



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, March 19, 2018

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

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

There will be public comment on each item.

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. March 5, 2018
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4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

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

- A. Presentation on March for Our Lives and Gun Control Reform
Presenter: Jason Chen, March for Our Lives Organizer and student at Lowell High School
- B. Presentation on System Involved Young Women's Bill of Rights
Presenter: Krea Gomez, Organizing & Advocacy Director, and KI Ifopo and Lael Jones, The Young Women's Freedom Center
(Document B)
- C. Presentation on Youth Funding Youth Ideas
Presenter: Ashley Rodriguez, staff from Youth Funding Youth Ideas

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

- A. Motion No. 1718-AL-09 [Motion Supporting youth taking a Stand on Gun Control through organized walkouts on March 14, 2018 and April 20, 2018, and the March for



our Lives on March 24, 2018 and urge the Board of Supervisors to continue their commitment to common sense gun reform]

Presenter: Commissioner Kristen Tam
(Document C)

- B. [First 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 between the ages of 14-16 in San Francisco]
Sponsor: Commissioner Felix Andam
(Document D)

- C. [First Reading] YouthCommission Budget & Policy Priorities for Fiscal Years 2018-2019, and 2019-2020
(Document E)

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

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

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

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**San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:18pm. Commissioners present:, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Kristen Tam, Mike'l Gregory, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt, Paola Robles Desgarennnes, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam.

Commissioners absent: Elsie Lipson, Arianna Nassiri, Jarrett Mao, Jonny Mesler, Claire Amable, Mampu Lona.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Yu, motioned to approve all absences. Motion approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Lona arrived at 5:26pm.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon. No public comment.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. February 5, 2018
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Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation. There was no public comment.

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



Ashley Rodriguez and Carol, from YFYI, came to speak about a youth grant opportunity. These grants started in 2003, and have funded over 300 projects that are youth led in SF and roughly 2.5 million dollars have been given back to the community. Two grants: innovative and capacity grants. Must address social justice issues.

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

- A. BOS File No. 180127 [Hearing on the efficacy and impact of San Francisco gang injunctions]
Sponsor: Supervisors Fewer and Ronen
Presenter: Chelsea Boilard, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sandra Fewer
(Document B)

The City Attorney, Dennis Herrera, brought forth gang injunctions in 2007. Many organizations, such as the ACLU and Coleman Advocates for Youth, are against the injunctions. Gang injunctions are policy put in place by many cities but are seen as racial profiling, and currently there are 145 names on the list for gang injunctions; this reduces the movement and allowable activity for people on this list. This has raised significant concerns.

Supervisor Fewer sits on the SF Reentry Council and wanted to sponsor a hearing after reading Jeff Adachi's letter (handed out to YCers) calling on the City Attorney to end gang injunctions like Oakland and other cities have done. D1 office wants to hear from city attorney and public defender for justification on the existence of these injunctions and have not been updated since 2011, many of the people are dead or not living in SF and all appear to be black or Latino. There is a negative and disastrous impact on communities. This is a hearing, not legislation, and thought YC would be interested in this. Since this has been in place for 10 plus years a lot of the people aren't youth but still YC could be interested.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker- how do you stop it? The city attorney has authority to withdraw them.

Commissioner Vigil- do you have any info on the opt out process and what this looked like or the success of it? We do not know who has actually used the opt out process or if it was successful. This is a question they have put forth to the city attorney to see how it has been used, been attempted to use, and if used successfully. When you are charged with a crime, gang injunctions are civil, you don't get a public defender and don't necessarily get the right to defense. Another question they are asking is do people have access to attorneys to navigate this complicated process?

Commissioner Vigil-are there non profits to help with the process of opt outs? Would like to see this connection to. If there are particular questions would be happy to answer them at the hearing.

Commissioner Lind-not legislation referred, we will vote on the hearing if we support it. YC can't attend cus it's during school so give thoughts and comments so it could be considered at the hearing.



Boilard-not possible to holding after school hearing for this one, but on next ones they hope to do so as they respect youth voice as part of the process.

Commissioner Andam-can you recess the meeting and restart? No because there are other conflicts.

Public comment: Jose Bernal, serves on SF Reentry Council and End the Injunctions Coalition. Thank you for having this discussion. These injunctions have been around for 10 years and every single person is either black or brown male and were placed on the list between ages 18-20. City attorney did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they were actually gang members. Our youth should have a problem with this when our civil rights are under attack and Trump is making statements that he is going to come and rip brown family's apart; we need to guard our civil rights. These injunctions are permanent and have impacts like not being able to be in their own neighborhoods. Welcomes conversation with him and invite you to the Bayview on Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Bayview City College Campus to hear more about the injunctions.

Donna Mandel, staff for Public Defender's office, represents the law office that defends people who have been charged with crimes and mostly defends poor people who can't afford counsel. Public Defenders office can't defend those who were under gang injunctions and this is lack of due process. Many of these were 10 years ago and still on the list and many are not that young anymore and some are deceased, moved out, but their names are on the list and this means they can't be seen in their neighborhoods or be seen with others on the injunctions list, can't associate sometimes with family members if all on the list. She know someone who tried opt out process and was denied, and didn't have legal representation. Periodic reviews were supposed to happen every three years from city attorney but this has never happened. Very concerned and welcome your support for a hearing. Get rid of these gang injunctions.

Commissioner Franet-who has oversight? The city attorney.

Commissioner Andam-is the hearing about reviewing the members of the list or to get rid of gang injunctions? The hearing is to ask the city attorney to present the justification for the gang injunctions to be in place, the impact, and the city attorney will present and the public defender will also present.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, motion to support the hearing.

