

SF Youth Commission



ANNUAL REPORT:

REVIEW OF YEAR 2015-16

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OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends & Community,

We are thrilled to be celebrating our 20th year of advising and advocacy for local policies that directly and positively impact the lives of youth. Each year, cohort after cohort, seventeen compassionate and courageous youth have taken the duties laid out in charter section 4.124 to heart and set out to advise City decision-makers on the unmet needs of young San Franciscans. We are grateful for the trust San Franciscans placed in this body and in the power of young people when they originally voted to establish a Youth Commission over twenty years ago.

San Francisco has never been a city in stasis, but rather, has been characterized by ongoing transformations throughout its history. With change, comes both risk and opportunity. Young San Franciscans are endeavoring to express what opportunities and support they need in order to weather these ongoing changes and ensure the wellbeing of generations to come. Through collaborative efforts with government officials, city departments, community based-organizations, and youth from across the City, the San Francisco Youth Commission seeks to build a bridge across the gaps between young people and their local government. And it is through those collaborations that youth commissioners have crafted thirteen budget and policy priorities for 2015-16 that we believe contribute to a vision of just progress for San Francisco's young people.

Whether it's addressing the unmet needs of undocumented youth and their families, children with incarcerated parents, homeless youth, youth seeking employment opportunities, transitionally-aged youth striving to make a successful transition into adulthood, or young people seeking to increase their impact in civic affairs, the San Francisco Youth Commission strives to identify, propose, and bring to fruition those policies and innovations that will truly improve the lives of youth.

With commitment to creating the spaces that allow youth to contribute to the betterment of our city and gratitude in our hearts, we extend our thanks for your partnership, support, and unwavering faith in the power of young people to make change.

Yours In Service,

2015-2016 San Francisco Youth Commission



ABOUT US

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

History

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

Purpose & Duties

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

WHO WE ARE:



JILLIAN WU
District 1

Vice-chair,
Youth Commission

Member,
Civic Engagement
Committee

Fun Fact: Jillian served on the National League of Cities' Youth Council this year!



LILY MARSHALL-FRICKER
District 2

Member,
Housing,
Environment, & City
Services Committee

Fun Fact:
Lily is the longest serving Youth Commissioner. Her first term was in 2008-09.



ERICA KONG
District 3

Vice-chair,
Housing, Environment,
& City Services
Committee

Fun Fact:
Erica flew by herself from China to the United States at age 7.



STEPHANIE LI
District 4

Vice-chair,
Economic Justice &
Immigration
Committee

Fun Fact:
Stephanie enjoys writing articles, short stories, and poems in her free time.



CRIS PLUNKETT
District 5

Legislative Affairs
Officer

Member,
Housing, Environment,
& City Services
Committee

Fun Fact:
Cris taught himself how to ride a bicycle.



ANNA HE
District 6

Media & Outreach
Officer

Member,
Civic Engagement
Committee

Fun Fact:
Anna has a healthy obsession with grizzly bears.

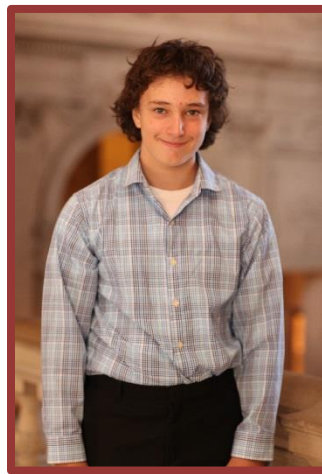


JESSICA CALDERON
District 7

**Media & Outreach
Officer**

**Co-chair,
Youth Justice
Committee**

Fun Fact:
Jessica owns a Luna
Lovegood wand. When she
marathon watches Harry
Potter she uses her wand to
say all the spells.



NOAH DAVID
District 8

**Vice-chair,
Civic Engagement
Committee**

Fun Fact:
Noah's two favorite
hobbies are fishing and
Magic: the gathering.



GIOVANNA SOTO
District 9

**Chair,
Housing, Environment,
& City Services
Committee**

Fun Fact:
Giovanna missed an
opportunity to meet Monica
Lewinsky. Instead she
fulfilled her duty as a
commissioner and attended
a full Commission meeting.



CECILIA GALEANO
District 10

**Co-chair,
Youth Justice
Committee**

Fun Fact: Cecilia is an
alum of Project WHAT
where she helped lead
youth participatory action
research!



WILLIAM JUAREZ
District 11

**Chair,
Economic Justice &
Immigration
Committee**

Fun Fact:
While he usually wears
black, William's favorite
color is pink.



LUIS AVALOS-NUNEZ
Mayoral Appointee

Chair,
Youth Commission

Member,
Economic Justice &
Immigration Committee

Fun Fact:
Luis was a competitive swimmer.



ANNA BERNICK
Mayoral Appointee

Chair,
Civic Engagement
Committee

Fun Fact:
Anna is a fan of the British double act Ant & Dec. She can catch her reading their book prior to youth commission meetings.



HATIM MANSORI
Mayoral Appointee

Member,
Youth Justice Committee

Fun Fact:
Hatim will be attending Morehouse College, a historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the fall.



