



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, June 26, 2023
5:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Reese Terrell (D3), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyrone S. Hillman III (Mayoral), Safiyyah Mirza (Mayoral).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Vanessa Pimentel.

Absent: Steven Hum (excused), Raven Shaw (excused), Reese Terrell (excused), Yoselin Colin (excused), Yena Im (excused), Tyrone S. Hillman III (excused), Safiyyah Mirza (excused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on June 26, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 9 present, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Reese Terrell absent



Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller present
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish present
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Adair, motioned to excuse Commissioner Terrell, Commissioner Mirzah, and Commissioner Hillman. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye



Action: Commissioner Terrell, Mirzah, and Hillman's absence excused.

2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Director Garcia recommended tabling Item 6A, since Officer Shaw or Commissioner Hillman aren't present for their resolution. Commissioner Miller, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the amended June 26, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda without Item 6A. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Amended Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- a. June 5, 2023 (Packet Materials)



Commissioner Adair, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the June 5, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. Resolutions (discussion and action item)

- a. ~~[Gun Violence Prevention]~~ **Resolution advocating for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco to implement youth gun violence prevention, particularly in District 10** (First Reading and Possible Action Item)
i. ~~Presenters: Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Hillman~~

Item 6A tabled during approval of the agenda.

- b. [Bikes on Muni Metro] **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to repeal its policy of prohibiting**



nonfolding bicycles on Muni Metro light rail services and allow full-sized bicycles to be transported on Muni Metro trains (First Reading and Possible Action Item)

- i. Presenters: Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller introduced the resolution and went into its background information. He added that there is community interest in ensuring that bike riders can take their bikes onto the Muni light rail trains to ensure citywide access to alternative forms of transit.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer has several concerns: (1) why SFMTA implemented this policy in the first place; (2) safety measures that come along with having bikes on Muni. Commissioner Miller expanded that he can't explain the exact history of this policy being implemented, but gave his input as to how SFMTA's policy is an outlier compared to other transit agencies and doesn't have a ban on non-collapsible strollers. Commissioner Miller acknowledged Vice Chair Barker Plummer's concerns.

Chair Nguyen added that she supports this resolution and wants to see more bike riders across the city be connected via Muni light rail.

~~e. TAY LGBTQ Supporting Housing and Shelters~~

- ~~i. Presenters: Vice Chair Barker Plummer~~

Vice Chair Barker Plummer said the resolution in the supporting documents is not the correct resolution, and will therefore be tabling the item.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Listana, motioned to table Item 6C. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent



Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Item 6C tabled.

d. Vote16 Resolution

Vice Chair Barker Plummer introduced the resolution and read it aloud into the record. No questions or discussion.

e. Mental Health Resolution

Commissioner Pimentel read aloud the resolution into the record. They also added that there's still some portions of the language that need to be amended. Commissioner Miller added that there's been a very high amount of staff turnover at Lowell High School's wellness center, due to multiple reasons. Miller said that those positions are underpaid and overworked, which he would like to see be added to the resolution.

Officer Utting added her previous remarks from committee that she would like to see more detailed statistics that address the resolved portions of the resolution, since some of the data doesn't accurately reflect the resolved language.

f. School Safety Resolution

Vice Chair Barker Plummer and Officer Utting read the resolution aloud into the record. Commissioner Miller asked if there was a cost associated when SFUSD and SFPD had an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that there may have been a cost associated before since there was SFPD programming, but that this resolution does not include any restoration of SFPD programming with SFUSD. Officer Utting added that the MOU doesn't necessarily have costs associated or figures with the document, but that it is a legally-binding communications plan.



Commissioner Miller added that he is very skeptical of any type of established relationship between SFUSD and SFPD. Officer Utting added that it was SFUSD who said they wanted to ensure that students' rights are protected, not SFPD. Miller said he supports the safety infrastructure aspects to the resolution, but is very skeptical of the language about supporting a new MOU between SFPD and SFUSD, and says that it's necessary to look at the intersectionality of schools to determine if this is needed.

Chair Nguyen said she was confused about the explanation of the relationship between SFPD and SFUSD, and that they should include actual data and information that supports the need for a new MOU to be implemented. Officer Utting said there isn't a coalition supporting this move at this time, so they're restarting the conversation to hopefully spur further conversations in the future and to then include data in the resolution.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer and Officer Utting added that SFUSD has been unable to show their timeline to implement all of the safety infrastructure policy implementations, and stated that the increasing violence in schools is now affecting the surrounding communities as well. Chair Nguyen responded with her ongoing concern about the vagueness of the language, and that it can be more clear on exactly what relationship between SFUSD and SFPD should exist with more specifics.

Commissioner Adair said in regard to language stating that SFPD would be present on SFUSD campuses during "community building events and emergency situations", for them to specify what events and emergencies would be included.

Commissioner Pimentel said that it would be important to get more buy-in and youth community feedback to add to the resolution. Commissioner Miller also added that it would be very helpful to see proposed language of a potential MOU before the Youth Commission is asking for one, since that could have unintended consequences.