Roll call vote:

All Commissioners voted aye for unanimous support of this hearing.

Discussion/comments to be included to packet to the Clerk of the committee holding the hearing-

Commissioner Vigil-consider the timing of young people when there is impact on them and really try for after school hearings

Commissioner Andam-will there be another hearing on whether the board will support it or not vs just an info hearing? Response to Felix's question: because this is a policy by city attorney the BOS can't pass leg to end gang injunctions. The BOS could pass a resolution urging action around gang injunctions but at this point the hearing is just informational.



Commissioner Vigil-what is the process of opting out and the resources going in to help people opt out?

Commissioner Tam-have the people who are on the injunction list have been educated on the opt out process? How do those on the list get off the list if they actually aren't in gangs? Do those on the list know about this hearing as it would be vital to have them speak for themselves?

Commissioner Desgarennnes-can you review the evidence and ask why they didn't have legal representation and can this be changed moving forward? Is there an effective way to decrease the gang injunctions?

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

A. Presentation on Epicenter Summit 2018

Presenter: Naomi Fierro, External Affairs, San Francisco Fellow, and Francis Zamora, Director of External Affairs, SF Department of Emergency Management

Naomi Fierro is a former YC'er, native SF'an, and believes in the potential of youth to drive decisions that affect SF. Thank you for your service.

SF Department of Emergency Management -when there is a large scale emergency or pre planned event their center is the point person of how they respond to emergencies. Community education and outreach is done so folks know what to do when there is an emergency to be as responsive as possible.

They communicate with the public via: AlertSF, Twitter, Outdoor Public Warning System, wireless emergency alerts, SF72 (has tailored info on what to do in various emergencies).

Commissioner Andam-what if there is an emergency at noon on Tuesdays? Test siren stops, if real, it would be ringing endlessly. Siren would be much different.

EpiCenter-2018 Summit on Bay Area Response and Recovery from a catastrophic earthquake. 2 days at Observation Post in Presidio. Youth Commissioners can shape this conversation by attending and is invitation only and you are being invited by Naomi as your voice has a right to be heard.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-why is it only invitation only? Limited space.

Emergency management: school violence, natural disasters, mental health, technology.

There will be a panel that has emphasis on mentorship and policy. Check out: Sfdem.org/epicenter and it's April 10/11 during school, 8-4pm, food and transportation provided. Asking for your participation and your opinion. Reach out to naomi.fierro@sfgov.org.

If one day is what you can do then that is ok. Would like to see youth commissioners at the panel on diversity and management at 1pm on the first day, April 10th. They could provide notes for your teachers.



Commissioner Yu-Chinatown Community Development Center Youth for SRO program as a group to reach out to.

There was no public comment.

B. Presentation on Close Up Program

Presenter: Eleanor Vogelsang, Community Relations Manager, Close Up Foundation

Came last year and presented. Washington DC non profit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower youth to be civically minded.

No public comment.

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

A. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-08 [Resolution supporting additional Environmental Education and Awareness for San Francisco Youth]

Sponsor: Commissioner Kristin Tam
(Document C)

Need to change spelling of Kristen's name. Resolution read into the record for the second time.

Commissioner Yu-part where she cites her data is too redundant so figure out how to condense it so it's shorter and easier to read.

Commissioner Andam-can you cite it and then just say look at data here? Staff-no because the data is coming from kristen's survey and we want that in there.

Josh Park-what do the environmental trainings look like? And what would the YC need to do to make the ask successful? Dept of Environment could give the presentations as they already have presentations targeted towards team.

Commissioner Franet-the front page seems that you're asking DCYF to provide the trainings but the resolved clauses make it seem that the Dept of Env will provide trainings. Commissioner Tam-DCYF would have to say yes to this as a policy but the dept of env would provide the trainings. Commissioner Franet-so make this as clear as possible.

Commissioner Franet-be clear that DCYF just needs to say yes to something the dept of env has already said they would do.

Park-would it be to offer or require these trainings? Concern with offer is that it's too loose. Aiming for mandatory trainings so learning towards require.

Commissioner Franet-may not be realistic for all.

Commissioner Tam-need to see how mandatory their mandatory their trainings are.

Commissioner Franet-large orgs could pull this off but could be tough ask for small orgs.

Staff-page 4 line 10 add in "for DCYF to offer env trainings for DCYF grantees by Dept of Environment and/or to coordinator with the Dept of the Env."



Park-DCYF serves numerous ages so clarify the ages that you want to specify receive presentations.

Commissioner Yu doesn't think we should change the language of "offer" in the resolution and better to put in the BPPs instead.

Amendments-condense the data, be explicit on Dept of Env providing the trainings for DCYF trainings, and the ages of those who should receive trainings.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Yu, motioned to approve the three amendments mentioned above. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by acclamation.

B. Leave of Absence Request for February 14-March 12, 2018 for Jonny Mesler

C. Leave of Absence Extension Request for February 15-March 5, 2018 for Mary Claire Amable

Items B and C were called together. Mesler broke his knee and unable to get to YC meetings. Amable going through family stuff and requesting extension.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motioned to approve these leaves of absences. The motion was approved by acclamation.

D. Presentation on Previous YC Priorities, DCYF Follow Up, and DYCF Youth Advisory Board Meeting Presentation
Presenters: YC Staff
(Document D)

Follow up is needed regarding recommendations that was made to DCYF department heads last year. We will request updates and implementation process as well as add in any new recommendations to share on March 16th at 4:30pm to the DCYF Youth Advisory Board. Will need at least 1.5-2 hours of practice and prep time.

Lisa, Kristen, Bahlam, Paola, and Josh are interested in presenting.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Approved agenda and moved start time to 4:45pm.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Had presentation from Department of Environment.