JARRETT MAO
Mayoral Appointee

Member,
Housing,
Environment, & City
Services Committee

Fun Fact:
Among his friends, Jarrett is known for his intense, villain-like laugh. He also refuses to play Pokémon Go.



MADELEINE MATZ
Mayoral Appointee

Member,
Economic Justice &
Immigration Committee

Fun Fact: Madeleine knits!



GRACE PATING
Mayoral Appointee

Member,
Youth Justice
Committee

Fun Fact:
Grace enjoys skiing with her family, fashion design, traveling, and making music.

STAFF & INTERNS

ADELE FAILES-CARPENTER, DIRECTOR

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

LEAH LaCROIX, COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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

KIELY HOSMON, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION

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

FORMER STAFF AND OFFICE INTERNS

Thank you to all of the interns and former YC staff whose work throughout the year really was an invaluable asset to our daily operations in 2015-2016. We appreciate you Allen Lu (staff) and Monica Guzman (staff); and interns Carshell Green (Leadership), and Sharon Wong (Wallenberg)!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair: Anna Bernick; Vice Chair: Noah David
Members: Anna He, Jillian Wu

Our main priority as the Civic Engagement Committee was working on Vote16, an initiative that would grant 16 and 17 year olds the ability to vote in San Francisco municipal elections. The idea for Vote16 was conceived in the summer of 2014 when it was shown that the upcoming election's ballot measures were primarily affecting youth who unfortunately couldn't vote on these measures. After much research conducted by youth Commission alum, Joshua Cardenas, and a local young advocate, Oliver York, Commissioner Cardenas introduced a resolution detailing why the City and County of San Francisco should lower its voting age to include 16 and 17 year olds. The commission adopted the resolution in February 2015. Since then, this committee has continued working to gain support for this sound policy idea. This year, we earned three monumental victories!

Victories

Vote16 Youth Empowerment Academy: Vote16 Youth Empowerment Academy or Vote16 YEA was created in association with Generation Citizen to allow other youth outside of the Youth Commission to participate in, and learn from, this effort. Generation Citizen hired Araceli "Celi" Tamayo Lee, a fierce advocate and former student delegate on the Board of Education! Celi worked with our committee to hold two skill-building retreats for new advocates in early 2016. YEA members were able to gain skills in public speaking, community organizing, facilitating, power analysis, and outreach strategies. The approximately 2- youth working with YEA also organized several rallies, press events, trainings, and presentations.

Support from elected leaders and community organizations: Throughout the term, Vote16 has gained support from both elected leaders and community organizations. Among them were our state legislators Assemblymember David Chiu, Senator Mark Leno, and Assemblymember Phil Ting. YEA organized youth to turn out to a Board of Education meeting, winning unanimous support for Vote16. They also secured unanimous support from the CCSF Board of Trustees, the San Francisco Democratic Party, and nearly a dozen community organizations! Thank you to all of the supporters of this effort!

Board of Supervisors places Vote16 on the ballot: After over a year since its introduction to the Youth Commission in January 2015, and a great deal of work presenting to organizations and persuading others to get on board with the initiative, we finally saw the Board vote to pass this on to voters! May 3, 2016 was historic for the Youth Commission as this was the first joint meeting in both the Board of Supervisors' and Youth Commission's history. Hundreds of youth came out to support and give public comment on why they wanted to vote on local issues before leaving high school. The Board voted 9-2 to forward the issue to voters!

As a city commission, we acknowledge our responsibility to remain impartial when it comes to ballot measures. As such, the Civic Engagement committee disbanded for the remainder of the 2015-16 term effective May 5, 2016.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE & IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair: William Juarez, Vice Chair: Stephanie Li
Members: Stephanie Li, Madeline Matz, Luis Avalos-Nunez,

This year, the Economic Justice and Immigration Committee spent much of the term conducting policy research, and meeting with a variety of community partners to follow up on the commission's longstanding policy goals.

Supporting Undocumented Youth

The first priority of the commission was to ensure Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), received the necessary funding for legal services. The City & County of San Francisco welcomes refugee children who are desperately fleeing a plethora of harmful and life-threatening circumstances within their home countries. Through the \$2.1 million allocated by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, refugee children have been able to obtain legal representation and counsel when presenting their cases' before an immigration judge. As a result, many have been granted asylum and thus have been able to legally remain in the United States and enroll in the Unified School District. Unfortunately, that allocation was not set to reoccur for the upcoming fiscal year. Over the course of the year, the committee met regularly with Angelina Romano, the district staff appointed to oversee Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) within the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), to discuss what types of services were available, and how the commission can best advocate for refugee children.

We were pleased when Mayor Edwin M. Lee announced his renewal of UAC legal services funding for the next two fiscal years. The committee is grateful to Mayor Lee for his commitment to these issues. The Youth Commission is committed to supporting refugee children by continuing to identify and address their unmet needs. Working alongside the school district, the committee will endeavor to keep an eye on the future budget allocations and will continue to identify more opportunities to improve the lives of UAC.

The committee began a collaborative effort with Peer Resources at June Jordan School of Equity in order to set up a support group for undocumented students. In doing so, the committee established a professional relationship with Ruby Macaraeg, the Peer Resource coordinator at June Jordan. The committee will continue this collaboration to help undocumented students obtain access to healthcare, scholarships, quality employment/internship opportunities, and access to legal services from immigration attorneys.

