



San Francisco Youth Commission

Agenda

Monday, April 16, 2018

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 278

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarennnes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. April 2, 2018
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- 4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**
- 5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
- 6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
- 7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. [Third Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-10 [Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$270,000 for fee waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 14-18]
Sponsor: Commissioner Felix Andam
(Document B)
 - B. [Second Reading] Youth Commission Budget & Policy Priorities for Fiscal Years 2018 – 2019 and 2019 – 2020
(Document C)
 - C. [First Reading] Motion 1718-AL-12 [Motion honoring the life of Jesus Adolfo Delgado Duarte and offering condolences to his family and community]
Sponsor: Commissioner Paola Robles Desgarennnes



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8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

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- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee
- C. Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee
- E. Our Children Our Family Council

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes

Monday, April 2, 2018

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

Commissioners present: Lily Marshall-Fricker, Conna Chen, Mary Claire Amable, Paola Robles Desgarennnes, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Felix Andam, and Zak Franet.

Commissioners absent: Lisa Yu, Chiara Lind, and Arianna Nassiri.

Commissioners tardy: Owen Hoyt, Mampu Lona, Elsie Lipson, and Kristen Tam.

Staff person: Leah Lacroix, Kiely Hosmon, and Naomi Fierro.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. March 19, 2018
([Document A](#))

Motion to approve by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Andam. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

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

Tyler, lives in candlestick heights, and reports that there are no safe parks. The speaker requests a park or a gym in his area.



Commissioner Gregory clarified that the lot the member of the public inquired about, is privately owned, and, therefore, the YC cannot urge a privately owned land to be used in a different way. However, the YC can urge use of publicly-owned city land for this use.

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

- A. Presentation on San Francisco Kids vs. Big Tobacco
Presenter: Randy Uang, member of the San Francisco Tobacco-Free Coalition
(Document B)

Randy Uang, says that 8-10 teens who currently use tobacco started out with some kind of flavored tobacco product. Candy flavors and menthol flavors make it easier to start addiction. A year ago the youth commission motioned to support the Yes on Prop E coalition. Supervisor Malia Cohen sponsored the legislation, and in June the Board of Supervisors passed it unanimously. However, the voters will have to vote on prop E in this June's election.

Commissioner Hoyt: Do you have any numbers about how many flavored products are being sold in SF versus regular tobacco products?

Commissioner Gregory: I was in contact with Annie, so thank you for coming out.

Chair Amable: Due to the fact that this is on the ballot, we cannot take a stance on the prop, but we can do this on our personal time.

There was no public comment.

- B. Presentation on San Francisco's Seawall Earthquake Safety & Disaster Prevention Program
Presenter: Brad Benson, Director of Special Projects, and Margaret Doyle, Budget Analyst for the Port of San Francisco
(Document C)

A major earthquake can severely damage the embarcadero seawall. For examples, these damages can span utilities, economic vitality, workers who commute across the bay, and surrounding traffic. This is a 100 year old seawall, and the embarcadero promenade faces a significant risk of flooding. Therefore, the Port of San Francisco is considering how to retrofit the seawall and protect San Francisco community. There are 4 options for retrofitting the seawall, as demonstrated in Document C. The Board of Supervisors is considering putting a bond on the ballot in November to address the seawall retrofitting. If any commissioner is interested in taking a tour or learning more about seawall earthquake safety and the disaster prevention efforts, the presenter contact information is available.

Commissioner Andam: Can you clarify the difference between the four options and how much they cost?

Presenter: Option 1 and 2 are the most cost effective. Option 3 is more costly because it would call to move the building, build around it, and then move the building back into place. Option 4 is more similar to option 1 and 2 in terms costs, but it may take more time due to the permitting process.



Commissioner Tam: What are the effects of construction on the environment?

Presenter: We are conducting a multihazard risk assessment to help prioritize certain waterfront locations, such as the Ferry Building.

Commissioner Amable: What does “Enhance the City and the Bay” mean, in your slide deck?

Presenter: We want to leave the seawall better than we found it. It means improvements to the Bay and Park areas.

Commissioner Amable: Why is that last on the list of Seawall Program Goals?

Presenter: They are not in any particular order of importance.

Commissioner Tam: When you say enhancements to the bay, have you considered a living shoreline?

Presenter: We will be working with our regulatory agencies and everything we consider has to undergo CEQA review.

Commissioner Amable: Will there be local hiring?

Presenter: Yes, we there will be local hiring for the multiple long term projects.

There was no public comment.

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

- A. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-10 [Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$270,000 for fee waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 14-18]

Sponsor: Commissioner Felix Andam
(Document D)

Staff person Fierro: On page 1 of document D, lines 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23, there is the mention of pre-registration, however, it is spelled differently every time. Use one spelling consistently throughout. Also, on the same page, line 24, what constitutes a “large amount”?

Staff person LaCroix: On page 1, line 11, instead of saying pushed for Vote16, it should read “advocated for Prop F”, which is the more formal name. It adds the legitimacy of the data.

Josh Park: On page 2 of document D, lines 6-7, the quote states who gave the quote before and after the quotation marks. Both places is unnecessary, pick either before or after the quote to identify the speaker.

Director Hosmon: On page 2, of document D, lines 15 – 16, you can just state what DCYF-funded organizations you are quoting instead of saying “several DCYF-funded



organizations” because it adds legitimacy. Also, on page 3, of document D, lines 12-13, who from the Mayor’s office has shown interest?

Commissioner Andam: Well, you said, that you had a meeting with Hydra and she was supportive.

Director Hosmon: Yes, we meet with her regularly, but I would not formally say the mayor’s has shown interest. I would be careful saying that.

Staff person LaCroix: Also, on page 3 of document D, lines 15-16, in the resolved clauses, they should all start with the “San Francisco Youth Commission urges that...”

Josh Park: Also on page 3 of document D, line 23, you should clarify that you are referring to the “members of the San Francisco Youth Commission’s Civic engagement and Immigration Committee”.

Commissioner Mao: What is the connection from Vote16, or Prop F, ages of 16-17, and your suggested range of 14-18? How would you implement that?

Director Hosmon: The feedback from DCYF, is that the funding would have to wait until the next funding cycle in four years, if coming from DCYF. They would also want to involve the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor’s Office to identify potential funding sources.

Commissioner Franet: Where did you calculate that amount of money? Can you even apply for an ID at 14?

Commissioner Gregory: Yes, you can apply at 14.

Commissioner Amable: Can the age range be clarified?

Commissioner Andam: I looked at the number of low income families in San Francisco.

Staff person LaCroix: I would also think about the legal question in terms of implementation if you are wanting for this to apply to the DMV in Daly City as well, can Daly City use San Francisco funds?

Commissioner Mao: Again, the age range? Is it 16 -18?

Commissioner Andam: I chose to include 14 and 15 year olds as well because they are eligible for applying for learners permits.

Commissioner Vigil: You might consider ages 16-18, because that is a smaller budgetary ask.

Commissioner Andam: I will change it. I want to pass it before BPPs (Budget and Policy Priorities).

Director Hosmon: It has the potential to make it before BPPs.

There was no public comment.



- B. [First Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-11 [Resolution Denouncing the shooting of Jesus Adolfo Delgado Duarte and urging for Police Reform]
Sponsor: Commissioner Paola Robles Desgarennnes
(Document E)

Staff person Fierro: First of all, thank you for writing this. I was a personal friend of Alex Nieto, and it gave me chills just reading it today. Also, I would add the full spelling of places where you use acronyms like SFPD, SFUSD and MOU.

Commissioner Andam: On page 2, of Document E, line 15-16, is the word “murder” the correct terminology? Was it deemed a murder?

Staff person Fierro: I would also clarify or add a footnote on that same page, line 16-17, Latinx, not everyone knows what the means or why we use it.

Staff person LaCroix: Similar to the last resolution, when we start a resolved clause, for example on line 23 of page 2, it should read, “The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the fastracking of...” Additionally on page 3, document E, line 7, you should refer to the actual document numbers for the SFUSD-SFPD MOU and another public document mentioned.

Commissioner Tam: On page 3, lines 15-16. Do you mean San Francisco police department or who? I would put that in there specifically.

Commissioner Andam: Can we urge the firing of the police officer responsible?

Commissioner Gregory: in the last line, when you say all citizens, this happened to an undocumented person, so what did you mean?