C. Justice and Employment Committee



Had meeting with Supervisor Fewer to get her support on the resolution and the BLA. She is tentatively supportive of the resolution but wants more info on the fiscal impacts. Requesting BLA report soon.

Had Young Women's Freedom Center present and are coming to present on March 19th. Getting letter of support from their org. Larkin has sent in their letter of support.

Presentations scheduled for multiple commissions where they will be asking for their support.

D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

Working on BPPs. Researching CA ID fee waivers.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

No meetings yet.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- School walk out. Folks are emailing the YC looking for guidance and leadership. If anyone wants to help please connect with Kristen or directly with Jason, the organizer at Lowell.

- March is the time where we are going to see an increase in requests on top of your chartered duties. Please stay committed to showing up 100% to the YC as we are starting to see a drop off.

- Last full YC meeting was canceled a few hours before the meeting due to lack of quorum. We can't have this happen again. Look at your calendar and get those dates down. Bad look to the presenters.

- Youth Advocacy Day on April 26th. Some of you signed up for youth leader positions. Lisa can't attend the day of. Follow up with Wahid on who is participating. You co sponsored so want to make sure YC shows up.

- This Saturday the YC is doing DCYF resource fair and we are tabling. Some 3000 folks showing up. Who can come to table with Leah? 11-3pm, set up one hour before and tear down one hour after. At County Fair building in GGP. Josh for 2-3 hour block, Zak could do an hour in the afternoon, Bahlam will be there.

- BPP deadline is March 14th and can be bullet points

- Homestead Florida Youth Commission coming to CA on Tuesday March 27th between 4-6pm for an hour. Felix, Paola, Bahlam are interested. Zak, Josh, Owen are maybes.

- Students at Gateway high to reserve city hall front steps for March 14th for walkouts.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

No announcements.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.





celebrating **25** years of

Investing in the leadership of young women from the margins
to reimagine freedom and transform the world.

YOUNG WOMEN'S
FREEDOM CENTER

Mission and Vision

Mission Statement:

To empower and inspire young women who have been involved with the juvenile justice system and/or the underground street economy to create positive change in their lives and communities.

Vision Statement:

We envision a world in which all young women have the support they need to recognize and eradicate all forms of oppression, to heal, and live self-determined lives.

Values

Sisterhood



Young women fostering support, understanding, and community to support and empower women

Social Justice



Young women are powerful and best positioned to inform, guide and challenge oppressive systems and policies

Self-Determination



Young women are powerful and resilient and should have agency and decision making over their own lives

Spirituality



Honoring the spiritual essence and being in ourselves and in each other

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Young Women are fierce and powerful experts, leaders and partners in all our work

We believe that young women of color, young women living in poverty, young mothers, Trans young women, gender-non conforming young people, and queer young women are best positioned to inform, guide and manage the development of YWFC and to transform the world.

Fighting Oppression is central to a process of healing.

We believe that to heal, young women need to recognize, understand and be prepared to dismantle the systems of oppression that affect their lives and fight for social justice.

Grounding in our cultural and spiritual beliefs and traditions are essential to achieving a sense of self-determination.

We expect, invite and support young women in bringing their whole selves to their work at YWFC. We demand that young women have opportunities to develop emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually in culturally appropriate environments.

The power of sisterhood is limitless.

We believe in young women supporting, challenging and nurturing each other to heal, thrive and be advocates for change. We believe every young woman has the capacity to become a leader.

Every young woman has the right to the support, access, and opportunities needed to achieve her potential.

We believe that in order for young women, who have experienced oppression, violence, discrimination and exploitation to step into their and have agency over their own lives, they must be supported in safe environments to grow and heal.

The logo for the Young Women's Freedom Center is located in the bottom right corner. It consists of a dark teal rectangular background with the words "YOUNG WOMEN'S" on the top line and "FREEDOM CENTER" on the bottom line, both in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

YOUNG WOMEN'S
FREEDOM CENTER

Organizational Strategies

What are our work is all about

Leadership Development

Meeting young women where they are at and working with them over time to build voice, find their power, and step into their leadership to have agency over their lives and become leaders in the community – working towards liberation and freedom for all.

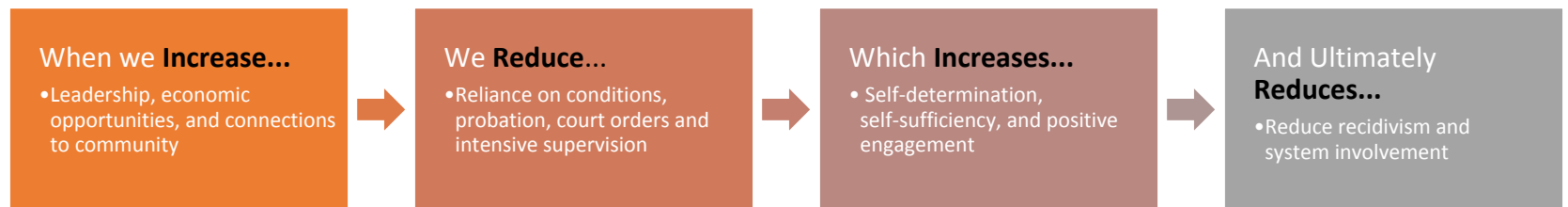
Movement Building

Young women from the margins at the Center – leading a movement that is centered in the experiences and power of system involved young women