The committee also met with Richard Whipple and Kraig Cook from the Office of City Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA). The committee voiced their interest and commitment to pushing for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Fee Waivers. Fortunately, OCEIA received DACA fee waiver funding in January 2016 and is currently implementing the program through grants to local immigrant serving non-profits, such as the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN); Legal Services for Children; Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO); Dolores Street Community Services; and others.

Community Benefit Agreements

Last year, the Immigration & Employment Committee held a youth town-hall at San Francisco Spotify headquarters in order to hear directly from youth about the various issues they face and would like to see addressed in future Community Benefit Agreements (CBA). After the town hall, commissioners and youth identified that housing affordability and employment access were the top concerns for youth. In response, this year's immigration committee filed a resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to take into consideration measures to increase housing access and youth internship/employment when deliberating future CBA contracts within the SoMa and Mid-market districts.

The College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University

This year, members of the committee became aware of some courageous student activism in response to significant cuts to the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University. In Spring 2016, there was a proposal to cut back the college's budget significantly - so much that 40% of the courses would have been eliminated. The committee endeavored to support the College of Ethnic Studies, and its rich legacy as the first college of its kind. In response, the committee introduced a motion in April declaring the San Francisco Youth Commission's solidarity and support for SFSU's College of Ethnic Studies. The motion was passed unanimously by the full youth commission. Fortunately, SFSU administration reached a settlement with the college, and the students who organized in response to the proposed cuts.

Victories:

- Mayor renews UAC funding
- Galvanizing working relationship with Peer Resources to support undocumented students.
- Passed CBA resolutions calling for more investment in youth employment
- Passed motion of support for SFSU College of Ethnic Studies.

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, & CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair: Giovanna Soto; Vice Chair: Erica Kong
Members: Lily Marshall-Fricker, Jarrett Mao, Cris Plunkett

This year the Housing, Environment, and City Services committee tackled many challenges affecting youth in San Francisco:

Declaring 2017 the Year of Homeless Youth

Recognizing homeless youth of San Francisco has been a top priority in Youth Commission since 2014. This past year, the committee met on multiple occasions with Allie Cunningham, Taylor Muer, and the Larkin Street Youth Advisory Board to gather statistics of youth homeless count and information about youth homeless trends. As the committee looked closer at various homeless count data for San Francisco, we observed that a revisit of the youth homeless count methodology is necessary to provide an accurate count in the future. Our city has a growing number of homeless youth, and we hope to continue the amelioration of this issue.

Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Housing Plan & Funding for TAY Services

In 2005, the Youth Commission recommended the then-mayor Gavin Newsom to create more TAY housing. Under the TAY Housing Plan (effective in 2005), the city would create 400 additional units for TAY by 2015. However, 130 of those units are currently not identified under the plan. The resolution for completing the plan has passed in the Youth Commission and the committee is dedicated to keep updates on it.

On top of the housing plan, the committee also called to address emergency housing needs for TAY. In May 2016, we received a presentation from Julie Leadbetter and Emily Cohen to discuss about the methods used in navigation centers. The committee is interested in participating in conversations around TAY inclusion in the navigation center model.

In addition, the committee focused on increasing support for TAY in the Children and Youth Fund. Investments in TAY represent an overall small percentage of the fund for both FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017. DCYF is currently conducting a Community Needs Assessment to guide its five-year investments beginning in FY 2018-2019. Meanwhile, the committee will continue this conversation.

Free MUNI For Youth (FMFY)

Working on the FMFY has been the result of a multiyear effort in the Youth Commission. Earlier this year, SFMTA representatives gave updates on the FMFY program during a full Youth Commission meeting. We are so glad to see the prominent success of the program. As the six million dollar grant from Google is set to sustain the program until June 2016, the committee wrote a resolution to urge the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and SFMTA to identify funds to dedicate to the permanent program.

Commending The MIX at SFPL

The Mix is a teen center located at the main library that was opened in late June of 2015. The Youth Commission officially commended The Mix to recognize it for giving teens a safe space to explore state of the art technology. When the commendation was passed several librarians and members of The Mix's Board of Advising Youth were present to receive it.

YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Co-Chairs: Jessica Calderon and Cecilia Galeano
Members: Grace Pating, Hatim Mansori

About Us:

We are the Youth Justice Committee, a subcommittee of the Youth Commission and a hardworking group of individuals who are dedicated to improving supports for youth who have contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Jail Construction:

This term, the Youth Commission considered legislation authorizing the construction of a new jail to replace that at 850 Bryant. Then-Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi proposed the new Jail, as 850 Bryant was deemed structurally unsound and partially condemned; however our Jail population is low, most of those in detention are pre-trial, and there are many beds to still be used. It should also be noted that San Francisco has a fairly new Jail located in San Bruno, built in 2006.. Then-Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi had planned to build this new Jail with a State grant; however the community heavily pushed back and declined to have San Francisco pursue construction of a new jail. The community argued that sky high mass incarceration rates already currently plague the United States and that we need to develop alternatives to incarceration instead of building new jails.

