolution of the future of 850 Bryant.**

5 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has previously passed a motion urging the Board and  
6 Mayor to hold a hearing on alternatives to incarceration on 4/3/17; and

7 WHEREAS, out of detention alternatives and Restorative Justice efforts have reduced the  
8 average daily incarcerated population amongst juveniles by over 37%; and

9 WHEREAS, During the same period of time juvenile related books were also reduced by over  
10 38% without an uptick in crime rates; and

11 WHEREAS, 22% of San Francisco's adult system cases are Transitional Aged Youth; and

12 WHEREAS, Transitional Aged Youth only represent 8% of the population of San Francisco;  
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14 WHEREAS, Research has demonstrated that young people's brains are still developing until  
15 the age of 25; and

16 WHEREAS, young adults 18-25 represent 25% of the county jail population, had the highest  
17 number of "bed days" of any age group in SF county jails and had the longest jail stays of any age  
18 group; and

19 WHEREAS, In light of aforementioned research the State of Vermont enacted a law which will  
20 raise the age of criminal responsibility to 21; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut has also introduced similar legislation; and

22 WHEREAS, The prison industry complex disproportionately affects low income communities of  
23 color; and  
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1 WHEREAS, In 2015, African Americans represented over 55% of the incarcerated populations  
2 while only 5.3% of the overall population; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco has prided itself on its historic values of diversity and equity; and

4 WHEREAS, the 85%of people incarcerated in San Francisco County jails are awaiting trial and  
5 have not been convicted; and

6 WHEREAS, the case bail system also disproportionately impacts low income communities of  
7 color; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recently eliminated its cash bail system to address these  
9 disparities, resulting in a 20% decrease in its prison population; and

10 WHEREAS, this legislation was supported by Gov. Chris Christie, the head of the Supreme  
11 Court, the state public defender, attorney general and a coalition of civil rights groups; and

12 WHEREAS, the esteemed Van Jones and other community leaders have declared a goal of a  
13 50% reduction rates in the next 10 years; and

14 WHEREAS, previous Restorative Justice and collaborative court models policy enacted to  
15 support juveniles and Transitional Aged Youth has demonstrated reduced costs and recidivism rates;  
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17 WHEREAS, the Young Adult Court, which began in 2015, has closed its doors to new cases  
18 three times in the last year due to capacity, and is expected to be immediately full again after  
19 expanding its services to a second court day in 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, the success with decarcerating younger teens, the pretrial jail population and  
21 disproportionate representation of TAY should alert us to an opportunity to find alternatives to  
22 incarceration for this population; and

23 WHEREAS, such opportunities for possible out of detention alternatives could include diversion  
24 or collaborative court options; changes to bail and pretrial detention policies for youth; examination of  
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1 felony charges for phone thefts; increasing TAY specific behavioral health services; and classifications  
2 of TAY held in county jails; and

3 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission unequivocally supports San Francisco Youth who are  
4 involved in the justice system; and

5 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission stands in solidarity with justice involved Youth in San  
6 Francisco to reform our justice system and expand alternatives to incarceration for young adults; and  
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission stands in solidarity with other social justice movements  
9 which impact Youth in San Francisco; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission stands in solidarity with communities of color to address  
11 the impacts of disproportionate targeting by the criminal justice system; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to rededicate  
13 efforts to reduce our incarcerated Transitional Aged Youth population by 50% in the next 10 years; and  
14 be it finally

15 RESOLVED, that the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to form a  
16 task force dedicated to finding alternatives to incarceration for Transitional Aged Youth.  
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**What:** The ideas lab is a community workshop to share ideas for improving our current assets and creating new ones.

**When:** Sunday, December 10 / 12–3pm

**Where:** Bayanihan Community Center  
1010 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

**Who:** All are welcome, including kids and families. Lunch and refreshments will be served!

**Why:** If you want to create a healthier community for future generations, please join us!

What would make  
South of Market a place  
where all kids and families  
can thrive?

Please join the Raising Places team for an ideas lab to share stories and brainstorm for our community!

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**The Raising Places team:** April Ang, Ada Chan, Chris Durazo, Theresa Imperial, Teresita Naval, Sandy Panopio, Raquel Redondiez, Jerome Reyes, Dyan Ruiz, Joseph Smooke, and Bernadette Sy

**Hosted by:** South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN)



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1. Tell me about the places you go outside to play, socialize, or gather?
2. Tell me about how you use the park?
3. How often do you come to the park?
4. How do you travel to the park?
5. How are these spaces occupied or not occupied by children, residents, or families?
6. How do you feel about the amount of accessible open space in SoMa?
7. Tell me about your vision of open space in SoMa/SF is there weren't any constraints?
8. How do you feel about open space both publicly and privately owned?
9. Do you think POPO's play an important role for SoMa residents?