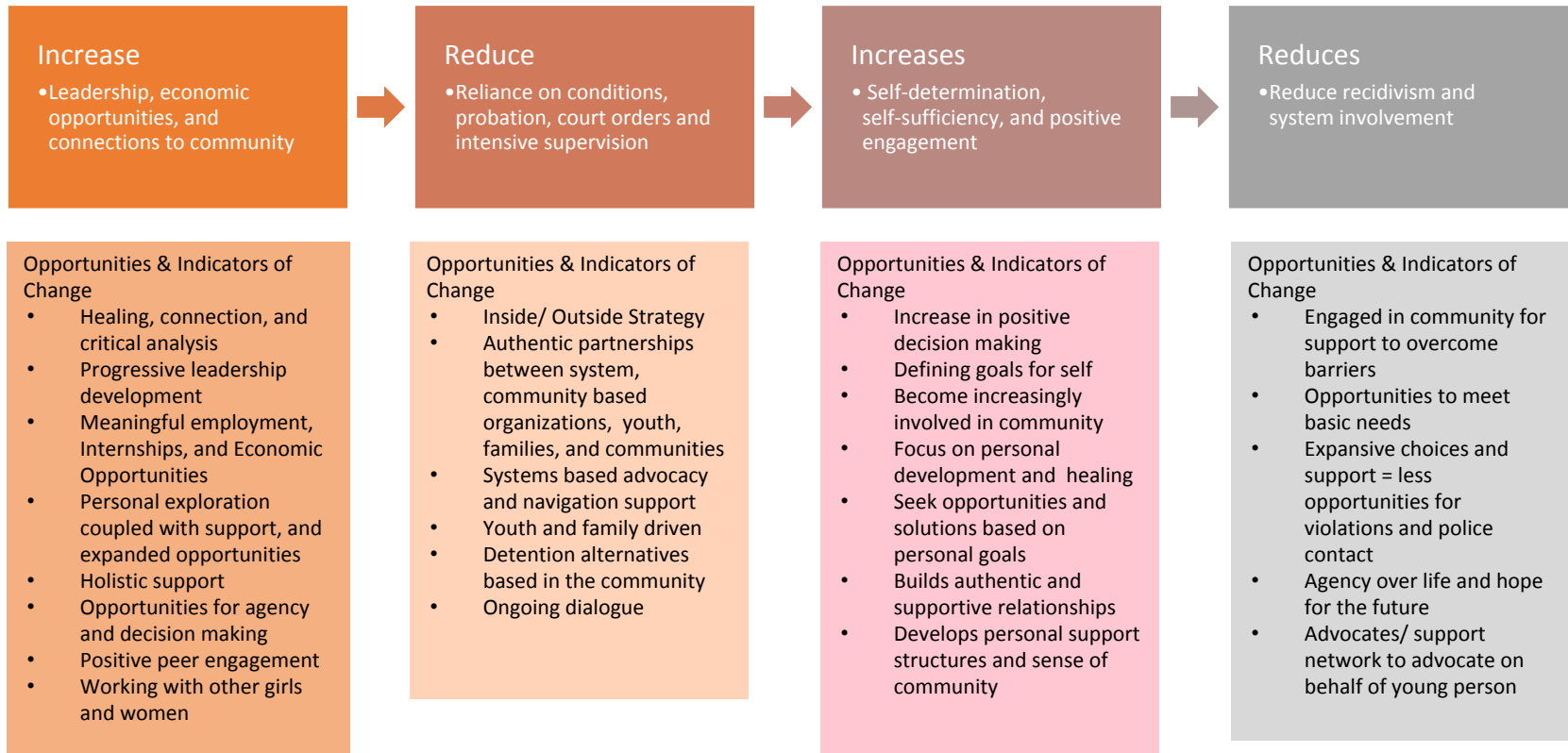
Shifting the Narrative

Telling the story of system involved young women and girls to shift social norms and to transform systems, policies and practices to stop the criminalization of young women and girls.

Theory of Change



Theory of Change (opportunities for and indicators of change)



25 years of experience

- Young women (youth) are experts in their own lives
- Personal is political and finding power in experience is key to transformation.
- Whole Selves, whole communities and culturally relevant
- Leadership, healing, and economic opportunities
- Healing Centered and trauma informed



Annual Impact:

- Provide 300 hours of empowerment, leadership, and advocacy training and support to over 200 (unduplicated) young women in detention annually
- Re-entry Support, court advocacy, and system navigation training to 200 young women
 - Parenting, life skills, advocacy to 24 pregnant and parenting moms (Young Mothers United)
 - High school, GED, and college enrollment support
 - Leadership development and economic opportunities
- Internships and employment to 40 young women annually

Emerging Leaders in Detention

Working to reduce system involvement for women and girls involved in the juvenile and criminal justice system.

GOALS:

- Deepen understanding of self: My life in the context of the world; the world in the context of my life
- Decriminalize self
- System navigation/ Self Advocacy
- Increase self-determination
- Personal and Community Healing

CURRICULUM: Lift Us Up, Don't Lock Us Down

- Developed by formerly incarcerated young women over the course of 20 years
- Revised and updated on an on-going basis (annually) based on evaluation, surveys, and impact
- Facilitators are trained extensively in methodology and are providing ongoing professional development training and evaluation
- Restorative Justice based: Healing ourselves and communities.

Freedom Circles

Providing connection, support, systems navigation, and resources to system involved and formerly incarcerated women and girls.