Commissioner Desgarennnes: I just meant everyone that lives in San Francisco. We can put all residents.

Commissioner Andam: We should also put something in there that states that being undocumented is not a crime.

Commissioner LaCroix: I would also add a contextual whereas clause that states that SFPD is already doing this, but we want them to move faster.

Commissioner Messler: Maybe we can put something in there about the number of hours police spend practicing firing rounds. I remember them saying that is has to do with the fact that shooting those types of weapons requires continual training.

Commissioner Desgarennnes: With so much anti-immigratr sentiment, this is not new, and I don’t want us to get distracted. We need to hold someone responsible. The family will be attending on April 16th. I am meeting with the family tonight. I just want to make sure that I am representing justice the way they want.

Commissioner Franet: We also have a ton of internal oversight agencies that we should also be tapping.

Commissioner Mao: I was under the impression that he shot the police.



Commissioner Franet: Also, how long does a ballistics diagnostic take?

Commissioner Andam: Regardless, it was an excessive use of force.

Commissioner Vigil: I just want to say, thank you so much. As the son of undocumented people, who tend to be forgotten, thank you.

Commissioner Desgarennes: Again, I don't want us to get distracted in the ballistics report or what. What happened is that someone in the community died.

Commissioner Franet and Mesler offer their assistance.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Commissioner Marshall Fricker reported a productive meeting where they approved the agenda.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Commissioner Tam reported that the meeting was cancelled, and they are scheduled for their regular meeting.

C. Justice and Employment Committee

Commissioner Franet: We presented to the Commission on the Status of Women and it went well. They sent us off with more resources. We also have a presentation for the police commission coming up. We are still working on our BPPs (Budget and Policy Priorities) and will be focusing more on issues of employment as we see through the rest of the term.

D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

Commissioner Mao: We continue to work on our BPPs (Budget and Policy Priorities).

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Nothing to report.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

There will be a youth commission convention on April 28th, from 11 AM – 5 PM in San Mateo. Transportation assistance may be provided. Interest from Commissioners: Vigil, Desgarennes, Tam, and Andam. Josh is also interested in attending.

There is also a half day summit against the prison industrial complex this Saturday at the CCSF Mission Campus from 10 AM – 3 PM. Commissioners Desgarennes will be in attendance.

Next full youth commission meeting will be approximately three hours.

Thank you to Commission Vigil for attending the Homestead Youth Commission visit. They spoke to us about swag and the differences between Homestead and San Francisco. It is really helpful to hear directly from commissioners.



There is another opportunity to connect with another regional youth commission. On April 19th, the Sonoma Youth Commission will visit us as well. Time to be determined. Commissioner Mesler and Vigil are interested in attending.

Reappointment applications are due this Friday!

Also, look out for the activity log in the weekly internal. It helps us track community engagement and all the ways commissioners are fulfilling their chartered duties. It is not optional, so please fill it out.

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Andam: I have a fencing tournament this weekend.

Commissioner Amable: I just got promoted to Transit organizer at my job and would love for you all to take a survey for me. I want to reach 500.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

1 [Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$60,000 for fee
2 waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 16-18]

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4 **Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$60,000 for**
5 **fee waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 16-18 and to work**
6 **with the SF Youth Commission and the San Francisco Department of Elections on an**
7 **implementation strategy.**

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9 WHEREAS, the city and county of San Francisco has historically been supportive
10 of youth involvement in city services and policy; and

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12 WHEREAS, youth activists from the San Francisco Youth Commission pushed for
13 Proposition F, a voting reform that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in San
14 Francisco elections, to be on the 2016 ballot; and

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16 WHEREAS, following Prop F's tight loss with 49% of voters in support of the
17 amendment, the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee continued in their dedication
18 to youth voter rights and dedicated resources to Voter Pre-registration of 16 and 17 year
19 olds in San Francisco; and

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21 WHEREAS, in the San Francisco Youth Commission's annually published Budget
22 and Policy Priorities (1), "[Improving] Voter Turnout and Civic Engagement Through Pre-
23 Registration of 16 and 17 Year Olds" was named as Priority Number two in the 2017 BPP;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, during Pre-registration outreach 74 out of 200 youth in District 4, District 5,

Commissioner Andam

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1 District 6, and District 8 who expressed interest in pre-registering to vote did not have access
2 to a California ID card/social security number in order to pre register; and

3 WHEREAS, many of the youth interviewed stated that they faced economic barriers in
4 paying for the California ID fee of \$30; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the San Francisco Census, an estimated 19,000 youth
6 between the ages of 16-18 live in San Francisco. (2), and an estimated 2,000 youth need
7 financial assistance for California ID Cards; and

8 WHEREAS, for a lot of young people, a California ID will be one of their only forms of
9 identification; and

10 WHEREAS, immigrant, LGBTQ, and youth of color often face the most amount of
11 economic barriers in paying for the ID card. As one young person from an organization in
12 District 6 said, "There are a lot of kids in the city who can't afford to pay for them, especially
13 kids in the [juvenile justice] system."

14 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families named the
15 traits of identifying as LGBTQ, underhoused, or having exposure to violence, abuse, or trauma
16 as characteristics of increased need (3); and

17 WHEREAS, the San Francisco organizations that the Civic Engagement and
18 Immigration Committee interviewed to determine the need for California IDs consisted
19 mainly of underhoused, LGBTQ, and juvenile justice-system involved youth; and

20 WHEREAS, several DCYF-Funded organizations such as Beacon, understand the
21 need for providing youth with opportunities to pay for California IDs either through
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1 compensating employees who pay for youth or giving youth fee waivers and fee reductions
2 directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

3 WHEREAS, many organizations that receive funding from DCYF, such as Beacon,
4 Larkin Street Youth Services, and Bay Area Community Resources, already have supportive
5 services set-asides in their budget that oftentimes go towards paying the fee for California
6 IDs; and

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8 WHEREAS, DMV fee reductions and fee waivers are only available to youth through
9 organizations that the DMV provides with the fee reduction and fee waiver forms; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a need for youth even within these organizations to get fee
11 waivers, as several organizations have decided that being youth-friendly involves opting out
12 of being part of the system that classifies youth based on their incomes. One Case Manager
13 from an organization in District 4 said, "We just don't want to be a part of the system asking
14 kids if they get EBT, because we already know a lot of the kids here are low-income". One
15 17-year-old from District 5 also said, "It's like everyday people ask me how much my mom
16 makes. For school lunch, for textbooks, for SAT prep, for everything. After school when I
17 come in here I'm just me, no one asks me if I'm on Welfare. I think everybody should be able
18 to have a place like that."
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21 WHEREAS, many young people not involved in organizations do not know how to
22 get access to the fee waivers, yet the fee remains a barrier to getting California IDs.

23 WHEREAS, DCYF has previously shown interest in this proposal and recognize the
24 benefit that giving youth access to direct fee-waivers would have for the young people in San
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1 Francisco; and now therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF, in collaboration
3 with the City and County of San Francisco, to provide \$60,000 for fee waivers for 16-18 year
4 olds, irrespective of the young person's affiliation with community organizations; and be it
5 further
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7 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF to work with the
8 Department of Motor Vehicles to implement youth-friendly systems for young people to attain
9 ID Fee waivers.

10 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF, in collaboration
11 with representatives from the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor's office and the San
12 Francisco Department of Elections, to meet with members of the SF Youth Commission's
13 Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee to lay out a plan for action and implementation
14 regarding the fee waivers.
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17 Footnotes

- 18 1. <http://www.dcyf.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=5099>
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20 2. <http://www.bayareacensus.ca.gov/counties/SanFranciscoCounty.htm> (Data as of
21 2016, taken from estimations and population trends based on 2010 census)
22 3. <http://www.dcyf.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4886>
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SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

2018-19; 2019-20 BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES (DRAFT)

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PRIORITY 1: Continue to Expand Alternatives to Incarceration for 18-24 (25?) Year Olds

Advocate for greater investment in collaborative court programs, legal services, housing resources, and behavioral health services to reduce youth incarceration and recidivism, and to prevent expansion of jail facilities for Transitional Age Youth 18-24 (25?) years old

BACKGROUND

The San Francisco Youth Commission continues its push from 2015 for alternatives to incarceration for Transitional Age Youth.