7. Letters/Motions (discussion and action item)

a. Support for Public Restrooms in the TL

- i. Presenter: Commissioner Miller and Vice Chair Barker Plummer

Commissioner Miller introduced the letter and motion regarding a fellow who presented a letter of support for public restrooms in the Tenderloin. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if the letter being presented is going to be signed-on by



other organizations, to which Commissioner Miller said they're not sure, but that he wants to give a platform to the youth who cares about his district.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to support the Letter of Support for Public Restrooms in the Tenderloin. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Letter of Support for Public Restrooms in the Tenderloin approved and signed onto.

b. Support for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

i. Presenter: Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller introduced the letter of support and spoke about the need to improve public transportation by supporting the implementation of bus only lanes in the Richmond District. Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to support the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.



Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Letter of Support for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project approved.

c. ACA 5 - Marriage Equality

- i. Presenter: Vice Chair Barker Plummer

Vice Chair Barker Plummer introduced the letter of support. Commissioner Anish, seconded by Commissioner Adair, motioned to approve the letter of support for ACA 5. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye



Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Letter of Support for ACA 5 approved.

Chair Nguyen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Barker Plummer at 6:29pm. Vice Chair Barker Plummer handed the gavel to Chair Nguyen at 6:33pm.

8. Legislation Referred (discussion and action item)

- a. File No. 230519: Hearing - Homeless and Supporting Housing's Strategic Plan** (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - i. Presenter: YC Staff/HRT

Commissioner Anish recalled some of the questions that were discussed at the HRT Committee meeting, and Commissioner Miller added other specifics on how to best respond to the hearing. These questions were regarding geographical access to shelter, quality of shelter, detailed specifics about their 5-year plan, etc. Specialist Zhan recommended adding these questions to the memo to ensure they're asked at the hearing.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anish, motioned to support the hearing with comments and questions added. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 9 ayes, 8 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell absent
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin absent
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye



Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im absent
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza absent
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: File No. 230519: Hearing - Homeless and Supporting Housing's Strategic Plan supported, with questions and comments attached.

9. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Specialist Zhan updated the Commissioners on one piece of referred legislation, since Officers Hum and Shaw are not present. Zhan thanked the Commissioners for doing public comment during today's Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if there was any update on the legislation he requested to be referred to regarding the Outside Lands festivals, which staff will connect with after the meeting.

Specialist Zhan said that Supervisor Melgar will be introducing their sexual assault task force language soon, and that the BOS is asking for the Youth Commission to bring out youth in support to do public comment.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Utting said they sent an email to ask for any advice to be given to future commissioners. Officer Listana said they've been on social media and working on transition sheets for the next COOs.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Barker Plummer gave brief updates on the previous Executive Committee meeting, and that there will be a bylaws conversation at the next Exec meeting to see what changes should be made.

b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee



Commissioner Anish gave brief updates of discussions and actions taken at the last HRT meeting.

c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Utting gave brief updates on the resolutions they've been working on the past few meetings.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Director Garcia said that the last Transformative Justice Committee meeting is going to be scheduled for July 10th, and that there's a few pieces of action still left to send to the full Commission. She'll also be working on preparing for next year's TJ committee.

e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Officer Listana gave brief updates on the resolutions they've been working on, and hope to still introduce at a future Youth Commission meeting.

10. Roll Call and Introductions

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission related activities.

- a. Presenters:: Commissioner Anish, Commissioner Utting, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Hum, Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Shaw, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Loftus

Commissioner Anish said that she started working on a letter of support for Proposition L for transit safety.

Commissioner Utting said that she has been working on the school safety resolution, along with Comms work.

Commissioner Miller said that he has been working on several letters of support and resolutions, but also has a few more actions he wants to introduce. He hopes to also do more advocacy before the end of the term.

Commissioner Hum is absent.

Commissioner Adair is interested in running for the remaining portion of the term for the LAO position, and that he's interested in working on bylaw amendments.



Commissioner Shaw is absent.

Commissioner Nguyen said she did public comment today for the budget, and she met with the Mayor to push YC priorities. She said she hopes to stay in the loop in regard to bylaw amendments, and that she's working with the Executive Committee and staff to plan the end of the year celebration.

Commissioner Loftus is absent.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No new legislation introduced. No discussion. No public comment.

11. Staff Report (discussion item)

Specialist Zhan has no updates. Specialist Ochoa said that staff just completed all of the interviews for the 2023/2024 Youth Commission application process.

Director Esquivel Garcia said this is our third-to-last meeting, she sent out a doodle poll for the remaining scheduled full Youth Commission meetings, and to let her know if the YC is still interested in a TAY housing tour. She added that she is sending an email for Commissioners to fill out staff performance responses.

No public comment.

12. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that there'll be a public announcement for the Housing For All legislation. Chair Nguyen asked if anyone is able to commit to the Sunday Streets in the Mission on July 30th, to which Commissioners Utting, Listana, and Miller confirmed .

No public comment.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:59pm.