GOALS:

- Deepen understanding of self: My life in the context of the world; the world in the context of my life
- Decriminalize self
- System navigation/ Self Advocacy
- Increase self-determination
- Personal and Community Healing
- Access to resources and opportunities in the community
- Peer based safe spaces grounded in sisterhood and community

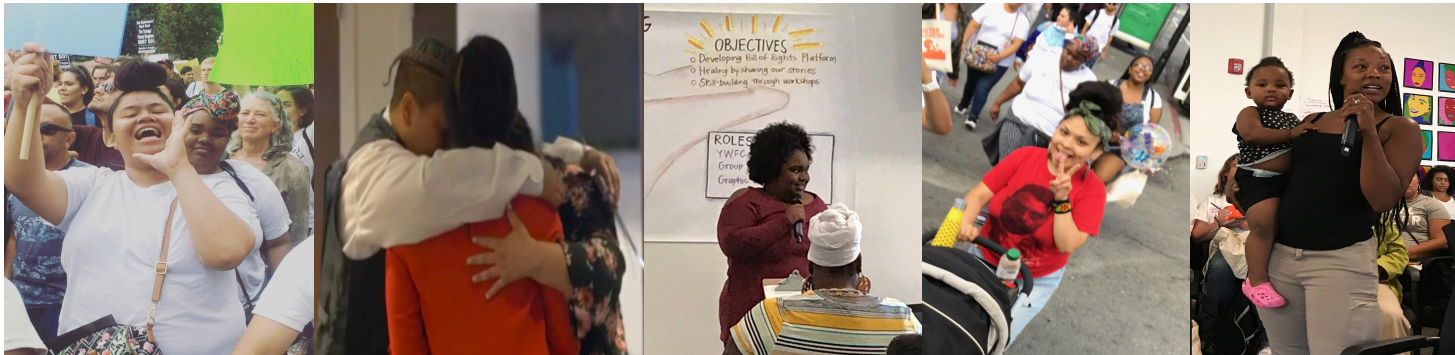
CURRICULUM: Freedom Circles

- Circles are grounded in the Center's critical pedagogy and values
- YWFC Facilitators can hold space and embody the values of Sisterhood, Spirituality, Social Justice and Self-Determination
- Curriculum addresses the barriers and obstacles that young women are facing and is peer based
- Operates on an ongoing basis as a gender specific, trauma informed space.
- Combination of hard/ soft skills, cognitive behavioral therapy, harm reduction, personal empowerment, art, movement and resources

Young Women's Freedom Coalition

- Statewide membership based coalition of formerly incarcerated and system involved women and girls
- We utilize advocacy, policy, and community organizing to demand system level changes for themselves and other system involved women and girls

The coalition was launched in July 2017 at the Sister Warriors convening created by and for system involved women and girls. The convening brought together over 200 women and girls from throughout California to strategize, build sisterhood, and draft the Bill of Rights that has become the basis for our organizing.



Young Women's Freedom Coalition

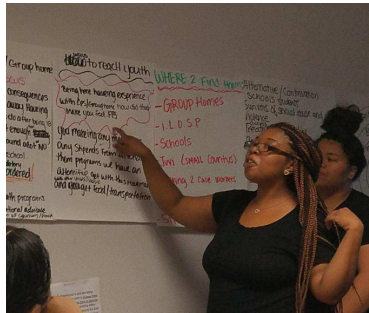
We leverage our power as women and girls through the following strategies:

FOSTERING LEADERSHIP



We build the capacity of our members to develop, lead, and participate in organizing campaigns through group trainings and regional boot camps that cover the fundamentals of community organizing, outreach and base building, campaign development, and strategy.

CAMPAIGNS



The coalition utilizes our Bill of Rights for System Involved and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls in California to unify system involved women and girls. This 12 point document serves as the framework for conversations with community stakeholders, policy makers, and our allies locally and statewide.

POSITIONING



Coalition members join commissions, councils, task forces, and boards that make decisions, recommendations, or are responsible for the implementation of laws, legislation, policy, ordinances or resolutions that will impact system involved women and girls.

NETWORK BUILDING



We identify organizations in all three regions that can support system involved young women in accessing services and employment to improve their quality of life.

YOUNG WOMEN'S
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Hope Navigating the System

About Hope

Education System

Hope is born...
(0-3yrs)

Child Protective Services

Welfare System

Juvenile Justice System

Hope, age 13

Hope, 17 Yrs

Survival: The Underground Street Economy

Hope, 19 yrs old

Why is this important?

Hope Becomes a Mama

Young Women's Freedom Coalition

YOUNG WOMEN'S
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Unifying Bill of Rights Platform for System Involved* and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls in California

We have the right to self determination. We must determine what success looks like for ourselves. We have the right to lay our own paths free from punitive and controlling systems and the right to input and voice around all services impacting our lives.

We have the right to be free from sexual and physical violence perpetrated by our families, our partners, our community, the state, and institutions.

We have the right to be treated with dignity regardless of our legal status, past criminal history, or classifications given by the state or institutions.

We have the right to redemption, to break the cycle of abuse and violence. We have the right to heal, the right to own our mistakes, and the right to resources and support to seek transformation on our own terms. We claim the right to be free from discrimination based on criminal history and family history.

We have the right to access (touch, hear, and see) our children, family, and loved ones when we are in the systems that criminalize and control women and girls.

We have the right for our gender to be respected and the right to be free from limiting conceptions of masculinity and femininity.

We have the right to make our own medical care decisions and a right to access on-demand preventative care for our physical, dental, vision and reproductive health.

We have a right to access cultural, holistic, and professional methods of healing to address the trauma we are exposed to while we are involved in systems.

We have a right to permanent safe, healthy, and affordable housing and the right to determine what that looks like for ourselves and to participate in the process of seeking it.