In late 2015, the Board of Supervisors considered, and ultimately rejected, amendments to the 10-year capital plan, authorization of certificates of participation, and acceptance of state monies that would have authorized the construction of a new rehabilitation detention facility to replace the county jails at 850 Bryant. Due to the high level of interest from young San Franciscans on this issue, the Youth Commission held its own after school hearing, at which dozens of young people who were directly affected by the criminal justice system testified, and Youth Commissioners ultimately voted to oppose the construction of a new jail. In December 2015, Supervisor President London Breed introduced a resolution creating a working group to plan for the permanent closure of county jail Nos. 3 and 4. This working group's goal was to develop a plan that will provide effective and humane investments in mental health; identify what new facility or facilities are needed; and seek to maintain San Francisco's eligibility to use State Public Works Board financing for those facilities. As part of this, the working group explored ways of reducing the overall demand for jail space.

Out-of-detention alternatives and Restorative Justice efforts in the juvenile system have reduced the average daily incarcerated population amongst juveniles by over 37% from 2011 to 2015¹. 22% of San Francisco's adult jail system cases are Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)². TAY are only 8% of San Francisco's population and disproportionately made up of African American and Latinx³ youth. Prison environments are no place for young, growing minds to develop and can negatively impact their mental growth. Research has demonstrated that young people's brains are

¹ "Juvenile Probation Department." City and County of San Francisco, http://sfgov.org/jevprobation/sites/default/files/2015AnnualReport_Statistics.pdf

² "San Francisco Youth Commission Justice & Employment Committee Draft - Minutes 5:00-7:00 PM Monday November 27, 2017 ." Youth Commission, 27 Nov. 2017."

³ In order to be more inclusive to different and varying gender identities, we are replacing the traditional "a" and "o" with an x

still developing until the age of 25 which leaves them vulnerable to develop mental health related illnesses⁴. San Francisco has prided itself on its historic values of diversity and equity, and yet, in 2015, African Americans represented over 55% of the incarcerated population while only 5.3% of the overall population⁵. 85% of people incarcerated in San Francisco county jails are awaiting trial and have not been convicted. In January of 2017 the State of New Jersey recently eliminated its cash bail system to address these disparities, resulting in a 20% decrease in its incarcerated population. Previous Restorative Justice and collaborative court models policy enacted to support juveniles and TAY has demonstrated reduced costs and recidivism rates. The Young Adult Court, which began in 2015, has closed its doors to new cases three times in the last year due to capacity, and is expected to be immediately full again after expanding its services to a second court day in 2018. The Youth Commission unequivocally supports San Francisco youth who are involved in the justice system.

RECENT UPDATES

The San Francisco Youth Commission has always supported system-involved youth in and out of the City of San Francisco. Most recently, the Youth Commission passed a motion on April 3rd, 2017 urging the Board and Mayor to hold a hearing on alternatives to incarceration for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)⁶. On February 5, 2018 the Youth Commission voted in support of Resolution 1718-AL-06 [Resolution in Support of Youth Justice Reform]⁷ authored by the Justice and Employment Committee and cosponsored by The Center of Juvenile and Criminal Justice and Project WHAT!, urging the Board of Supervisors to explore implementing additional Restorative Justice practices for TAY, and to reject capital expenditures to renovate/build new county jails, (an action which the Board has previously endorsed). The San Francisco Examiner spoke to the work and impact of this resolution and its push for justice.

Subsequently, the Justice and Employment Committee gained support on this resolution from several community based organizations and other other commissions such as: The Young Women's Freedom Center, Coleman Advocates, Larkin Street Youth Services, The Office of Transgender Initiatives, The Police Commission, The Human Rights Commission, and The Commission on the Status of Women have all written letters of support or voted unanimously to support this resolution.

⁴ Wiltz, Teresa. "Children still funneled through adult prisons, but states are moving against it." USA Today, Gannett Satellite Information Network, 22 June 2017, www.usatoday.com/story/news/2017/06/17/how-raise-age-laws-might-reduce-recidivism/400065001/.

⁵ Justice, Vera Institute of. "Incarceration Trends." Vera Institute of Justice, trends.vera.org/rates/San-Francisco-CountyCA?incarcerationSource=black&incarceration=disparity.

⁶ "San Francisco Youth Commission"

⁷ <http://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/1718-AL-06-%20Resolution%20in%20support%20of%20Youth%20Justice%20Reform.pdf>

Subsequently, in the months of March and April 2018, the Justice and Employment Committee gained support on this resolution from several community based organizations and other other commissions such as:

- The Young Women's Freedom Center
- Coleman Advocates for Youth
- Larkin Street Youth Services
- The Office of Transgender Initiatives
- The Police Commission
- The Human Rights Commission
- The Commission on the Status of Women

As of March 2018, one of our priorities which regarding housing for justice involved TAY has been flagged in the youth homeless demonstration project, which is a HUD coordinate and is creating a plan to meet the needs of this population.

In February 2018, the Justice and Employment Committee met with District 1 Supervisor Sandra Fewer to request a Budget and Legislative Analyst (BLA) Report and is now in the process of receiving one that will give details on the cost to the city for justice system involved youth vs. the costs of alternatives to incarceration. With this past material, the committee is using it to infer, estimate, and analyze prior data in hopes to create effective recommendations to be included in the next budgetary cycle.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Youth Commission has long been invested in the wellbeing of the justice involved youth and we urge:

- 1. A Board of Supervisors' hearing be held, once the Budget and Legislative Analyst Report is published, to discuss alternatives to incarceration for 18- 25 years olds in San Francisco's county jail.** This hearing can explore promising approaches currently in use in the Young Adult Court; existing barriers to young adults' successful enrollment in or graduation from the Young Adult Court; insights learned from the Juvenile Probation Departments' successful efforts to develop alternatives to out-of-home detention for youth; and approaches being used by other states and counties to better address the needs of 18-25 year olds involved in the criminal justice system.
- 2. Expand the TAY Collaborative Court.** We thank the Department of Children, Youth and Family...and encourage other ways to expand the court....
- 3. Increase funding for Transitional Aged Youth behavioral health services.**
- 4. The District Attorney restructure how it charges young adults for**

nonviolent felonies.

5. Encourage the Judiciary to enact policies reforming the bail system to better serve low income communities.

6. Prioritize the development of low-income housing.

7. Create a walk-on calendar for persons with bench warrants to reduce bookings for these warrants.

8. Reject any financing, debts, or certificates of participation to reopen, construct, or renovate existing jails and instead invest any aforementioned capital expenditures on programming to support at-risk, and justice involved, Transitional Aged Youth.

8. Include Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) 18 to 24 years old in the Juvenile Jail and Probation systems in order to receive more appropriate services and protect them from further victimization and involvement in crime. In San Francisco, almost 50% of homeless youth ages 18 to 24 identify as LGBTQ; experiencing homelessness puts young people at risk of engaging in the criminal justice system, and justice-involved youth are more likely to be vulnerable in a variety of ways. In order to receive more age-appropriate services, justice-involved young adults 18-24 should be cared for by professionals experienced in working with youth.

PRIORITY 2: IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO SF YOUTH

Urging the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) to collaborate with the Department of the Environment to offer environmental education to DCYF grantee organization staff and youth participants

Background

Under the Trump administration, climate change has been denied, and measures have been taken to reverse the work many previous politicians have implemented to improve our commitment to protecting the environment. He has taken measures to provide less funding to the Environmental Protection Agency and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and has appointed many climate change deniers and fossil fuel supporters to his cabinet. With an administration like his, our country's environmental priority has sunken very low, and is very alarming as our youth are growing up in a country where there is very little care for the environment. In order to combat these hardships, we must educate our youth on what our city does to support reducing climate change, and how everyone can do their part to reduce their carbon footprint. The city of San Francisco has taken a mighty step and pledges to get to zero waste by 2020. In order to get the closest we can to reaching this goal, the San Francisco Youth Commission is pushing for more education to our next generation of San Francisco leaders, the youth, in order to make sure that everyone is aware of how to sort waste, and of our city's goals. Education is key to ensuring everyone understands the importance of sorting waste and how to do so, and we are recommending it's expansion by connecting the Department of Youth, Children, and Families with the Department of the Environment school education team to hold environmental workshops for grantees at their mandatory workshops, and to also connect the department of the environment to the grantees to offer their workshops to the grantee organizations. Connecting the Department of Youth, Children, and Families is especially important because DCYF reaches out to a large amount of low income youth, and 55% of the children are youth between ages 11-17 which is the target age for more education. This is because education decreases as youth increase in their education path, most education being in elementary, and least being in high school. Students tend to forget about things like how to sort when they get to high school, proving the need for more education to older youth. This connection is so important because many youth participate in afterschool DCYF funded activities that can provide a short environmental workshop, that schools cannot find the time to do. Therefore, this connection is vital to ensuring that the future of San Francisco know how to, and are motivated to sort waste in order to ensure our city's devotion to improving and taking our part to care for the environment.