In response to the community requests, especially those by youth with incarcerated parents, the Youth Justice Committee decide to take action by requesting that a Board of Supervisors meeting about the Jail construction be held during afterschool hours so youth could speak at public comment. Our request was denied, but the full Youth Commission held its own hearing and received a presentation on the details of the Jail construction. We saw heavy participation from Project WHAT, a youth leadership group that focuses on bettering policies that impact children of incarcerated parents, and also raise awareness of the impact that parental incarceration has on children. Many groups came out to our meeting and talked about how a new Jail would impact the community and how incarceration has already impacted their lives.

By the end of the meeting, the full Youth Commission decided to vote against supporting the building of a new Jail. There is now a working group that is exploring possible alternatives to a new Jail and incarceration as a whole in San Francisco and we recommended a formerly incarcerated youth to sit on that working group.

Children with Incarcerated Parents:

Last term, the Youth Justice Committee decided to work with the youth leadership group Project WHAT on issues that impacted children of incarcerated parents. Through this partnership, a policy came to fruition and we advocated for a policy in which 16 year olds could visit their incarcerated parent on their own within the San Francisco County Jails; however there are still some barriers within the policy that we are working with Sheriff Hennessy to address, such as outreach for and awareness of the policy.

During this current term, then-Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi who originally signed in this policy, exited his position and Sheriff Vicki Hennessy stepped in. We met with Sheriff Hennessey and confirmed she is committed to the policy and continuing to work with us on implementing this policy in a meaningful way for the youth of San Francisco.

Community Building

Throughout the term, the Youth Justice Committee was dedicated in forging close relationships with the community, and strived to support the youth of San Francisco who are facing adversity. As a part of this goal, the Youth Justice Committee broadened our understanding of different issues by connecting with local organizations and groups working towards equity and inclusion of underrepresented youth. Through the information and personal testimony we received, the Youth Justice Committee was able to widen our perspective regarding the issues they were passionate about and make better informed decisions.

The Youth Justice Committee recognizes the following groups who contributed in helping to support or educate us throughout the year:

APRI SF, Black Lives Matter, Mario Woods Coalition, Project Level, Black Student Union (SFUSD, SF State), CURB, Muslim Student Association, Project WHAT, Sheriff Hennessey, Woodside Learning Centre, Chief Nance, CARC, Office of Citizen Complaints, Center for Youth Wellness, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, and many others.

MEDIA & OUTREACH OFFICERS' REPORT

As the year comes to a close, it is important to recount the numerous accomplishments the San Francisco Youth Commission has made thus far. All of our work during meetings are documented in the form of agendas and minutes, but there is an important part of our work that is not written down on paper: outreach. We will share some of those highlights with you here.

Vote16SF has been a very prominent effort this year. In May, there was a joint meeting between the Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors, the first one ever in our Youth Commission's 20 years of existence! Commissioners had the opportunity to sit with their supervisor and hear testimony from over 100 young people on why the voting age should be lowered to 16. It was a historical moment—definitely one for the books!

One of the duties of the Youth Commission is to recognize the unmet needs of young people in San Francisco. Commissioners, especially members of the Youth Justice Committee, did just that when we saw pushback from youth in the city against the building of a new jail back in December 2015. The Youth Commission voted against the building of a new jail and spent many hours outreaching and talking to community members about this issue.

Commissioners also took part in various community events. We have had commissioners speak at events pertaining to gun violence, affordable housing, immigration rights, park access, saving ethnic studies, and more!

One highlight was the 7th annual Youth Advocacy Day (YAD). YAD is an annual event in which young people come to city hall, and have the opportunity to directly ask questions of San Francisco's decision makers and department representatives. Held each spring, YAD is a one of the only days in San Francisco dedicated for youth civic engagement and activism. This year nearly 100 young people participated in YAD, representing 5 SFUSD high schools and 5 youth serving organizations. The Youth Commission participates in planning YAD in collaboration with the Youth Empowerment Fund, the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, and San Francisco Public Library, and SF YouthWorks, Learn more about Youth Advocacy Day [here](#).

The outreach team have also started tabling at Sunday Streets. We have interacted with over 100 people at each event, informing them about the Youth Commission as well as asking attendants about the needs of young people in the city. You can find the Sunday Streets schedule [here](#). Come say hello!

Learn more about our policy work by reading our [Budget Policy Priorities](#).

-Jessica Calderon and Anna He, Media and Outreach Officers

PRESENTATIONS TO FULL YOUTH COMMISSION

9/21/15

Overview of DCYF and Children and Youth Fund

Presenter: Prishni Murillo, Senior Program Specialist, Department of Children, Youth and their Families

Action: No action taken

9/21/15

Youth Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Presenter: Youth for Single Room Occupancy (YSRO)

Action: No action taken

10/5/15

Overview of Our Children Our Families Council and Recent Research (OCOF)

Presenter: Laurie Scolari, Director/Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Our Children Our Families, San Francisco Unified School District

Action: No action taken

11/16/15

SFMTA Update on Free MUNI for Youth ([PDF](#))

Presenter: Emmett Nelson, SFTMA; Diana Hammons, SFMTA

Action: No action taken

11/16/15

SFMTA Presentation on Equity Strategy ([PDF](#))