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City and County of San Francisco’s Comprehensive Multi-agency Local Action Plan:
Strategies for San Francisco Juvenile Justice Report
March 2017

San Francisco Juvenile Probation Stats

- In the calendar year 2016 Juvenile Probation report, it showed 401 unduplicated youth out of 743 were Black/African-American accounting for almost 54% (53.97%) of juvenile probation referrals.
- 200 youth of the 743 were Latino/Hispanic accounting for almost 27% (26.92%) of juvenile probation referrals.
- Hunters Point and Visitation Valley had the highest count of youth at 126 and 61 (16.96% and 8.21% the highest # "in county" group) for juvenile probation referrals.
- 228 youth on probation are from non-SF residents and coming from out of county (with Alameda county having the highest number of youth arrested in SF)
- In the Mayor's Budget, it shows an increase in juvenile probation admin cost of \$3,122,063 next year, bringing the budget from this year (2017-18)in \$8,102,923 to \$11,224,986 in 2018-19. This year probation services budget increase by \$99,712.

Unifying Bill of Rights Platform for System Involved* and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls in California

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ReImagine SF Youth Justice Workgroup

Current Members

Youth Law Center, Bay Area Legal Aid, staff and members of Young Women's Freedom Center and California Youth Connection

Goal:

1. Drastically reduce incarceration including out of home/ out of state placement for girls under the San Francisco Juvenile Probation jurisdiction.
2. Shift power and authority from juvenile probation from determining sentencing, supervision options, and rehabilitation to young women, youth, their families, and youth and girl advocates.
3. Increase gender specific, community based solutions that are trauma informed and grounded in positive youth development.

We Believe...

- Being solidly connected to loving family and community is critical for every young person to grow and thrive.
- In order to value the dignity, humanity and experiences of our youth and families, we need an approach that sees families and community as the intervention when there is a problem, and sees success as a given for our youth.

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1 [Motion Supporting youth taking a Stand on Gun Control through organized walkouts on March 14,
2 2018 and April 20, 2018, and the March for our Lives on March 24, 2018 and urge the Board of
Supervisors to continue their commitment to common sense gun reform]

3 Supplemental Information:

4 The Stoneman Douglas High School shooting was an event where a man with an assault-style rifle
5 killed 17 people. However, he owned not just one, but ten firearms, all of which were rifles. These were
6 purchased at the age of 18, the legal age to purchase a firearm, whereas citizens need to be 21 to
purchase a handgun¹.

7 Students were shot five or more times, while their classmates not physically injured suffered
8 psychological damage that can be just as detrimental. The shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas
High School is the 18th school shooting in America in the first 43 days of 2018².

9 On March 24, 2018, youth are organizing a march from Civic Center Plaza to the Embarcadero. Young
10 people are doing so as a significant sister march with the March for Our Lives in Washington, where
around 500,000 students and activists will speak their views on gun control. San Francisco wants to
11 give our youth the same opportunity, and hopes to empower youth to speak up and demand change.
This event will unite the youth across our city and show government officials all throughout the nation
12 that we will not stand stagnant to such an important issue as this.

13 Not only are we fully in support of our young people taking action around the city, we also stand up for
students, teachers, and families all across the nation to support safety in schools. The Youth
14 Commission is a partner in the Dignity in Schools Campaign and support their call to not arm our
teachers or to militarize our schools, but create learning environments that are able to address the root
15 causes of the issues young people are struggling with. We must de-emphasize school safety
measures that rely on policing and security, and shift this particular paradigm. We must prioritize the
16 creation of school environments that center the social, emotional, and mental health needs of young
people and their communities³.

17 The San Francisco Youth Commission stands against gun violence which harms young people most,
18 especially youth of color, and we stand for urgent action and solutions, as we have for all of our 21
year history. The Youth Commission supports the rising youth movement calling for change and
19 young leaders exercising their voices. The San Francisco Youth Commission recommits to doing
everything possible to stand against gun violence and support youth led organizing efforts for action
20 and solutions and we urge the Board of Supervisors to continue their commitment to common sense
gun reform.
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24 ¹ <http://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/who-can-have-a-gun/minimum-age/>

25 ² <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5837447&GUID=4507786F-B79F-408C-A0CA-04BDE80B4271>

³ <http://dignityinschools.org/statement-from-dsc-and-aej-on-tragedy-at-stoneman-douglas-high-school/>

FILE NO.

1 [Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$270,000 for fee
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5 **fee waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 14-16 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 of youth
10 involvement in city services and policy; and

11 WHEREAS, youth activists from the San Francisco Youth Commission pushed for Vote16,
12 voting reform that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in San Francisco elections, to be on the
13 2016 ballot; and

14 WHEREAS, following Vote16's tight loss with 49% of voters in support of the amendment, the
15 Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee continued in their dedication to youth voter rights and
16 dedicated resources to Voter Preregistration of 16 and 17 year olds in San Francisco; and

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

20 WHEREAS, during Pre-registration outreach, 35 percent of the youth who expressed interest in
21 pre registering to vote did not have access to a California ID card/social security number in order to pre
22 register; and

23 WHEREAS, a large amount of youth face economic barriers in paying for the California ID fee of
24 \$30; and
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1 WHEREAS, in San Francisco there are 21,000 youth between the ages of 14-18, and an
2 estimated 9,000 need California ID Cards (2); and

3 WHEREAS, for a lot of young people, a California ID will be one of their only forms of
4 identification, as one young person said, "On the day I went to take my SAT, they asked me for my
5 California ID and I didn't have one. I didn't have money. I had to go back home to find some kind of
6 identification and take it the next week." -a 17-year old from District 3; and

7 WHEREAS, immigrant, LGBTQ, and youth of color often face the most amount of economic
8 barriers in paying for the ID card. As one young person said, "There are a lot of kids in the city who
9 can't afford to pay for them, especially kids in the system." -An 18-year old from a DCYF-funded
10 organization in District 6; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the San Francisco organizations that the Civic Engagement and Immigration
15 Committee polled to determine the need for California IDs consisted mainly of underhoused, LGBTQ,
16 and juvenile justice-system involved youth; and