From the months of March 9 to March 25, the Housing, Environment and City Services Committee of the Youth Commission conducted a city wide environmental awareness survey. Over 500 youth in San Francisco responded to this survey, and many expressed the importance of needing to learn why it's important to sort your waste, and how to sort waste, supporting why it is so important to educate youth.

On March 5, 2018, the Youth Commission voted in favor to support Resolution 1718-AL-08 [[Resolution supporting additional Environmental Education and Awareness for San Francisco Youth]¹ that was sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Tam.

On March 16, 2018, Commissioner Kristen Tam presented the resolution to the head of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), Maria Su, and received positive feedback that the head of DCYF, Maria Su, and the head of the Department of the Environment (SFE), Debbie Raphael, are working together to connect SFE's school education team with DCYF's recipients.

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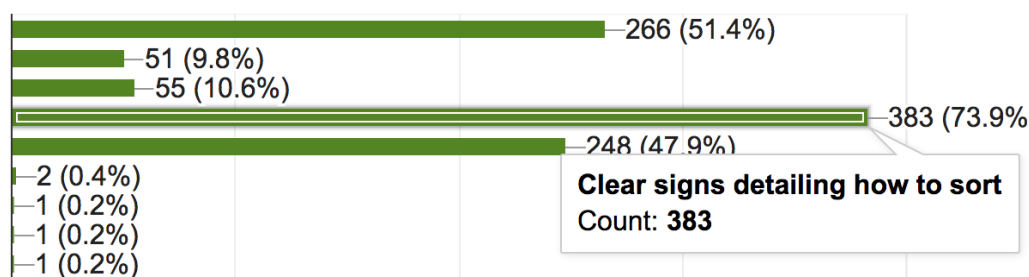
Introduced to the Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2018 by Supervisor Yee. Gaining the Board of Supervisor's support shows San Francisco residents of our city's commitment to spreading environmental awareness.

Taken from the 2018 Youth Commission Environmental Awareness survey asking youth in San Francisco how what would make it easier to sort your waste?

What would make it easier to sort your waste? (check all that apply)



518 responses

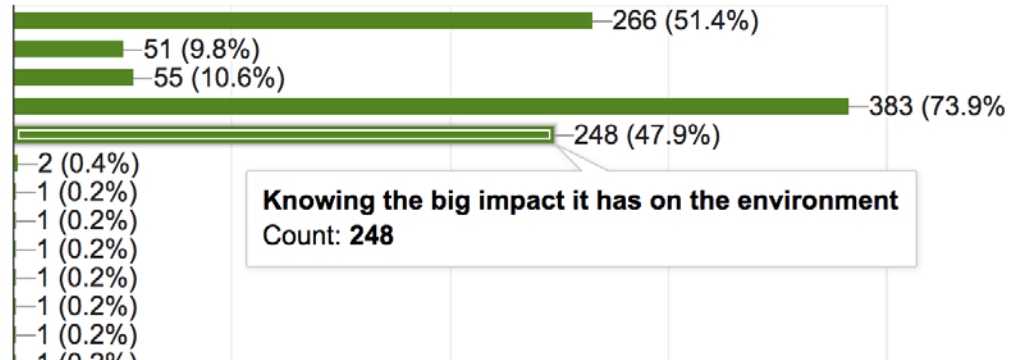


¹<http://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/1718-AL-08-%20Resolution%20supporting%20additional%20Environmental%20Education%20and%20Awareness%20for%20San%20Francisco%20Youth.pdf>

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Recommendations

1. **Youth Commission urges Tthe Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF) to offer environmental trainings lead by the Department of the Environment (SFE) to DCYF grantee organizations, and encourage grantees to host environmental workshops for their youth participants.** Youth Commissioners would like to thank Dr. Maria Su for her commitment to providing environmental education via DCYF grantees each year focused on sorting waste and other environmental awareness education deemed necessary.
2. **The Youth Commission also urges DCYF to coordinate with SFE and their School Education Team, who are willing and able, to provide these trainings for DCYF grantees and their youth participants assuming time and resources allow for it.**

PRIORITY 3: REDESIGN PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC OPEN SPACES TO FIT THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Urge for education, outreach, community engagement, and enforcement of current guidelines for Privately Owned Public Open Spaces (POPOS) to make them more accessible and youth and family friendly in the neighborhoods that need them most.

Background

POPOS stands for Privately Owned Public Open Space. POPOS are open spaces that are privately provided and privately maintained, typically within new office developments in the downtown area. Prior to 1985, developers provided POPOS under three general circumstances: voluntarily, in exchange for a density bonus, or as a condition of approval. Privately owned public open spaces were not required as part of new office developments. As described by SPUR, “In the late 1970s, it became apparent that the downtown financial district contained too few public amenities - including open spaces. Concern about the scale and pace of development led to a number of voter initiatives that would have modified the size and appearance of downtown office buildings, some in rather draconian ways. It became clear that better controls were needed...Developers came to believe that to make their projects more appealing and marketable (and more likely to be approved by the city), they needed to offer more...planners concluded that the requirements for open space should be made explicit [in the Downtown Plan].” This history suggests that the activism in response to the manhattanization of San Francisco at this time (such as the anti-high rise movement) was likely very influential in the eventual creation of a requirement for additional open space for new office developments in the rapidly expanding downtown financial district.

The 1985 Downtown Plan created the first systemic requirements for developers to provide publicly accessible open space as a part of projects in C-3 Districts. C-3 Districts are Downtown Commercial Districts. Downtown San Francisco, a center for city, regional, national and international commerce, is composed of four separate districts, as follows: C-3-0 (Downtown Office); C-3-R (Downtown Retail); C-3-G (Downtown General Commercial); C-3-S (Downtown Support). The C-3-0 district has a subdistrict for special development called the C-3-0(SD) district. As part of the Central SoMa Plan, POPOS are required in new office developments and “encouraged” in residential developments, and will provide much of the new open space for the plan. POPOS have traditionally been plazas, terraces, and seating areas with plants that often attract downtown office workers during lunchtime. Their stated purpose is to provide open space for the public. The original goal of POPOS was to “provide in the downtown quality open space in sufficient quantity and variety to meet the needs of downtown workers, residents and visitors.” As office buildings were taking over downtown, there became a lack of open space. In 2008, SF Planning conducted a Strategic Analysis Memo on Open Space which states 5.5 acres of open space per 1,000 people. However, in Western SoMa it is reported 0.23 acres of open space per 5,268 residents which converts to 0.046 acres per 1,000 residents. Due to smaller than average living spaces and a lack of

public and affordable spaces for people of various ages to convene and hang out, the streets become a default gathering space.

Requirements. An applicant for a permit to construct a new building or an addition of Gross Floor Area equal to 20 percent or more of an existing building (hereinafter "building") in C-3 Districts shall provide open space in the amount and in accordance with the standards set forth in this Section. All determinations concerning the adequacy of the amount of open space to be provided and its compliance with the requirements of this Section shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section [309](#).

- Current guidelines for POPOS are too vague and nonspecific:
 - Be of adequate size;
 - Be situated in such locations and provide such ingress and egress as will make the area easily accessible to the general public
 - Be well-designed, and where appropriate, be landscaped;
 - Be protected from uncomfortable wind;
 - Incorporate various features, including ample seating and, if appropriate, access to food service, which will enhance public use of the area;
 - Have adequate access to sunlight if sunlight access is appropriate to the type of area;
 - Be well-lighted if the area is of the type requiring artificial illumination;
 - Be open to the public at times when it is reasonable to expect substantial public use;
 - Be designed to enhance user safety and security;
 - If the open space is on private property, provide toilet facilities open to the public;
 - Have at least 75 percent of the total open space approved be open to the public during all daylight hours

Good example of POPOS: In Bernal Heights a small park provided by Bridge Housing and Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center on Coleridge Street in Bernal Heights. This POPO, developed in partnership with the existing community involving community meetings, provided for the benefit of the community as part of an affordable senior housing development is a more traditional public open space managed by these nonprofit organizations and is used by families and children from throughout the neighborhood.