1 [Gun Violence Prevention]

2 **Resolution advocating for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San**
3 **Francisco to implement youth gun violence prevention, particularly in District 10.**

4 WHEREAS, Gun violence has increasingly become a prevalent and detrimental
5 issue within the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, In the first six months of 2022, there were over 300 mass shootings
7 throughout the nation, rising to 647 shootings by the end of the year; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on underserved
9 communities in America, with Black Americans experiencing 10 times the gun
10 homicides than White Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Justice, in fact, 'U.S. residents are
12 128 times more likely to be killed by everyday gun violence than by international
13 terrorism; Black people specifically are 500 times more likely to die this way'; and

14 WHEREAS, Youth and transitional-aged youth are especially more prone to
15 being exposed to this kind of violence as in 2020, firearms became the leading cause of
16 death among children aged nineteen and below; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to this issue and is a microcosm of the
18 national data, particularly District 10, which is composed of some of the following
19 communities: Bayview Hunters Point, Portola, Visitacion Valley, and parts of Mission;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, District 10 has the largest proportion of residents aged 0-17, with
22 over 2x its residents identifying as Black or African American and 3.5x identifying as
23 Native American or other Pacific Islander; and

1 WHEREAS, In District 10 from 2014-2023, there were 48 gun violence victims
2 from the ages of 0-17 and 218 gun violence victims within that same period from the
3 ages of 18 - 24; and

4 WHEREAS, The months of September, February, and May, all of which are
5 school months, all statistically had the highest number of gun violence victims; and

6 WHEREAS, 67% of the gun violence victims from these respective ages were
7 identified to have been African American; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has been in America for many years, and it is
9 understood that the best way to reduce gun violence is to make buying a gun like
10 buying a car leading to gun violence being significantly reduced in America; and

11 WHEREAS, Although gun violence has had a massive effect on communities,
12 the recommendations to try to reduce gun violence (as aforementioned) are increasingly
13 becoming harder to utilize due to a focus on political agendas and less on public safety;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Due to the prominence of gun violence within D10, it is pertinent that
16 San Francisco break this national trend and focus more on public—and youth—safety
17 by establishing ways to keep students safe during school and after school hours; and
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
20 City and County of San Francisco to explore and implement the following possibilities in
21 order to keep high-risk youth safe from gun violence; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission implores the
23 City and County of San Francisco to consider investing in the Protecting Our Students

1 program, which is an AI software dedicated to saving student lives by identifying the
2 vulnerable aspects that are on school campuses, interior and exterior, and providing
3 recommendations for better improvement; and therefore be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
5 SFUSD to create after-school programs focused on academic and social enrichment to
6 grant students more opportunities to be in school and away from potential harming
7 situations after school; and therefore be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
9 SFUSD to create more wellness and mental health support around gun violence; for
10 instance, training counselors to become more adept at supporting youth who have
11 directly or indirectly experienced gun violence; and therefore be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges San
13 Francisco to provide grants to local nonprofits and CBOs such as United Playaz and
14 Gun x Gun, who are doing the frontline work to utilize gun violence prevention and
15 youth development within local communities; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
17 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
18 Supervisor, and San Francisco Unified School District.

[Permanent Supportive Housing Access for LGBTQ+ Youth]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to improve permanent supportive housing access for LGBTQ+ youth.

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately impacted by homelessness and insecure housing issues, and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong history of advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and has made remarkable progress in safeguarding and uplifting the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring the availability of permanent supportive housing (PSH) options specifically designed for LGBTQ+ TAY is crucial for their overall well-being, mental health, and smooth transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, On September 30th, 2022, California Governor Gavin Newsom officially declared the State of California a state of refuge for queer people fleeing the states of Texas, Idaho, Louisiana, and other states; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is known across the country and the world as a sanctuary for queer people; and

WHEREAS, Many refugees coming to San Francisco have been homeless for a short period of time, therefore not qualifying for PSH; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco LGBT Center, in order to qualify for PSH, a homeless individual has to have been living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide a temporary living arrangement, or with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car,

1 park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground for more than
2 seven days; and

3 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth experience specific needs when experiencing
4 homelessness and housing insecurity, such as family conflict caused by their sexual
5 orientation and/or gender identity, unsafe and/or unaffirming supportive housing, lack of
6 resources dedicated to serving LGBTQ+ youth, and more; and

7 WHEREAS, The 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) count from the Department of
8 Homelessness and Supportive Housing reported that 38% of unaccompanied youth
9 under the age of 25 in San Francisco are LGBTQ+; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the 2022 PIT count by the Department of
11 Homelessness and Supportive Housing, people of color, especially Black/African
12 American/African and Hispanic/Latinx people experience homelessness at a
13 disproportionate rate compared to their white counterparts; and

14 WHEREAS, A report by Chapin Hall of the University of Chicago in April 2018
15 reported that LGBTQ+ transitional-aged youth (TAY) are 120% times more likely to
16 experience homelessness compared to straight, cisgender TAY; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the aforementioned 2018 study, LGBTQ+ homeless
18 youth have twice the death rate of their non-LGBTQ+ peers; and

19 WHEREAS, A report by the Applied Survey Research firm in January 2022
20 reported that 38% of homeless people in San Francisco identity as LGBTQ+; and

21 WHEREAS, In order for homeless youth to be eligible for PSH, youth must take
22 the Adult Primary Assessment, where each question has an assigned score, and the

1 overall score decides whether an unhoused person is prioritized for placement in
2 permanent housing; and

3 WHEREAS, The range that youth must score to qualify for prioritization is
4 between 123 points and 160 points on the Adult Primary Assessment, which is the
5 same range used for adults; and