17 WHEREAS, several DCYF-Funded organizations understand the need for providing youth with
18 opportunities to pay for California IDs either through compensating employees who pay for youth or
19 giving youth fee waivers and fee reductions directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

20 WHEREAS, many organizations that receive funding from DCYF already have supportive
21 services set-asides in their budget that oftentimes go towards paying the fee for California IDs; and

22 WHEREAS, DMV fee reductions and fee waivers are only available to youth through
23 organizations that the DMV provides with the fee reduction and fee waiver forms; and
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1 WHEREAS, there is a need for youth even within these organizations to get fee waivers, as
2 several organizations have decided that being youth-friendly involves opting out of being part of the
3 system that classifies youth based on their incomes. One Case Manager said, "We just don't want to
4 be a part of the system asking kids if they get EBT, because we already know a lot of the kids here are
5 low-income." - A Case Manager from a San Francisco Organization that DCYF funds in District 4". One
6 youth said, "It's like everyday people ask me how much my mom makes. For school lunch, for
7 textbooks, for SAT prep, for everything. After school when I come in here I'm just me, no one asks me if
8 I'm on Welfare. I think everybody should be able to have a place like that." -A 17 year old from District
9 5; and

10 WHEREAS, many young people not involved in organizations do not know how to get access to
11 the fee waivers, yet the fee remains a barrier to getting California IDs. One young person said, "Lots of
12 people don't know that organizations can get the fee waived for them, and going to the DMV itself is not
13 very youth-friendly to begin with. There are just so many hurdles we have to jump through, and I'm
14 lucky that I have a case-manager and everything, but some teens just don't have the privilege to be that
15 connected" -A 15-year old from District 5; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mayor's office and DCYF have previously shown interest in this proposal and
17 recognize the benefit that giving youth access to direct fee-waivers would have for the young people in
18 San Francisco; and now therefore be it

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20 RESOLVED, that DCYF provide \$270,000 for fee waivers for 14-16 year olds irrespective of the
21 young person's affiliation with community organizations; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, that youth-friendly systems regarding ID Fee waivers be put in place, such as a
23 system where a young person would have the option of filling out a fee waiver form provided by DCYF
24 at certain DMVs, and receive a fee waiver provided that they can show that they are 14-18 and that
25 they currently reside in San Francisco; and be it finally

1 RESOLVED, that DCYF, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Elections, meet
2 with members of the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee to lay out a plan for action and
3 implementation regarding the fee waivers.

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5 Footnotes

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7 2. <http://www.bayareacensus.ca.gov/counties/SanFranciscoCounty.htm> (amount taken from 2010
8 Census and adjusted for foreseen population trends using previous census data)
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SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

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

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PRIORITY #: ADVOCATING FOR THE LOWERING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO VOTER AGE AND PROMOTING THE VOTE 16 CAMPAIGN

Incorporating the tension and frustration of the current national climate and the new awareness of youth voter education to work alongside with the Vote16 campaign to lower the municipal voter age from 18 to 16.

BACKGROUND

- Received 48% of voter approval in SF 2016 election
- Put on ballot with a 9-2 approval from supervisors in 2016
- Berkeley passed voting rights for 16 year olds in school board elections in 2016
- 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

RECENT UPDATES

RECOMMEDATIONS

- Supervisors to host another joint BOS/YC meeting again
- For supervisors to vote yes and put Vote16 on the ballot for 2020

PRIORITY #: 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.

PRIORITY: CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING EFFORTS TO PROTECT UNDOCUMENTED FAMILIES FROM DEPORTATION

1-2 short sentence description/summary here

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.” Angel Ortiz, of Maryland was forcefully taken by federal agents in front of his family, including his six year old son. He had one DUI, which he settled, but was still brought 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.” 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.” This has huge implications for family reunification, which would be made as difficult as possible.

Most recent efforts to track down immigrant families are ICE (Immigrant and Customs Enforcement) raids 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. ICE agents have been misrepresenting themselves as police officers, entering homes “without a warrant by representing themselves as police officers.”

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 legal advice and guidance to understand all their options.

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.

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PRIORITY #: PROTECTING COMMUNITIES' ACCESS TO SUNLIGHT AND OPEN SPACE

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

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.sfusdschools.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.

- [Planning Code Section 138 for regulations](#) (6) Have adequate access to sunlight if sunlight access is appropriate to the type of area;

RECENT UPDATES

- Youth Commissioners will be meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 12-1:30PM with Commissioner Low, CCDC, and SOMCAM staff to discuss ways to combat shadowing and request a hearing from the Board of Supervisors.

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**

The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to call a hearing looking into the Planning Department’s implementation of the Sunlight Ordinance, Section 295 of the Planning Code. This hearing can also explore opportunities to expand sunlight and open space access for communities potentially impacted by shadowing from proposed and future developments.

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>

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PRIORITY #: WAIVING FEES TOWARD CALIFORNIA STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR YOUTH

Urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$270,000 towards California ID Fee Waivers for San Francisco Youth

BACKGROUND

- In 2017, youth activists from the San Francisco Youth Commission pushed for Vote16, voting reform that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in San Francisco elections, to be on the 2016 ballot
- For 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.
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RECENT UPDATES

- During Pre-registration outreach, 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 following up on our priority by making Fee waivers for California IDs a priority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- As there are 21,000 youth between the ages of 14-18 in San Francisco, an estimated 9,000 need California ID Cards. We ask the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to allocate \$270,000 towards California ID fee waivers for youth.
- 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 14-18 and that they currently reside in San Francisco.
- Lastly, we recommend 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.