- POPOS marked with the darker green icon are subject to the Downtown Plan.
- POPOS marked with the lighter green represent POPOS that are provided prior to 1985 and may or may not be subject to signage requirements.
- Public Artworks provided as a part of the Downtown Plan requirement are also available on this map.

Ordinance <http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/ordinances12/o0228-12.pdf>

POPOs video interview-- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTzbY363B-c>

RECENT UPDATES

On April 11, 2018 the Housing Environment and City Services Committee held a meeting where the Planning Department presented on two topics: the SF shadow ordinance and POPOs. Over 20 youth from Chinatown and SOMA were in attendance, and expressed frustration with the current ways that POPOs are created and enforced.

With a persistent lack of open space in downtown, the city has increasingly relied on privatized open space to meet this need. POPOs have been extremely problematic as they do not function like traditional open spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In light of the increasing pace of gentrification in our city, the Youth Commission urges:

- 1) The City and County of San Francisco to include children, youth and families in the discussion when creating new POPOs.
- 2) The Planning Department to increase the number of public parks and public open spaces in the South of Market and Chinatown.
- 3) For increased funding for maintenance and programming for existing public parks in the South of Market and Chinatown.
- 4) The Planning Department to create design standards for POPOs that focus on the needs of children, youth, and families, that include (but are not limited to):
 - a) Play structures
 - b) Functional lawns
 - c) Picnic tables with shading
 - d) Basketball half-courts and other sport courts
 - e) BBQ Pits
 - f) Dynamic seating
 - g) Creative lighting
 - h) Community gardens
- 5) Before the final consideration at the Planning Commission, the design must come before the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation
- 6) For more outreach and better and proper signage for POPOs in addition to multilingual signage.

PRIORITY 4: CONTINUE TO PROTECT AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITIES' ACCESS TO SUNLIGHT AND OPEN SPACE

Urging the protection of San Francisco's parks against shadowing, the expansion of open space access in neighborhoods impacted by high-rise development, and its connection to gentrification and displacement

Background

Proposition K (1984) or also known as the Sunlight Ordinance, established Section 295 of the Planning Code, mandating that new structures above 40 feet in height that would cast additional shadows on properties under the jurisdiction of, or designated to be acquired by the Recreation and Parks Department, can only be approved by the Planning Commission if the shadow is determined to be insignificant.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Mission is to "provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community."¹ In recent years, the Youth Commission has worked on ensuring equitable access to neighborhood parks by recommending the creation of a recreation and open space equity analysis. Ensuring our young people are receiving the full benefits of our public parks and open spaces, including adequate sunlight in all parks, is of paramount importance to the Youth Commission, and its chartered duties.

The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Parks Commission and supported by the Youth Commission, states that all children should "explore the wild places of the city", and "visit and care for a local park"². Youth Commissioners support these goals and believe that in order for our young people to receive the full benefits of our parks, we must ensure that we are protecting park-goers access to sunlight and mitigating the shadowing impacts of large buildings which could block direct access to sunlight.

Although the sunlight ordinance was passed in 1984, the Recreation and Park Commission did not vote down a proposal for a construction that would cause park shadowing until 2015, when a development that would have cast a shadow on Victoria Manalo Draves Park, the only multipurpose public park in SOMA, was voted down by the Commission.³

Concerns regarding sunlight access are especially acute for the Chinatown community, where many Families live in crowded conditions and lack indoor space. Community action to introduce and pass the Sunlight Ordinance was ignited in large part by proposals that would have cast shadows on Chinatown's Portsmouth square. Despite this, the Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission both approved construction of the Oceanwide Center in 2016, a development which will cast new shadows on four downtown parks: Union Square, Portsmouth Square, St. Mary's Square in Chinatown, and Justin

¹ SF Recreation and Parks: <http://sfrecpark.org/about/>

² SF Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights: <http://www.sfusdscience.org/sfcobr.html>

³ J.K. Dineen, SF Gate, "SF Parks Commission Squashes Condos that Would Shadow SOMA Park," January 17, 2015; Available at: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-parks-commission-squashes-building-that-would-6021079.php>

Herman Plaza.⁴ The developer agreed to pay a \$12 million dollar endowment for programming in Chinatown parks. Bill Maher, a former supervisor, former director of the Department of Parking and Traffic, and author of Prop. K, said “trading shadows for dollars is ‘flatly illegal.’ Prop. K’s shadow-limiting powers are clear.”⁵

As a number of neighborhoods that are home to proposed future developments are also home to some of San Francisco’s lowest income families, who experience particularly limited access to outdoor recreation and open space, Youth Commissioners urge further investigation into the implementation of the Sunlight Ordinance, as well as opportunities to mitigate shadowing impacts and expand sunlight and open space access for communities impacted by shadowing from new developments.

RECENT UPDATES

- *Currently District 3 and District 6 is working on a collaborative effort to discuss ways to combat the shadow ordinance of 1984.*
- *On Friday March 16 from 12-1:30PM, Commissioner Yu and Commissioner Amable met with D3 Legislative Aid Sunny Anglo, Commissioner Low, Chinatown Community Development Center, and South of Market Community Action Network staff to discuss ways to combat shadowing and request a hearing from the Board of Supervisors*
- *On Monday April 11 from 4:45-6:45PM, Housing Environment and City Services Committee held a meeting inviting the Planning Department to present to us about the shadow ordinance and POPOs.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) **Hold a Board of Supervisors hearing on the implementation of Proposition K and the Sunlight Ordinance and explore opportunities for expanding outdoor recreation access to families living in areas zoned for high rise development.**
- 2) **Urge the Planning Department to revisit, update, and revise their Proposition K- the Sunlight Ordinance Memorandum of 1989 guidelines and requirements.**

⁴ Brittany Hopkins, May 6, 2016, Hoodline, “Planning Commission Approves Oceanwide Center For First & Mission,” Available at:

<http://hoodline.com/2016/05/planning-commission-approves-oceanwide-center-for-first-mission>

⁵ J.K. Dineen, SF Gate, “SF Parks Commission Squashes Condos that Would Shadow SOMA Park,” January 17, 2015; Available at: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-parks-commission-squashes-building-that-would-6021079.php>

PRIORITY 5: PEDESTRIAN AND NIGHT SAFETY

Urging the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency to prioritize safer streets created for pedestrians.

Background

In 2017, Youth Organizing Home and Neighborhood Action, (YOHANA), conducted numerous workshops in the South of Market to address the issues of pedestrian and night safety.

Walking is an everyday part of life, and this is especially true for people in the South of Market. As a working class community in one of the most densely populated areas of one of the most densely populated cities in the United States, most of the residents rely on walking and public transportation to get to work, school, the store, and at the end of the day to go home.

Due to smaller than average living spaces and a lack of public and affordable spaces for people of various ages to convene and hang out, the streets become a default gathering space.

San Francisco is going through a transition with replacing the current high pressure sodium lights to LED lighting but at a very slow rate. As of June 2015, there was a recorded 465 LED lights spread across the city while there is about 46,000 lights total in the city. That is about 1% of lights changed to LED lighting. This is a huge issue because of the difference LED lighting could make if it was implemented more around the city. The high pressure sodium lights have a life span of 3-5 years while the LED lights have a life span of 15-20 years. Also the low lighting and/or broken fixtures cause numerous pedestrian safety issues. 2 issues that stem from low lighting and broken fixtures are loitering and stalking. These issue already happen more at night, and low to no lighting only helps those continue to do so.

A majority of the lighting around the city is currently owned by PG&E and SFPUC, with SFPUC currently owning about 60% of the street lights in SF. Recent updates show that SFPUC has already converted 13,000 light fixtures, with future plans to convert 18,500 more fixtures to LED lighting. These are great changes and future plans, but we would like to see them prioritize and address pedestrian safety with the new improvements and future plans.

One we would like to see implemented is having the fixtures being pedestrian leveled lighting. Currently most fixtures are meant for cars, so while having lighting being LEDs, it still won't have enough lighting if they are too high up in the streets. We'd also like monthly maintenance on the fixtures, what's good about having lights if they don't work?