Presenter: Sandra Padilla, SFMTA

Action: No action taken

11/16/15

Presentation on Victory over Violence Event

Presenter: Emma White, Vice President, SF Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; Mattie Scott, Executive Director, Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation

Action: Passed motion to support and co-sponsor 11/16/15

12/7/15

Youth Empowerment Fund presentation on and request for support and co-sponsorship of Youth Advocacy Day 2016

Presenter: Wahid Ahmed, Community Engagement Coordinator, Youth Empowerment Fund

Action: Motion to support and co-sponsor 12/7/15

12/7/15

Futures without Violence presentation on "That's Not Cool"

Presenter: Sarah Hyde, Public Education Campaigns and Programs Intern, Futures without Violence

Action: No action taken

01/04/16

San Francisco Youth Empowerment Fund

Presenter: Breanne Harris, Associate Director, YEFSF; Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board (YEFAB)

Action: No action taken.

02/01/16

Roadmap to Peace

Presenter: Angela Gallegos-Castillo and Ashley Rodriguez

Action: Passed motion to support 02/01/16

02/16/16

Casa de las Madres - teen domestic violence awareness month

Presenter: Gagan Gill, Family Advocate

Action: No action taken

5/23/16

Presentation on Geary Bus Rapid Transit Overview

Presenters: Kate Elliot and Wahid Amiri, SFMTA; Peter Lauterborn, Barbary Coast Consulting

Action: No action taken

6/6/16

Presentation on restrictions on political activity

Presenter: Joshua White, City Attorney's Office

Action: No action taken

6/20/16

Staff Presentation on Time Management: It's a Skill

Presenter: Kiely Hosmon, Coordinator of Youth Development and Administration, SF Youth Commission

No action taken

7/18/16

Presentation on Self-Evaluations for Commissioners

Presenter: Kiely Hosmon, Coordinator of Youth Development and Administration, SF Youth Commission

Action: No action taken

LEGISLATION REFERRED

9/21/15

BOS File No. 150793

Child Care Requirements for Office and Residential Projects and Associated Fees

Sponsor: Supervisor Norman Yee; Presenter: Matthias Mormino, Legislative Aide

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 9/21/15 1516-RBM-01 ([PDF](#))

10/5/15

BOS File No. 150902

Administrative Code - Considering Criminal History in Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Sponsor: Supervisor Kim; Presenter: Charles Sanchez, Policy Intern, Supervisor Kim's Office

Action: Support 10/5/15 1516-RBM-02 ([PDF](#))

10/5/15

BOS File No. 150646

Administrative Code - Amendments to Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance

Sponsor: Supervisor Kim, Campos, Mar, Avalos; Presenter: Charles Sanchez, Policy Intern, Supervisor Kim's Office

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 10/5/15 1516-RBM-03 ([PDF](#))

10/19/15

BOS File No. 150951

Hearing on transgender youth issues, including areas of policy and budgetary need

Sponsor: Supervisor Scott Wiener; Presenter: Mia TuMutch Satya

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 10/19/15; 1516-RBM-04 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 151082

Health Code - Amendment to Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Warning Ordinance

Sponsor: Supervisor Scott Wiener; Presenter: none (consent calendar)

Action: Support 11/16/15; 1516-RBM-05 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 151077

Administrative Code - Advertising Sugar-Sweetened Beverages on City Property

Sponsor: Supervisor Malia Cohen; Presenter: none (consent calendar)

Action: Support 11/16/15; 1516-RBM-06 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 150868

Edgewood Center for Children and Families Psychiatric Facility Designation Agreement

Sponsor: Supervisor Eric Mar; Presenter: none (consent calendar)

Action: Support 11/16/15; 1516-RBM-07 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 150940

Charter Amendment - Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund

Sponsor: Supervisor Mark Farrell; Presenter: Margaux Kelly, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Farrell

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 11/16/15; 1516-RBM-08 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 150944

Administrative Code – Establishing the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force

Sponsor: Supervisor Jane Kim; Presenter: Steven Knight, Legislative Intern to Supervisor Kim;

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 11/16/151516-RBM-09 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

BOS File No. 151109

Establishing the SoMA Pilipinas – Filipino Cultural Heritage District in San Francisco

Sponsor: Supervisor Jane Kim; Presenter: Steven Knight, Legislative Intern to Supervisor Kim

Support 11/16/151516-RBM-10 ([PDF](#))

12/7/15

BOS File Nos. 151174, 151175, 151180, 151184, 151185, 151187

[Authorizing Certificates of Participation – Rehabilitation Detention Facility Project – Not to Exceed \$215,000,000], [Appropriation – Certificates of Participation for the Construction of the Rehabilitation Detention Facility - \$215,000,000 – FY2015-16], [Amended Ten-Year Capital Expenditure Plan – FYs 2016-2025], [Real Property Acquisition – 814-820 Bryant Street, 444-6 Street, and 470-6 Street – Various Owners – At Fair Market Value – Not to Exceed \$14,500,000], [Issuance of Tax Exempt and Taxable Commercial Paper Notes – Construction of Rehabilitation Detention Facility – Not to Exceed \$11,310,000], [Accept and Expend State Bond Financing – State Public Works Board – Construction of Rehabilitation and Detention Facility - \$80,000,000]