6 WHEREAS, Many questions on the assessment are targeted towards adults who
7 have a long history of homelessness; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco LGBT Center, the vast majority of
9 youth who seek assistance from the center have often been unhoused for less than a
10 week; and

11 WHEREAS, Young people by definition are less likely to have a history of
12 homelessness, reducing their need score and limiting access to supportive housing; and

13 WHEREAS, Due to young people being assessed on the same level as adults
14 while not having extensive experience with homelessness, they often don't qualify for
15 permanent housing and remain homeless/in shelters or other supportive housing; and

16 WHEREAS, The Adult Primary Assessment also does not take into account
17 demographic information, including gender identity, sexuality, racial/ethnic identity, etc;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Due to this, the Adult Primary Assessment lacks LGBTQ+ cultural
20 competency by failing to consider the disproportionate amount of queer people,
21 especially young people, who are homeless due to being LGBTQ+; and

1 WHEREAS, The Adult Primary Assessment also fails to consider the inequities
2 that TAY people of color face that leads to a disproportionate amount of homeless youth
3 of color; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco is responsible for establishing a secure and
5 welcoming environment for all residents, including individuals that belong to the
6 LGBTQ+ community; and therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and
8 County of San Francisco to create a housing placement assessment specifically for
9 transitional-aged youth (ages 18-24 years); and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
11 City and County of San Francisco to change the determining factors on the Adult
12 Primary Assessment or any assessment later created for transitional-aged youth to shift
13 focus from tracking individuals extensive history of homelessness to measuring the
14 recent experiences of those who are assessed; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
16 City and County of San Francisco to add demographic-related questions to assist with
17 determining placement in permanent supportive housing on the current Adult Primary
18 Assessment regarding gender identity, sexual orientation, racial/ethnic identity; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
20 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to include youth input and
21 feedback, and to do so in collaboration with the Youth Commission during the decision-
22 making process, as they adjust their assessment(s); and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff is
2 directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
3 Supervisors, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and the
4 Homelessness Oversight Commission.

1 [Shelter Conditions for LGBTQ+ Transitional Aged Youth]

2 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to improve conditions for**
3 **LGBTQ+ Transitional Aged Youth in temporary shelters and permanent**
4 **supportive housing.**

5 WHEREAS, Harassment and violence against LGBTQ+ people, particularly
6 youth and transgender and gender non-conforming people, in temporary shelters and
7 permanent supportive housing is a consistent problem and barrier to transitional aged
8 youth seeking homelessness services; and

9 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness are at a higher risk of
10 experiencing violence, discrimination, and mental health issues; and

11 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are seven times more likely to be a victim of a crime
12 than non-LGBTQ+ youth; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff at youth homeless shelters often lack training and
14 understanding of LGBTQ+ identities and experiences, which leads to misgendering and
15 failures to address the specific needs of LGBTQ+ youth; and

16 WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) in San Francisco's
17 temporary shelters and permanent supportive housing are disproportionately affected
18 by inadequate conditions and lack of tailored support; and,

19 WHEREAS, Transgender teens are often assigned to beds according to their sex
20 assigned at birth rather than their gender, maximizing the likelihood of harassment and
21 physical or sexual assault; and

1 WHEREAS, Transgender youth face barriers when trying to obtain housing due
2 to lack of appropriate identification documents, and lack of resources to obtain these
3 documents; and

4 WHEREAS, The prevalence of violence and discrimination faced by LGBTQ+
5 TAY exacerbates mental health issues and contributes to a higher risk of victimization;
6 and,

7 WHEREAS, According to the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner's
8 Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Transgender TAY
9 encounter significant barriers in obtaining appropriate housing due to difficulties in
10 obtaining identification documents that align with their gender identity, exacerbated by
11 limited resources to address this issue; and,

12 WHEREAS, Further, the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner's
13 Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity states that it is evident
14 that the lack of LGBTQ+ cultural competency among staff at youth homeless shelters
15 contributes to misgendering and an inadequate understanding of the unique needs and
16 experiences of LGBTQ+ TAY; and,

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District tallied 2,061 students as
18 experiencing homelessness in the 2021-2022 academic year, self-reported by their
19 families, and in its count, the District included students living in SROs or doubled up
20 with other families, and

21 WHEREAS, Of the 2,090 homeless students in the 2020-2021 academic year,
22 44% were Latino, 24% were Chinese, 14% were Black, and 4.7% were Filipino, and

1 WHEREAS, Of the over 620 immigrant students to arrive in SFUSD in 2022, over
2 80% are asylum seekers looking for a place to live, and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a responsibility to ensure safe and inclusive
4 environments for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or
5 expression; and,

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong history of advocating for LGBTQ+ rights
7 and has made significant strides in protecting and supporting the LGBTQ+ community;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, It is crucial to address the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ TAY in
10 temporary shelters and permanent supportive housing, as these individuals are
11 particularly vulnerable to discrimination, harassment, and violence; and,

12 WHEREAS, Providing safe and inclusive housing options for LGBTQ+ TAY is
13 essential for their overall well-being, mental health, and successful transition into
14 adulthood; and,

15 WHEREAS, Research by the Homelessness Policy Research Institute has
16 shown that LGBTQ+ TAY who have access to supportive housing and services
17 experience better outcomes, including increased stability, improved mental health, and
18 a higher likelihood of obtaining employment or pursuing education; and,