Another recommendation is to increase the size of the sidewalks, especially in residential areas. Currently the blocks are barely wide enough for 2 to walk side by side on top of having trees and plants growing on the side close to the street. Lastly, we think it would be a good idea to add more mid-block crossings as well as increasing the crossing times. What this would do would slow down cars trying to speed down

long blocks as well as give more time for those in need to cross certain streets. We recognize some streets and blocks to be longer and wider than others, so we'd like to accommodate to those who live there.

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RECENT UPDATES

- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (sfpuc) is replacing approximately 18,500 city-owned streetlight fixture with leds
- SFPUC already converted 13,000 light fixture

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Prioritize the needs of pedestrians in street improvement projects**
- **Address pedestrian safety needs in street designs:**
 - Pedestrian level lighting
 - LED street lights
 - Monthly maintenance on new LED
 - Increase sidewalk widths to 15 feet, especially in residential alleys
 - Increase the number of mid-block crossings on major streets
 - Increase crossing distance times in crosswalks

PRIORITY 6: Continued Improvement for Voter Turnout and Civic Engagement through implementing Pre-Registration of 16 and 17 Year Olds in SFUSD and

Urging the investment and recognition of the importance of youth civic participation in San Francisco, as well as supporting the new efforts to increase voter pre-registrations among 16 and 17 year olds by capitalizing on partnerships with the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families and the Department of Elections.

BACKGROUND

San Francisco is leading the fight against President Trump at a time when our president is threatening our city and our values, and working to take away voting rights. As a way to combat an attack on voting rights, the San Francisco Youth Commission began to work last year on pre registering 16 and 17 year olds to vote.

“In 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 113 by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) which allowed voter pre-registration beginning at age 16 once the California’s statewide voter registration database, VoteCal, was certified and California became the 21st state to allow pre-registration. VoteCal was certified in September 2016, and pre-registration was initially only offered through paper forms.”¹ Online registration is now available and as of May 2017, San Francisco has pre-registered 624 people between the ages of 16 and 17. As of early March 2018, there are 715 people that are pre-registered.²

Strong voter turnout and voter engagement is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. Data shows that there is a strong case that pre-registering 16 and 17 year olds in San Francisco will bridge the gap between transitional aged youth and the ballot box and continue to build lifelong voters and strengthen our democracy.³ During the 2012 election, only 46% of eligible Latino youth, 41% of Asian American/Pacific Islander eligible youth, 59% of white eligible youth, and 54% of African American eligible youth were registered to vote, and those numbers were still far lower during the 2014 midterm elections. And according to the 2016 Youth Vote Student Survey, of 3,654 SFUSD high school students surveyed, 74.33% of students would either “absolutely” or “most likely” register and vote, if given the chance to do so at 16 or 17.⁴ Educating and engaging more young people in the rights and responsibilities of voting is among the best ways to encourage everyone, including and especially young people, to vote. San Francisco is leading the fight against President Trump at a time where our President is

¹<http://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/news-releases-and-advisories/2017-news-releases-and-advisories/16-and-17-year-olds-can-now-pre-register-vote-online/>

² http://www.sfelections.org/tools/election_data/

³ Eric Plutzer, “Becoming a Habitual Voter: Inertia, Resources, and Growth,” The American Political Science Review 96/1 (March 2002), pp. 41-56.

⁴ 2015-16 Youth Vote Student Survey Results. Provided by SFUSD Peer Resources

threatening our city and our values, and working to take away voting rights. We decided to take advantage of the new state legislation of pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds as an opportunity to continue progress in the field of expansion of Voting Rights.

RECENT UPDATES

In May 2016, the Civic Engagement Committee contributed a major budget and policy request by asking the Board of Supervisors to invest in voter turnout and the civic and political development of young people by supporting a charter amendment lowering San Francisco's legal voting age to sixteen. At the time it was written the Youth Commission had just hosted the first joint Board of Supervisors and Youth Commission in which hundreds of youth showed up to the full board meeting and gave hours of public comment. This led to a 9-2 vote in favor of the expansion of municipal voting rights toward 16 and 17 year olds, and would allow this issue to be brought toward the voters of San Francisco in the form of a new name Proposition F. Unfortunately, in November 2016 Proposition F lost by just 2.1% at the polls, but Prop F's campaign showed the ability to unite young people and bring them to the table with local politicians and into the realm of San Francisco politics. Proposition F was almost entirely youth run, and had the second largest group of campaign volunteers in San Francisco, made up of almost exclusively Bay Area youth. Six of the Board of Supervisors who served during the 2016 term signed on as co-sponsors, as well as various San Franciscan political groups: Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, San Francisco Democratic Party (DCCC), Black Young Dems, SF Latino Democratic Club, SF Women's Political Committee, Asian Pacific Democratic Club are supporting this campaign as well. All of this was accomplished by youth who believed in expanding the voting rights of 16 and 17 year olds. Although this proposition did not pass, we at the Youth Commission feel the need to ride out this momentum through the newly introduced piece of state policy which allows 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. The Youth Commission has also felt the negative effects of Trump being elected president, and now more than ever believe that encouraging youth to participate in any type of voting or elections is extremely critical. Being pre-registered to vote at 16 or 17 is one of the first steps in civic engagement.

During the 2016-2017 term the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee worked on focusing the conversation to the importance of pre-registration. According to Path to the Polls, a report published in 2016 on pre-registration in California, allowing pre-registration can increase young voter turnout by up to 13 percentage points, and that people who vote at an early age are more likely to stay engaged and vote in later elections.⁵ This data encourages us to believe wholeheartedly in the process of pre-registration and the importance it has for young people, and to make specific requests from partnering agencies, departments, and organizations to help us achieve our goal of increasing the number of 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register. In February

⁵ Path to the Polls: Preregistering California's Youth to Build a More Participatory Democracy. Alana Miller, Frontier Group Emily Rusch, CALPIRG Education Fund Rosalind Gold and Ofelia Medina, NALEO Educational Fund. September 2016:

<http://calpirgedfund.org/sites/pirg/files/reports/CALPIRG%20NALEO%20-%20Path%20to%20the%20Polls%20-%20Sept%202016.pdf>

2017, they met with department heads of the Department of Children Youth and their Families, and they have agreed that for any agency or organization who works with youth and becomes a grantee of DCYF after the request for proposal (RFP) process of 2017 that they will need to offer the option of pre-registration to the youth they will work with. Also in February 2017, they continued a partnership with the Department of Elections and have received a presentation on the current numbers of 16 and 17 year olds pre-registered, a training on how to legally and ethically implement voter registration, and acquired special pre-registration forms that will allow Department of Elections to track the amount of youth the Youth Commission have pre-registered. In late April 2017, they also met with the Student Advisory Council asking for feedback to increase voter registration outreach at the district level as well as asking for support in implementing the Board of Education Resolution 162-23A3 -- Encouraging Students to Exercise Their Voting Rights.⁶ In early May 2017, the committee attended a Board of Education Curriculum and Program Committee meeting with the Student Advisory Council and gave a presentation on the work that the Civic Engagement Committee did that year on pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds, and gave the suggestions on how to move this work forward at the school district level that the Student Advisory Council and the YC had brainstormed at the late April meeting. We will be meeting with individual members of the Curriculum and Program Committee who will help connect us to the staff in the Humanities Department of SFUSD in the hopes that we can start implementing a process in classes to outreach to sophomores and juniors in SFUSD. In mid April 2017 the Civic Engagement Committee applied for a Youth Leadership Institute B.L.I.N.G. (Building Leaders in Innovative New Giving) grant for a second time and funded our pre-registration work for the first half of this year and found out in early May 2017 that we received the grant.

Since May 2017 we have continued to pre-register 16 & 17 year olds. With the assistance of receiving \$4,800 via the B.L.I.N.G grant, we were able to train 4 young people to act as "trainers" to go into their own schools and organizations to help increase pre-voter outreach.