Sponsor: Mayor Lee; Presenters: Brian Strong, Director, Capital Planning Program; staff from SF Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Health, Office of the Controller and Department of Public Works

Action: Oppose with comment and recommendation 12/7/15; 1516-RBM-11 ([PDF](#))

02/01/16

BOS File Nos. 160028, 160030, 160039

[Urging an Independent Federal Investigation of the Shooting of Mario Woods], [Mario Woods Remembrance Day], [Affirming the Board of Supervisors Commitment to Police Accountability and Racial Justice on Our Policing Practices]

Sponsor: Breed; Cohen, Campos, Avalos, Mar; Campos; Avalos, Mar, Kim, Cohen, Breed, Yee
Avalos, Farrell, Campos.

Action: Support 02/01/16

02/01/16

BOS File No. 160025

Administrative Code – Nutritional Standards for Food and Beverages Sold in Vending Machines on City Property or Served at City Meetings and Events

Sponsor: Supervisor Farrell; No presenter

Action: Support 02/01/16; 1516-RBM-12([PDF](#))

02/01/16

BOS File No. 151179

Health Code – Banning the Sale of Tobacco Products to Persons Aged 18-20

Sponsor: Supervisor Wiener Presenter: Andreas Power, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Wiener

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 02/01/16; 1516-RBM-13 ([PDF](#))

02/01/16
BOS File No. 160024
Police, Administrative Codes – All-Gender Toilet Facilities
Sponsor: Supervisor Campos; Presenter: Carolyn Goossen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Campos
Action: Support 02/01/16; 1516-RBM-14 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 151184
[Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property at 814-820 Bryant Street, 444-6th Street, 450-6th Street, and 470-6th Street (Assessor's Block No. 3759, Lot Nos. 009, 012, 014, 043, and 045) from Lin Trust, Musso Trust, and Myung Chun, respectively; and the issuance of Commercial Paper Notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,750,000]
Sponsor: Mayor Lee
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-15 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160076
[Resolution retroactively authorizing the Children and Families Commission to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$2,590,895 from the California Department of Education through the San Francisco Unified School District to support a State Preschool Quality Rating and Improvement System for the term of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016]
Sponsor: Supervisor Yee
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-16 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160075
[Resolution retroactively authorizing the Children and Families Commission to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$2,590,895 from the California Department of Education through the San Francisco Unified School District to support a State Preschool Quality Rating and Improvement System for the term of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016]
Sponsor: Supervisor Tang
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-17 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160070
Resolution retroactively authorizing the Children and Families Commission to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$2,590,895 from the California Department of Education through the San Francisco Unified School District to support a State Preschool Quality Rating and Improvement System for the term of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016]
Sponsor: Supervisor Yee Sponsor: Supervisor Farrell; Breed, Wiener, Tang, Cohen, Mar, Campos, Yee, Avalos, Kim
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-18 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160022
[Due Process for All Notification]
Sponsor: Supervisor Avalos, Campos, Kim, Mar, Peskin
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-19 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160065
[Police Code - Paid Parental Leave for Bonding with New Child]
Sponsor: Supervisor Wiener
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-20 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16
BOS File No. 160109
[Hearing Request on Department of Homelessness & City's Comprehensive Action Plan to Address Needs of Homeless Residents]
Sponsor: Supervisor Cohen; Kim, Breed, Campos; Presenter: None
Action: Support 02/16/16; 1516-RBM-21 ([PDF](#))

03/07/16
BOS File No. 160101
Business and Tax Regulations Code – Parking Tax Exemptions for Certain Parking Events on School District Property
Sponsor: Supervisor Mar
Action: Support 03/07/16; 1516-RBM-22 ([PDF](#))

03/07/16
BOS File No. 160100
Administrative Code – No-Fault Eviction Protections During School Year
Sponsors: Supervisors Campos; Kim, Avalos, Mar; Presenter: Carolyn Goossen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Campos
Support with comment and recommendation; 1516-RBM-23 ([PDF](#))

03/21/16
BOS File No. 151109-2
Resolution establishing the SoMa Pilipinas - Filipino Cultural Heritage District in the City and County of San Francisco
Sponsor: Supervisor Jane Kim; Presenter: none (Consent Calendar)
Action: Support 03/21/16; 1516-RBM-24 ([PDF](#))

05/23/16
BOS File No. 160385
Transportation Code - Fare Evasion and Passenger Conduct Regulations
Sponsor: Supervisor Eric Mar; Presenter: Angelina Yu, Legislative Aide
Action: Support 5/23/16; 1516-RBM-25 ([PDF](#))

6/20/16
BOS File No. 160597
Resolution – Intent to Prioritize Funding Free City College of San Francisco
Sponsor: Supervisor Jane Kim; Presenter: Ivy Lee, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Kim
Action: Support 6/20/16; 1516-RBM-26 ([PDF](#))

7/5/2016

BOS File No. 160581

Charter Amendment - Homeless Housing and Services Fund; Transportation Improvement Fund - Budget Set-Asides