19 WHEREAS, Research by the Homelessness Policy Research Institute has
20 shown that other cities and communities have successfully implemented policies and
21 programs to improve conditions for LGBTQ+ TAY in shelters and housing, serving as
22 models for San Francisco's efforts; and,

1 WHEREAS, Community organizations, advocacy groups, and LGBTQ+ service
2 providers have expressed concerns about the current state of conditions for LGBTQ+
3 TAY in temporary shelters and permanent supportive housing in San Francisco; and
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and
6 County of San Francisco to improve the culture and conditions of temporary shelters
7 and permanent supportive housing for acceptance and support for LGBTQ+ Transitional
8 Aged Youth; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
10 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to provide mandatory training to
11 staff members to ensure they are well educated on LGBTQ+ youth issues and needs;
12 and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
14 Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to incorporate youth input and
15 feedback, and do so in consultation with the Youth Commission, to improve temporary
16 shelter and permanent supportive housing conditions for LGBTQ+ transitional aged
17 youth; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
19 directed to send copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
20 Supervisors, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and the
21 Homelessness Oversight Commission.

[Memorandum of Understanding Between SFUSD and SFPD]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District to support the creation of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Police Department.

WHEREAS, In June 2020, the San Francisco Board of Education voted to not renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), severing formal and legally enforceable agreements between SFUSD and SFPD; and

WHEREAS, This MOU included formally written agreements on issues related to cooperation between SFUSD and SFPD staff, SFPD community outreach, school staff procedure for requesting police assistance, SFUSD providing SFPD training on youth development, restorative justice practices, and understanding school culture, and SFPD providing SFUSD training on crisis response and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission held a hearing on May 15, 2023 “to discuss and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure at SFUSD school sites”, with SFUSD and SFPD reporting, where SFUSD’s Director of Planning, Preparedness, and Prevention Greg Markwith and SFPD Acting Commander Arran Pera confirmed that they hold weekly liaison meetings and “sometimes daily conversations” with other officers, but lack a formal written nor legally enforceable agreement on the relationship between SFUSD and SFPD; and

WHEREAS, At the aforementioned hearing, SFPD Acting Commander Arran Pera stated they believed it was better to have a written agreement; and

1 WHEREAS, At the aforementioned hearing, SFUSD's Director of Planning,
2 Preparedness, and Prevention Greg Markwith stated their greatest concern was making
3 sure student rights were observed, and emphasized the role SFPD has played in
4 ensuring that; and

5 WHEREAS, the ACLU of Northern California has a "Model MOU between School
6 District and Police Department" from 2016 that includes, but is not limited to,
7 agreements on offenses police officers versus school administrators should be involved,
8 officer entry on campus, student questioning on campus, qualifications of department
9 officers who may respond to calls from the school district, training and distribution of the
10 MOU, and required reports from the police department on responses to schools; and
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests a new
13 Memorandum of Understanding between SFUSD and SFPD to ensure that their current
14 working relationship is upheld to ensure adequate safety measures and plans are in
15 place and student rights are respected when police are involved, and that this new
16 Memorandum of Understanding not include police presence at school sites as a matter
17 of regular policy (not including community building events and emergency situations);
18 and therefore be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests
20 this new Memorandum of Understanding be modeled after the "Model MOU between
21 School District and Police Department" from the ACLU of Northern California (2016),
22 and include SFUSD students, families, teachers, school administrators, and other key
23 stakeholders input in the process.

[Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 Years of Age]

Resolution requesting the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to place a Charter Amendment to lower the legal voting age in San Francisco municipal and school district elections on the November 2024 Election ballot.

WHEREAS, Allowing 16 and 17 year-olds the right to vote would engage and empower a whole new generation of people in the democratic process and instill the value of civic engagement and voting in young people; and

WHEREAS, Allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to vote would demonstrate the value of their voices, opinions, and lived experiences to the democratic process, and add a greater diversity of voices to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, Teens, in San Francisco and across the country, have engaged in political issues like climate action, gun safety policies, LGBTQ+ rights and protections, safe street design, reproductive healthcare rights, and more through protests, social media campaigns, lobbying elected officials, volunteering/working on political campaigns, and serving on public bodies, showing there is major political engagement and opinions from teens; and

WHEREAS, The Participatory Budgeting process utilized by Supervisors Norman Yee and Myrna Melgar, which allows residents to democratically determine budget priorities, has allowed 16 and 17 year old District 7 residents to vote, showing the value of their views and opinions when it comes to spending city funds; and

WHEREAS, By age 16, youth have developed the intellectual maturity for measured, non-rushed, and sufficient decision-making skills (i.e. "cold cognition")

1 needed for making responsible voting choices, according to research published by the
2 American Psychological Association; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Research Center, countries such as
4 Argentina, Austria, and Germany, that have (at least partial) voting rights for 16 and 17
5 year-olds, all outrank the United States in voter turnout; and

6 WHEREAS, Youth voter turnout in the United States hit historic highs in the
7 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections, with some of the highest participation rates for people
8 aged 18-29 since the voting age was lowered to 18, showing Generation Z is more
9 politically active and engaged than previous generations; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon turning 16 or 17, young people are legally able to drive, work,
11 pay taxes, be charged adult criminal charges, enlist in the military, and yet are denied
12 the right to vote; and