The newly formed Civic Engagement and Immigration began to work on pre-registration by recruiting other young people to run pre-registration efforts and pre-register other young people. We had a completely new Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee the consisted of all new members. We recruited four young people to help with pre-registration, and we pre-registered about 75 people overall. Former Youth Commissioner and Intern Joshua Park has also led the effort to make sure that pre-registration happens in SFUSD Classrooms, working with the Student Advisory Council and Department of Elections to build off of Resolution No. 162-23A3 which states that the Board of Education at the time asked for pre-registration in History Classrooms and is working on implementation in SFUSD History Classrooms, Wellness

⁶ San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education Resolution 162-23A3 -- Encouraging Students to Exercise Their Voting Rights adopted April 12, 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/assets/sfusd-staff/about-SFUSD/files/board-agendas/Agenda4122016-1.pdf>

Centers, and counseling Offices. The goals of pre-registration continues to be the same working to make sure that there is strong voter turnout, especially among the youth of San Francisco. Joshua met with the Student Advisory Council in early December and February to discuss the process of mandating pre-registration forms in history Classrooms. As the process went on we decided to not just provide pre-registration forms in history Classrooms but also Wellness Centers and Peer Resources in SFUSD high schools. We decided to incorporate Wellness Centers and Peer Resources because they are resources funded through DCYF and many students come to use these resources and can be a potential location for many young people to pre-register.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All of the above means close to nothing without the continued support from the City of San Francisco to engage San Francisco youth in the civic and voting process. We are hoping that you will do everything in your power to assist us in the pre-registration of 16-17 year old youth in the city.

- 1) Urge DCYF to require any 2017 youth serving agency or organization RFP grantee to offer the option of pre-registration to the youth they will work with.
- 2) Consider funding a specific grantee of the DCYF 2017 RFP to create a position or campaign specifically aimed at increasing the pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds and voter outreach using peer-to-peer strategies.
- 3) Consider extra funding for a new staff person at the Department of Elections for youth and TAY Youth voter outreach, especially of marginalized communities.
- 4) Write a resolution in support of the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 (ACA 10) which would lower the voting age from 18 years-old to 17 years-old in the state of CA.
- 5) Urge SFUSD to make sure implementation of the required policies is made before the 2019-2020 School Year
- 6) Urge Department of Elections to continue their work in conjunction with the Youth Commission and help with the SFUSD staff trainings to prepare for pre-registration

We urge the new mayor and the Board of Supervisors to continue to explore ways to increase participation and education of young voters, by supporting the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families RFP youth serving grantees to offer the option to pre-register to vote, continuing the already-successful student engagement programs led by the Department of Elections and to incorporate a newly paid staff member to focus solely on youth registration and voter outreach; by partnering with the school district to support its efforts to register students to vote and making pre-registration forms available in classrooms; exploring opportunities for resourcing peer-led young voter pre-registration and engagement efforts targeting 16 and 17 year old San Franciscans, specifically through the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, and writing a resolution in support of the ACA-10 which would lower the voting age from 18 years-old to 17 years-old in the state of CA.

PRIORITY 7: ADVOCATING FOR THE LOWERING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL VOTER AGE AND RECOMMITTING TO THE VOTE 16 CAMPAIGN

Incorporating the tension and frustration of the current national political climate and the new awareness of youth voter education and advocacy, especially in regards to gun control and immigration issues, to work alongside the Vote16 campaign to strive for a ballot measure in 2020 that would lower the San Francisco municipal voter age from 18 to 16.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, a youth-led voting initiative turned into a national movement; with support of majority of the Board of Supervisors, Vote16 was placed on the San Francisco ballot in the 2016 elections as Proposition F. Losing by only 2%, Vote16 campaign efforts have only picked up speed. Other than having eyes on the 2020 election in San Francisco, Vote16 has had historic campaigns in cities across the country, including Sacramento, Washington D.C., Chicago and Boulder. Outside of Vote16, many initiatives have appeared that promotes youth involvements in voting; in 2016, the city of Berkeley passed legislation allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote in school board elections and In 2015, Hyattsville, MD and Takoma Park, MD became the first two municipalities in the nation to lower the city election voter age to 16.¹

RECENT UPDATES

In the wake of the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida on February 14, 2018,² which took the lives of 17 high school students and teachers, thousands of youth across the country have used their voices to protest mass-shootings in the US. The march For Our Lives, a student-organized demonstration that took place in Washington D.C. with over 800 sibling events across the country, had an estimated net turnout of 1.2 to 2 million people.³

These protests have sparked awareness of the voice, opinion, and influence of the self-labeled “mass-shooting generation”, and many cities have found a newly raised awareness around the prospects of lowering their municipal voting age.⁴ The City Council of Washington D.C., home to the March for Our Lives, reintroduced legislation regarding the voting rights of 16 and 17 year olds on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, and as of April, has the support of seven of the 13 city council members⁵.

Along with recent research and analysis that suggests that the younger of an age people begin voting, the more likely they are to become life-long voters,⁶ many organizations, including the National

¹ <http://hyattsvillelife.com/breaking-news-council-lowers-hyattsville-voting-age-to-16-years-old/>

² <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/parkland/florida-school-shooting/>

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_for_Our_Lives

⁴ <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/dc/dc-considers-lowering-voting-age-to-16/65-537063861>

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ http://www.fairvote.org/lower_the_voting_age#why_should_we_lower_the_voting_age_to_16

Youth Rights Association⁷, have been long-time backers of the right of youths to vote, and the current limelight on the rights of youths have given these voices a broader audience.

As of 2018, fifteen states — California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah and the District of Columbia have legalized the pre-registration of 16 and 17 year-olds. Vote16 is currently campaigning for the lowered voting age in 10 different cities across the country, including Chicago and Sacramento.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to continue their careful consideration around the prospects of lowering the municipal voting the in San Francisco. We suggest hosting another joint BOS/YC meeting, in order for the Youth Commission to communicate and present recent developments of the Vote16 campaign and other San Francisco youths to express their frustrations around the national tension between the government and the “voiceless” youths they govern. We also urge the Board of Supervisors to sponsor the Vote16 campaign and openly campaign for its placement on the 2020 ballot.

⁷ <http://www.youthrights.org/issues/voting-age/>

Priority 8: Allocate \$60,000 towards California ID Fee Waivers for Youth

The San Francisco Youth Commission Urges the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to coordinate with the City and County of San Francisco to contribute \$60,000 towards California ID fee waivers for 16 through 18-year-olds. We also encourage collaboration with the members of the SF Youth Commission's Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee to implement this change.

Background

In November 2016, youth activists from the San Francisco Youth Commission pushed and advocated for Vote16/Prop F, a voting reform that would've changed the city charter, potentially allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote in San Francisco elections. Last Year's 2017 BPP, "[Improving] Voter Turnout and Civic Engagement Through pre-registration of 16 and 17 Year Olds" was named as Priority Number Two. Following Prop. F's tight loss with 48% of votes, the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee continued in their dedication to youth voter rights and dedicated resources to Voter pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds in San Francisco.

Recent Updates

During pre-registration outreach in 2017, youth commissioners noticed that 35 percent of the youth who expressed interest in pre-registering to vote did not have access to a California ID card/social security number in order to pre-register. A large amount of youth face economic barriers in paying for the California ID fee of \$30, so the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee is now working on making fee waivers for California IDs free to help youth pre-register. There are 19,000 youth in San Francisco between the ages of 16 and 18 and an estimated 2,000 youth need financial assistance for the California IDs.

Recommendations

- 1. The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families as well as the City and County of San Francisco to allocate \$60,000 towards California ID fee waivers for youth.**
- 2. We also recommend that youth-friendly systems regarding ID Fee waivers be put in place, such as a system where a young person would have the option of filling out a fee waiver form provided by DCYF at certain DMVs, and receive a fee waiver provided that they can show that they are 16-18 and that they currently reside in San Francisco.**
- 3. Lastly, the San Francisco Youth Commission recommends that DCYF, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Elections, meet with members of the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee to lay out a plan for action and implementation regarding the fee waivers.**
- 4. The Youth Commission will work with City College on Implementation plan for fee waivers for students**

Priority 9: Continue Implementing Efforts to Protect Undocumented Families From Deportation.

Background

Since the election of President Trump in 2016, his administration has taken a focus to send undocumented people back to their country of origin. In 2016, Trump explained that “those here today illegally who are seeking legal status, they will have one route and only one route: to return home and apply for re-entry.”¹ Angel Ortiz, of Maryland was forcefully taken by federal agents in front of his family, including his six year old son. He had had only one minor incident while living in the US, which was settled, but was still taken out of the country. After hearing it could be five years before he saw his family again, he was outraged. “I could suffer one or two, but five! Come on! I tell you, Trump is destroying my family.”² Through various bills (Executive Order 13769) that have placed restrictions on immigration, many families are on the verge of being torn apart. Trump has proposed that in order to deter people from attempting re-entry, “anyone who illegally crosses will be detained until they are removed and go back to country from which they came. And they will be brought great distances, we are not dropping them right across.”³ This has huge implications for family reunification, which would be made extremely difficult.