Sponsor: Sponsor: Mayor, Scott Wiener, Mark Farrell; Presenter: Jeremy Pollock, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Avalos

Action: No position with comment and recommendation 1516-RBM-27 ([PDF](#))

7/5/16

BOS File No. 160587

Charter Amendment - Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections Charter Amendment

Sponsor: Eric Mar, David Campos, John Avalos, Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener; Presenter: Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support 7/5/16; 1516-RBM-28 ([PDF](#))

7/5/2016

BOS File No. 160719

Police Code - Paid Parental Leave Ordinance amending the Police Code to make technical amendments to the Paid Parental Leave Ordinance consistent with its original intent

Sponsor: Scott Wiener; Presenter: Youth Commission Staff

Support 7/5/16; 1516-RBM-29 ([PDF](#))

YOUTH COMMISSION BUSINESS

10/19/15

1516-RC-01 - Commending youth Teonna Frierso, Kiana Frierso, Eugene Holbert, Sabrina McFarland, and Richard Amaechi

Sponsor: Commissioner Cecilia Galeano

Action: Adopted upon first reading 10/19/15; 1516-RC-01 ([PDF](#))

10/19/15

Updates on Voting Age Charter Amendment

Sponsor: Civic Engagement Committee (Commissioners Bernick, David, Wu, He)

Action: No action taken

10/5/15

Discussion of DCYF YAC Participation 2015-16

Presenter:

Action: No action taken

10/19/15

Presentation of Youth Commission 2015-16 Outreach and Community Engagement Plan

Sponsor: Commissioners He and Mansori

Action: Approved upon second reading 10/19/15 ([PDF](#))

11/16/15

Election of Outreach and Media Officer to Executive Committee

Action: Elected Commissioner Jessica Calderon as Outreach Officer 11/16/15

12/7/15

Motion 1516-AL-01 - Support and Co-sponsorship of Generation Citizen's Forthcoming White Paper "Young Voices at the Ballot Box: Advancing Efforts to Lower the Voting Age"

Sponsor: Commissioner Wu

Action: Passed on first reading 12/7/15; 1516-AL-01 ([PDF](#))

01/04/16

1516-AL-02 - San Francisco Youth Commission Support of Richmond Youth Council's Recommendation to Lower the Municipal Voting Age

Sponsor: Commissioner Wu

Passed on first reading 01/04/16; 1516-AL-02 ([PDF](#))

02/16/16

1516-AL-03 - San Francisco Youth Commission Denounces Racist Student Party in Our Public Parks

Sponsor: Commissioner Pating

Action: Passed on first reading 01/04/16; 1516-AL-03 ([PDF](#))

03/21/16

1516-AL-04 - Resolution Declaring 2017 as the Year of San Francisco Homeless Youth

Sponsors: Commissioners Cris Plunkett

Action: Passed upon second reading 03/21/16 ([PDF](#))

03/21/16

Motion 1516-AL-09 - Motion Urging the Board of Supervisors to Form a Youth-Inclusive Work Group to Plan a Successful Transition Following the Unexpected Closure of New Generations Clinic

Sponsors: Commissioner Jessica Calderon

Action: Passed upon first reading 03/21/16 ([PDF](#))

03/21/16

1516-RC-02 - Resolution Commending Lowell High School Black Student Union

Sponsors: Commissioners Li, Soto, and Avalos

Action: Passed upon second reading 03/21/16 ([PDF](#))

04/6/16

1516-AL-05 - Resolution urging the Mayor, and Board of Supervisors, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to identify and provide permanent funding for the Free Muni for Youth (FMFY) Program

Sponsors: Commissioners Kong, Plunkett, Soto, and Mao

Action: Passed upon second reading 4/6/16 ([PDF](#))

04/6/16

1516-AL-07 - Motion Supporting the San Francisco State University College of Ethnic Studies

Sponsors: Commissioners Juarez, Matz, Li and Avalos

Action: Passed upon second reading 4/6/16 ([PDF](#))

04/6/16

1516-AL-08 - Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to Urge Support of SB 1157 (Mitchell) – Strengthening Family Connections, in order to ensure families have access to in-person visits with loved ones incarcerated in county jails

Sponsor: Commissioner Pating

Action: Passed upon second reading 4/6/16 ([PDF](#))

4/6/16

1516-RC-03 - Resolution commending the MIX at San Francisco Public Library

Sponsors: Commissioners Mao and Kong

Action: Passed upon second reading 4/6/16 ([PDF](#))

5/23/16

Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 2016-17 and 2017-18

Action: Passed upon second reading 5/23/16 ([PDF](#))