13 WHEREAS, Research shows that allowing young people to vote at earlier ages
14 increases voter turnout in future elections and further stimulate interest in getting more
15 involved in local government affairs; and,

16 WHEREAS, Research further shows that voting while still attending school
17 encourages making voting and electoral engagement to become a habit, and

18 WHEREAS, Vote16USA is a national campaign, organized by Generation
19 Citizen, that aims to support efforts to extend voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds on
20 the local level, help start new local campaigns, and elevate the issue's prominence on a
21 national level; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2005, resolutions adopted by both the San Francisco Youth
23 Commission (Resolution No. 0405-013) and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

(File No. 051215) supported expanding suffrage to citizens of 16 years and older in City and County of San Francisco elections (Vote16); and

WHEREAS, Berkeley voters passed Measure Y1 in 2016, which lowered the voting age to 16 for Berkeley Unified School District elections, showing support for Vote16 in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park, Maryland became the first municipality in the United States to reduce its legal voting age to 16 years of age in May 2013, and in the following election voter turnout for newly enfranchised voters aged 16 and 17 was 44%, while overall voter turnout was just 11%; and

WHEREAS, The Scottish Government allowed 16 and 17 year olds to vote in the 2014 Independence Referendum, as well as in Scottish Parliament elections, and this resulted in over 90% of Scottish 16 and 17 year olds registering to vote in the referendum; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution No. 1617-AL-05 which supported California Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10, proposing to reduce the minimum voting age in California elections to 17; and,

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2016, for the first time ever, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Youth Commission held a joint Committee of the Whole hearing on putting Vote16 on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, 9 out of 11 San Francisco Supervisors voted to put Vote16 onto the ballot, which became Proposition F, but lost by the close margin of 2.1% in the 2016 election; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2019, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution
2 No. 1819-AL-1, urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco's
3 legal voting age to 16 in municipal and school district elections, reaffirming the Youth
4 Commission's support for Vote16; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2020, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously voted
6 to put Vote16 on to the ballot, which became Proposition G, but lost by less than 1% in
7 the 2020 election; and

8 WHEREAS, Proposition G gathered support and endorsements from a wide
9 range of elected and appointed leaders, political organizations, and individuals,
10 including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, California Senator Scott Wiener, then-
11 Assemblymember David Chiu, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Mayor London Breed, all
12 then-Supervisors, all then-Board of Education Commissioners, the San Francisco
13 Democratic Party, the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, the United
14 Democratic Club, the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, the Harvey Milk LGBTQ
15 Democratic Club, the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club, the San Francisco
16 Young Democrats, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, San Francisco League of
17 Conservation Voters, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research
18 Association (SPUR), and newspapers the San Francisco Examiner and the Bay
19 Guardian; and

20 WHEREAS, According to Section 4.124 of the San Francisco Charter, the Youth
21 Commission is tasked with identifying and proposing solutions to address the unmet
22 needs and concerns of the youth of San Francisco, and

1 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission believes that young people's ability to
2 engage in electoral processes that directly impact their livelihood is a unmet need; and
3 so be it

4 RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission reaffirms its commitment in
5 advocating for the expansion of voting rights to youth aged 16-17 year olds in municipal
6 and school district elections, and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and
8 Board of Supervisors to prepare a charter amendment to relevant sections of the San
9 Francisco Charter allowing citizens of 16 years of age and older to vote and register in
10 municipal and school district elections held in the City and County of San Francisco.

11

1 [Support for Increasing funding for Wellness Centers in San Francisco Public Schools]
2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the**
3 **San Francisco Unified School District to increasing funding for wellness**
4 **programs, resources, outreach, and education in San Francisco public schools,**
5 **including more professional development for school staff on wellness practices**
6 **and frameworks such as healing-centered care, and youth-anchored Peer-to-Peer**
7 **Counseling**

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Wellness Initiative was launched to improve the
9 health and well-being of all San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, Wellness centers were implemented in SFUSD schools to provide
12 mental and physical health care services available to all SFUSD students, therefore
13 enhancing students' feelings of safety and belonging; and,

14 WHEREAS, In the 2006-2007 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities
15 Report, the Youth Commission advocated for the expansion and funding of SFUSD
16 wellness centers to the city's middle and high schools, as well as the preservation of
17 mental health programs and the use of add-backs to hire more wellness center staff in
18 the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities Reports;
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, A 2020 KidsData survey found that 30.2% of Black SFUSD students
21 in grades 7, 9, and 11 experienced depression-related feelings, along with 29.7% of
22 Hispanic/Latino students, and 22.4% of Asian students; and,

1 WHEREAS, These disparities only increased with the COVID-19 pandemic in
2 2020; and,

3 WHEREAS, Pandemic school closures deprived students from seeing
4 classmates, and being a part of organizations, teams, and programs which offered them
5 joy and purpose; and,

6 WHEREAS, Following the pandemic, SFUSD publicly committed to supporting
7 students' mental health and wellness, as well as increasing access to health and
8 wellness services for middle school students; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission recognizes the need for a larger investment
10 in mental health services coming out of the pandemic; and,