Recently, there have been efforts by ICE (Immigrant and Customs Enforcement) to track down immigrant families living in the Bay Area. During the week of February 11th, seventy-seven businesses were raided to track down undocumented workers. Warnings, including an email from Oakland mayor Libby Schaaf, have been issued to those who may be affected. This act of resistance in the face of the government shows the type of support that has been given already, and how powerful of a message that has been. ICE agents have been misrepresenting themselves to enable them to enter homes “without a warrant, by representing themselves as police officers.”⁴

Recent Updates

The Youth Commission would like to thank the Mayor’s Office for the continued support they have given undocumented families in San Francisco, specifically BOS file # 170949: Resolution condemning the rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and expressing continued support for all immigrants, BOS file #170218: Resolution supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Sanctuary in Transit Policy, BOS file # 170124: Resolution declaring that the City And County Of San Francisco is united against discriminatory immigration and refugee policies based on religion and national origin, and countless others made to benefit a similar goal.

Recommendations

¹ Desjardins

² Pilkington

³ Desjardins

⁴ Emslie

- 1. Continue to honor our sanctuary city of San Francisco.** San Francisco is a sanctuary city where undocumented peoples are supposed to be shielded from the national government's immigration laws. ICE raids have launched a wave of uncertainty among the general public as agents enter homes without warrants.
- 2. Continue providing undocumented families with immigration attorneys.** Many undocumented families cannot afford attorneys to defend them in court. Consequently, they face greater chance for deportation without proper legal advice and guidance to understand all their options.

PRIORITY 10: TAY HOUSING AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

BACKGROUND

RECENT UPDATES

RECOMMENDATIONS

- TAY focused Navigation Centers
- Follow up on goals
- Possible reshuffle of homeless funding to get more to TAY

1. Complete the 2015 TAY Housing Plan.

The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to urge the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Department of Public Health, and the Human Services Agency to implement the housing recommendations of the Transitional Youth Task Force and the TAYSF 2014-2016 priorities document, including and especially the goal of identifying the remaining 120 housing units in the 2015 TAY Housing Plan.

2. Recommit to the TAY Housing Plan by establishing a new 2025 TAY housing goal.

The Youth Commission urges the City to establish a new TAY Housing goal for the years ahead. Ensuring more designated TAY units are created in the near future, beyond the 2015 goal of 400 units, will create necessary exits for homeless and marginally housing TAY.

3. Plan for the on-site supportive service needs of TAY in supportive housing, address the outstanding need for residential treatment for TAY, and address TAY emergency housing needs by establishing a TAY navigation center.

The Youth Commission encourages the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to plan for the commitment of applicable funds for on-site case management and other services associated with the construction of the remaining 120 units in the TAY housing plan. We urge for the establishment of a TAY-specific residential treatment option for TAY seeking mental health and substance abuse treatment. Finally, we urge for the prioritization of the establishment of a TAY navigation center to address the emergency shelter needs of transitional age youth in accordance with the Board of Supervisors' 2016 ordinance.

4. Invest and explore other ways to promote positive housing outcomes for TAY.

While, youth commissioners recognize the importance of creating housing units for our City's most disconnected young people, we also recommend analyzing housing outcomes for TAY who would not normally be eligible for TAY housing programs, in order to consider additional less resource-intensive supports to help TAY achieve positive housing outcomes, including: financial education, move-in costs or rental subsidies, apartment-hunting/placement support, and tenants' rights education.

5. Updates on Year of Recognizing Youth Experiencing Homelessness.

In 2017 the Youth Commission, along with the Youth Advisory Board of Larkin Street, urged the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to declare a Year of Recognizing Youth Experiencing Homelessness. In making this declaration, we urged the city to make meaningful investments into ending youth and TAY homelessness in San Francisco, support flexible shelter and housing practices that meet the unique needs of this population, adopt best practices coming out of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Community Plan, and create space and support for service providers to work collaboratively together and with the city. We ask now that the city provide a report on its progress on addressing the needs of homeless youth.

PRIORITY 11: REDUCE THE NEGATIVE SOCIETAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ALCOHOL DENSITY ON YOUTH AND FAMILIES BY STRENGTHENING CURRENT REGULATIONS

Urging to reduce the alcohol-related impacts on the youth and families of San Francisco by requiring equity analyses on all alcohol policies developed; supporting the Budget Legislative Analyst Report on the Economic and Administrative Costs Related to Alcohol Abuse in the City and County of San Francisco by moving it to a public hearing; and by partnering with the San Francisco Prevention Coalition to develop an alcohol regulatory framework for the City and County of San Francisco.

BACKGROUND

RECENT UPDATES

- On February 12, 2018, the Housing, Environment and City Services Committee received a presentation and update from the Prevention Coalition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We would like to thank the Youth Leadership Institute for bringing this issue and research to Youth Commissioners' attention. The Youth Commission urges the City and County of San Francisco to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the negative societal and economic impacts of alcohol density on youth and families in San Francisco. Therefore, Youth Commissioners urge that:

1. **The Board of Supervisors require an equity analysis of alcohol-related impacts to be conducted as a part of any new alcohol policies developed and consider the impacts of alcohol density on Transitional Age Youth ages 18-24, communities of color, and low income communities.**
2. **The Board of Supervisors move the Budget Legislative Analyst Report on the Economic and Administrative Costs Related to Alcohol Abuse in the City and County of San Francisco to a public hearing.**
3. **The Board of Supervisors adopt legislation addressing and mitigating the impacts of alcohol density, especially amongst vulnerable communities.**

4. The Board of Supervisors partner with the San Francisco Prevention Coalition, San Francisco Health Improvement Partnership's Alcohol Policy Steering Committee, SFPD Alcohol Liaison Unit, SF Friday Night Live, and UCSF, to develop an alcohol regulatory framework to reduce the impact of alcohol density on youth and families.

1 [Motion honoring the life of Jesus Adolfo Delgado Duarte and offering condolences to his family and
2 community]

3 Supplemental Information:

4 Adolfo, 19 year old Mission local, was born in Mexico on Christmas Day in 1998, and grew up in the
5 Mission District near 22nd and Bryant streets. He attended SF schools such as Bryant Elementary,
6 Aptos Middle School, John O'Connell High School, and graduated from Life Learning Academy
Charter High School on Treasure Island. He was a participant at the Boys and Girls Club and held
down a job at Metro PCS.¹

7 On Tuesday, March 6th 2018, 19 year old Jesus Adolfo Delgado Duarte was shot and killed by the
8 San Francisco Police Department after ten police officers fired roughly 99 rounds of gunfire².

9 We are aware that the killing of Jesus is also reminiscent of the murders of Alex Nieto, Luis Gongora,
10 Mario Woods, Amilcar Perez Lopez, Jessica Williams and numerous other San Francisco Black and
Latinx³ youth.

11 On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we would like to offer our sincerest condolences to
12 his family and community, and a reassurance that we will continue to fight for Police reform and/or
alternatives to policing.

13 The San Francisco Youth Commission stands against police violence, which harms young people,
14 especially youth of color, and we stand for urgent action and solutions, as we have for all of our 21
15 year history. The San Francisco Youth Commission recommits to doing everything possible to stand
against police brutality and support youth and community led organizing efforts for action and
solutions.

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24 ¹ [https://missionlocal.org/2018/03/19-year-old-police-shooting-victim-came-to-the-u-s-as-a-child-and-grew-up-](https://missionlocal.org/2018/03/19-year-old-police-shooting-victim-came-to-the-u-s-as-a-child-and-grew-up-and-worked-in-sfs-mission/)
and-worked-in-sfs-mission/

25 ² [http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/03/13/mission-district-fatal-ois-jesus-adolfo-delgado-duarte-town-hall-](http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/03/13/mission-district-fatal-ois-jesus-adolfo-delgado-duarte-town-hall-meeting/)
meeting/

³ To be more gender neutral, we are using an "x" instead of the traditional "a" and "o" ending