7/18/16

Youth Commission Annual Report for 2015-2016

Action: Passed upon second reading 7/18/16

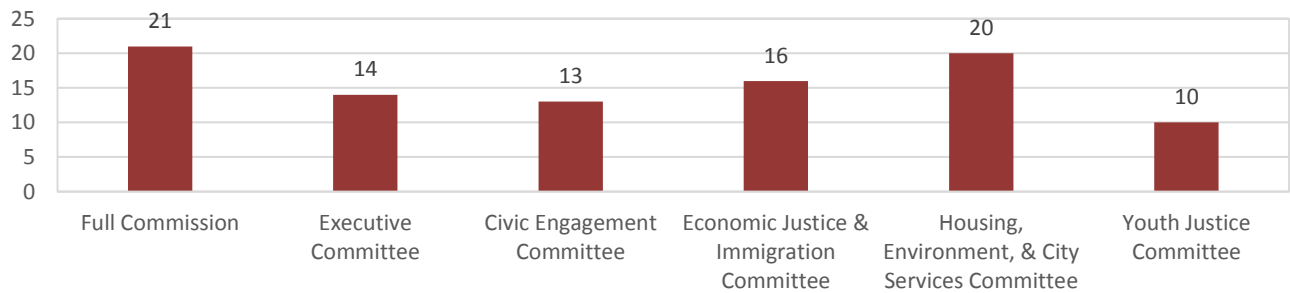
YC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This year, the Youth Commission hosted or participated in over *433 activities*, included General Community Meetings, Youth-Specific Events (Youth Forums, Youth Town Halls, and Resource Fairs) and Visits with Youth Programs, Organizations, and Schools. That translates to *663 hours* spent engaged in community outreach, reaching thousands of people. Additionally, the Youth Commission held *94 regularly scheduled meetings*, spending *160 hours* in City Hall as a full commission, or in issue based committees, serving the public through policy advising.

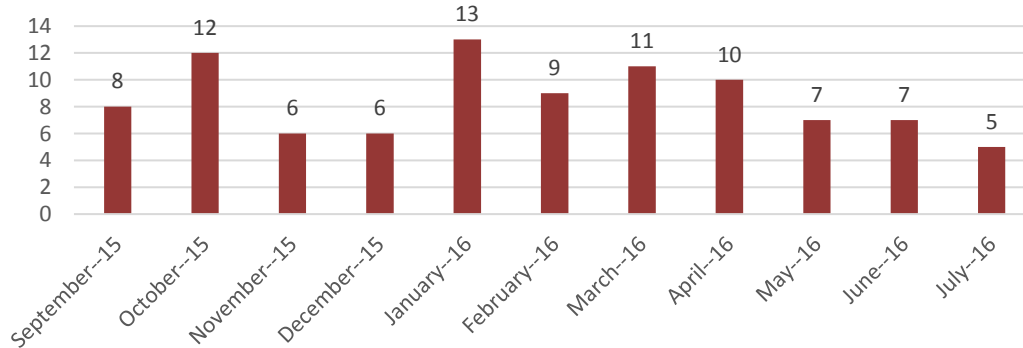
**2015-16 Youth Commission
Community Engagment by Type of Activity**



2015-16 Youth Commission Meetings



2015-16 Youth Commission Meetings by Month



Total meetings in 15-16 term: 94

Total hours of YC meetings: 160

2015-16 YOUTH COMMISSION IN ACTION







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- Adopt-an-Alleyway and YSRO at Chinatown Community Development Center
- AfroSolo
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- Asian American Public Health Youth Leadership Academy (AAPHYLA)
- API Legal Outreach (APILO)
- Black Student Union at San Francisco State University
- Black Student Union - Lowell High School
- B-Magic Collaborative
- Bay Area Video Coalition
- Bay Area Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Collaborative
- Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
- Building Leaders in Innovative New Giving
- Center for Youth Wellness
- Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
- Children's Defense Fund
- Coalition on Homelessness
- Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
- College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University
- Chinese Progressive Association's Youth MOJO
- College Track
- Communities in Harmony Advocating for Learning and Kids (CHALK) – Youth Funding Youth Ideas
- Community Justice Network for Youth
- Community Youth Center – Bayview Youth Advocates
- Dignity in Schools Campaign
- Dolores Street Community Services
- Essie Justice Group
- Fairvote
- Futures Without Violence
- Generation Citizen
- Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council
- Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
- Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation
- Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC)
- Juvenile Justice Providers Association
- Kabataan at the Filipino Community Center
- La Casa De Las Madres
- Latinx Young Dems of San Francisco
- Larkin Street Youth Services' Youth Advisory Board
- Legal Services for Children
- LYRIC
- Mario Woods Coalition
- Mission Economic Development Agency
- Mission SF's New ERA
- Mo Magic Collaborative
- Muslim Student Association, SFUSD
- National Youth Rights Association
- Peer Resources
- PolicyLink
- Project WHAT! We are here and talking!
- San Jose State University Human Rights Working Group
- SF Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC)
- Save City College of San Francisco
- SF Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (SFCIPP)
- Spotlight on the Arts
- SF Brady Campaign
- SF Latino Democratic Club
- SF YouthWorks
- Strategies for Youth
- Sunday Streets
- Sunset Youth Services
- Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center
- TAYSF
- Urban Habitat
- Tenderloin Boys & Girls Club
- The Beat Within
- Visitation Valley/Village Convener
- Vote16 endorsers
- Vote16 Youth Empowerment Academy
- WalkSF
- Woodside Learning Centre
- Young Community Developers
- Young Women's Freedom Center
- Youth Activism Project
- Youth Art Exchange
- Youth Empowerment Fund
- Youth Leadership Institute
- Youth Commission Alumni: Nicholas Persky, Paul Monge, Mia Satya, Luisa Sicairos, De'Anthony Jones

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- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
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