11 WHEREAS, Many SFUSD students presently do not have access to wellness
12 centers for a variety of reasons, including a lack of diverse representation and a
13 disconnect between services and students, as students do not feel comfortable
14 accessing the wellness centers; and

15 WHEREAS, A 2020 survey published by K12 Dive reports that Black students
16 are the least likely to report having a trusted adult at school and the most likely to claim
17 that their school mental health professional cannot understand their situation due to
18 racial or ethnic differences; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey (of nearly 1000
20 SFUSD students) found that the SFUSD wellness centers currently do not meet the
21 cultural and linguistic needs of its students and families; and,

22 WHEREAS, According to the Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey,
23 students often do not want their parents to know they are meeting with a school

counselor, and are concerned that school staff will treat them differently or provide them with fewer opportunities at school; and,

WHEREAS, The Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey showed that 36% of lesbian and gay students reported that concerns about family and friends finding out about their mental health issues barred them from accessing the wellness centers; and,

WHEREAS, Peer-to-peer counseling is a form of support that involves trained students providing counseling and assistance to their peers within the school community; and,

WHEREAS, Peer-to-peer counseling programs have shown to be effective in promoting mental health, reducing stigma, and providing accessible support to students facing various challenges; and,

WHEREAS, Implementing youth-anchored peer-to-peer counseling in San Francisco public schools can enhance the mental health support available to students, particularly those who may feel more comfortable seeking help from their peers; and,

WHEREAS, Peer-to-peer counseling programs can foster a sense of connection, empathy, and understanding among students, leading to a more inclusive and supportive school environment; and,

WHEREAS, Healing-centered care is an essential framework that prioritizes the holistic well-being of individuals, acknowledging their experiences and trauma, and fostering resilience and growth through culturally competent and community-oriented approaches; and,

1 WHEREAS, Healing-centered care emphasizes the importance of creating safe
2 and supportive spaces for students, promoting emotional and mental well-being, and
3 addressing systemic inequities that impact the health of marginalized communities; and,

4 WHEREAS, Integrating healing-centered care into wellness programs in San
5 Francisco public schools can lead to more effective and culturally responsive mental
6 health support for students, particularly those from underserved and diverse
7 backgrounds; and,

8 WHEREAS, there is a significant issue of staff turnover at San Francisco Public
9 schools, with positions being underpaid and overworked, negatively impacting the
10 stability and continuity of wellness programs and services provided to SFUSD students;
11 and,

12 WHEREAS, retaining experienced and qualified staff is crucial for the effective
13 implementation and long-term success of wellness centers in SFUSD schools; and,

14 WHEREAS, addressing the issue of underpaid and overworked positions is
15 essential for creating a healthier and more supportive environment for both staff and
16 students; and,

17 WHEREAS, investing in staff well-being and providing competitive compensation
18 will attract and retain dedicated professionals committed to supporting the mental and
19 physical health needs of SFUSD students and therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of
21 San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the San Francisco Unified
22 School District to increase existing funding for wellness programs, resources, outreach,
23 and education in San Francisco public schools, including professional development for

1 school staff on wellness practices and frameworks such as healing-centered care and
2 youth-anchored peer-to-peer counseling; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
4 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
5 Education to ensure a more culturally and linguistically appropriate wellness center staff
6 and services; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
8 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
9 Education to expand access to wellness centers to all SFUSD schools, including middle
10 and high schools; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
12 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
13 Education to research the disparity between schools in access to wellness programs
14 and resources, with the goal of reducing inequity across San Francisco public schools;
15 and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
17 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
18 Education to address the issue of high staff turnover in San Francisco Public Schools,
19 particularly in wellness centers, by advocating for increased compensation and
20 improved working conditions for school staff, recognizing that these positions are
21 currently underpaid and overworked; and be it

- 1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Youth Commission staff are directed to transmit
- 2 copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Department of
- 3 Children, Youth, and Their Families, and the Board of Education.

[School Safety Investments at SFUSD]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District to release a timeline for the installation of critical school safety measures and provide funding for the installation of school safety measures.

WHEREAS, Schools have become a common target for gun violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 176 instances of gunfire at school sites in the United States with 57 people killed and 148 people injured; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 15 instances of gunfire at school sites in California with 3 people killed and 15 injuries; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) has responded 790 violent crime incidents at San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) school sites since 2013, averaging 77 instances per year, and when pandemic year outliers are removed, averaging 89 instances per year; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 3205, passed and signed into law in 2018, requires that any school modernization project using money from the state's school facility bond program include installing Security Locksets if they are not already present, building on 2010 legislation (AB 211) requiring these locks in all newly built schools; and

1 WHEREAS, While the installation of Security Locksets is covered by current bond
2 funds, funding for other infrastructure such as updated public announcement systems,
3 remote buzzers, and security cameras have not yet been allocated by SFUSD; and

4 WHEREAS, These safety measures are currently dependent on the passage of
5 the next general obligation bond; and

6 WHEREAS, Plans to install Security Locksets in all SFUSD schools have been
7 repeatedly delayed; and

8 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission held a hearing on May 15, 2023 “to discuss
9 and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure
10 at SFUSD school sites”, with SFUSD and SFPD reporting, in which SFUSD could not
11 confirm a complete timeline or adequate funding for the installation of updated working
12 public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the Mayor and
14 Board of Supervisors urge the San Francisco Unified School District to provide clear
15 timelines on the installation of critical school safety measures in schools, including
16 public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the
18 Mayor and Board of Supervisors to work with the San Francisco Unified School District
19 to secure funding for the installation of these critical school safety measures.

[Bikes on Muni Metro]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to repeal its policy of prohibiting non-folding bicycles on Muni Metro light rail services and allow full-sized bicycles to be transported on Muni Metro trains.

WHEREAS, The SFMTA operates Muni, San Francisco’s public transit service which includes several light rail lines commonly known as “Muni Metro”; and

WHEREAS, Muni Metro provides fast and frequent service to many San Francisco neighborhoods including service through tunnels under some of San Francisco’s steepest hills including Twin Peaks and Buena Vista Heights; and

WHEREAS, Bike network routes comparable to Muni Metro routes are highly inadequate; for example, Portola Drive’s bike lanes which parallel the Twin Peaks Metro Tunnel are on a steep grade and offer no physical protection from 35-mile-per-hour traffic, and Kirkham Slow Street which parallels the N Judah Metro route was removed in late 2022; and

WHEREAS, Allowing bicycles on public transit has many benefits including increasing public transit accessibility and ridership by providing a convenient way to get to and from public transit, in addition to expanding access for cyclists who may not be able to cycle for their entire trip due to distance or elevation; and

WHEREAS, Muni Metro currently only permits folding bicycles which severely limits its accessibility to people biking; and

WHEREAS, Muni Metro’s bike policy is an industry outlier with every other bay area rail transit operator, including Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Sonoma Marin Area

1 Rail Transit (SMART), Capitol Corridor, Caltrain, and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE),
2 which all allow full-size bikes onboard; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, rail transit operators with similar
4 operating conditions including those underground stations such as Seattle Link Light
5 Rail, crowding such as the New York City Subway, and high floor trains such as Denver
6 RTD all have policies that allow full-size bikes onboard; and

7 WHEREAS, Calgary CTrain which operates the same model light rail vehicles as
8 Muni Metro allowed bikes on its trains at off-peak times, and as of May 2022 expanded
9 bicycle access to all hours of service even as ridership reached pre-pandemic levels;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Overcrowding is typically cited as a reason against allowing full-
12 sized bicycles on Muni Metro, however according to SFMTA director Jeffery Tumlin,
13 Muni Metro ridership recovery has lagged compared to bus ridership following the
14 COVID-19 pandemic with some lines such as the J Church seeing only 55% of pre-
15 pandemic ridership, freeing space for bicycles; now therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of
17 San Francisco calls on the SFMTA to repeal its policy of prohibiting full-size bicycles
18 from being brought on the Muni Metro system and allow full-sized bicycles on Muni
19 Metro trains when in the rider and operator's best judgment, there is sufficient space to
20 safely accommodate them.

Motion to Support Supervisor Melgar’s Prop L Letter - Top Priorities for Transit

Safety in District 7

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the right to safe, sustainable, and successful transportation networks within D7; and,

WHEREAS, according to the SFUSD 2019-2020 Travel Tally Survey, 59.2% of SFUSD 9th graders used public transportation to get to or from school showing youth in San Francisco depend heavily on public transit and its efficiency, accessibility, and safety; and,

WHEREAS, use of the limited public street and sidewalk space encourages the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and strives to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan identified near-term actions needed to re-shape the region’s transit system into a more connected, more efficient, and more user-focused mobility network across the entire Bay Area and beyond..”; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco also has a mode shift goal in which the City will shift 80% of trips to sustainable travel choices by 2030. The more people walking and biking on safe streets in San Francisco—getting health benefits from physical activity, cleaner air, and less traffic noise—helps makes the city and streets safer for everyone; and

WHEREAS, from 2018 to 2022 there have been 115 traffic-related fatalities, this includes fatalities of people who walk, bike, drive, or ride public transit; and,

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters passed Proposition L in 2022 to further invest
2 in transit networks as another sign of the City's end goal of safer streets for pedestrians
3 and the need to progress on transit goals, and therefore be it

4 THEREFORE BE MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission supports
5 the District 7 Transit Safety Priorities: A protected bike lane on Junipero Serra,
6 connecting to Portola through St. Francis Circle to Market Street and on Market Street
7 from Portola Drive to Douglass Street, thus connecting SFSU and the South West side
8 of San Francisco to Downtown, Traffic calming on Kirkham Avenue, Safety
9 improvements at Hearst Avenue & Baden Street, Ocean Avenue and Granada Avenue
10 pedestrian safety investments, Traffic calming on Teresita Boulevard, Lighted crosswalk
11 on Yerba Buena Avenue & Casitas Avenue, Speed reduction on Brotherhood Way, Bike
12 route from 7th Avenue to Golden Gate Park through Inner Sunset, Bike racks and bike
13 cages at West Portal and Forest Hill MUNI stations, Pedestrianization and transit
14 prioritization on Irving Street between 7th and 9th Avenues; and be it,

15 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission Staff shall send a Letter of
16 Support for the District 7 Transit Safety Priorities to the San Francisco County
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