PRIORITY #: COORDINATION BETWEEN CITY DEPARTMENT TO OFFER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO SF YOUTH

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

BACKGROUND

San Francisco pledges to get to zero waste by 2020. In order to get the closest we can (get in closest proximity) to reaching this goal, Youth Commission is pushing for more awareness 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 our city's goals. Education is key to ensuring everyone understands the importance of sorting waste, and how to do so, and we are asking that it gets expanded 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 big amount of low income youth. 55% of the children are youth between ages 11-17 which is the target age for more education, as 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, so having this connection is so important because many youth participate in afterschool DCYF funded activities that can provide a short environmental workshop, that school 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.

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Supervisor Sheehy

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Youth Commission urges the 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 each year focused on sorting waste and other environmental awareness education deemed necessary.
- The Youth Commission also urges DCYF to coordinate with the 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.
- Facilitate relationship between two departments- direct money
- More youth, especially ones from low income families are educated around how to sort and our city's zero waste goals

PRIORITY #: PEDESTRIAN AND NIGHT SAFETY

Youth Organizing Home and Neighborhood Action (YOHANA) held numerous workshops in the South of Market on pedestrian safety where a recurring concern was brought up amongst community members; the lights are not bright enough and the streets are not safe to walk because they are not designed for pedestrians.

BACKGROUND

- 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. SF is changing the streetlights from high pressure sodium to leds
- High pressure sodium lights usually last 3-5 years
- The new brighter led lights enhance safety for pedestrians
- Three types of street lights in sf: pendant luminaire, post top luminaire, led light
- Approximately 46,000 streetlights in sf
- 465 leds as of June 2015
- Led lights have an estimated life of 15-20 years
- Low quality and old light bulbs is a factor that causes pedestrian safety to be an issue
- PG&E and also sfpuc owns majority of the streetlights in san Francisco
- SFPUC owns about 60% of streetlights in San Francisco
- Majority of the new led light fixtures are broken and or not bright enough
- Residential and alleys should be the priority

RECENT UPDATES

- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (sfpu) 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 #: YOUTH JUSTICE REFORM

Greater investment into collaborative court programs, legal services, housing resources, and behavioral health services to reduce youth incarceration and recidivism.

BACKGROUND

- Out-of-detention alternatives and Restorative Justice Efforts have reduced the average daily incarcerated population amongst juveniles by over 37% from 2011 to 2015.
- 22% of San Francisco's adult jail system cases are Transitional Aged Youth (TAY).
- TAY are only 8% of San Francisco's population.
- 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 still developing until the age of 25 which leaves them vulnerable to develop mental health related illnesses.
- 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 population.
- 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.

UPDATES

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Expand the TAY Collaborative Court.
- Increase funding for Transitional Aged Youth behavioral health services.
- Advocate that the District Attorney restructure how it charges young adults for nonviolent felonies.
- Encourage the Judiciary to enact policies reforming the bail system to better serve low income communities.
- Prioritize the development of low-income housing.
- Create a walk-on calendar for persons with bench warrants to reduce bookings for these warrants.
- 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.

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

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.

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. They 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. POPOS were created as a requirement for new office development in the downtown area as part the 1985 Downtown Plan. As office buildings were taking over downtown, there became a lack of open space. 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.” Prior to 1985, 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-highrise 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.

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.

- Prior to 1985, developers provided POPOS under three general circumstances: voluntarily, in exchange for a density bonus, or as a condition of approval. 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 District: 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.

- Known as “privately-owned public open space” (POPOS), this type of privatized open space is required within new office developments in the downtown area.
- **Requirement.** 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
- 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 too 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.
- 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.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Increase the number of public parks and public open spaces in the South of Market and Chinatown*
- *Increase funding for maintenance and programming for existing public parks in the South of Market and Chinatown*
- *Create design standards for POPOS that focus on the needs of children, youth, and families, that include (but are not limited to):*
 - *Play structures*
 - *Functional lawns*
 - *Picnic tables with shading*
 - *Basketball half-courts and other sport courts*
 - *BBQ Pits*
 - *Dynamic seating*
 - *Creative lighting*
 - *Community gardens*
- *Include children, youth and families in the discussion when creating new POPOS*
- *Before the final consideration at the Planning Commission, the design must come before the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation*

PRIORITY #: TAY HOUSING AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

1-2 short sentence description/summary here

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

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, we 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 16 and 17 year olds. As of Early March 2018, there are 624 16 and 17 year olds 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 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.

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

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 almost exclusively of 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 supporting this campaign as well. All of this was accomplished by youth who believed in the ideal and ideas of the expansion of voting rights toward 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 preregister 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, and being pre registered to vote at 16 or 17 is a first step into civic engagement.

During the 2016-2017 term the Civic Engagement Committee worked on focusing the conversation to the importance of pre registration. According to Path to the Polls, a 2016 published report 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 2017, they met with Department heads of 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 have acquired special pre-registration forms that will allow Department of Elections to track how many 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

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>

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 push for an increase in 16 & 17 year olds to pre-register to vote. 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 preregister 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 preregistration happens in SFUSD Classrooms, working with the Student Advisory Council and Department of Elections to build off of LEGISLATION NUMBER HERE which stated 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 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All of the above means close to nothing without your continued support of engaging 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.

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>

- 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 #: ESTABLISH A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Urging the creation of a Youth Employment Council to bring employers together to centralize employment for youth especially TAY youth

BACKGROUND

The Youth Employment was created by part of a federal initiative called **The Workforce Investment Act of 1998**. The Council itself was created in 2008 and ended in 2016 after federal funding was ended and OEWD was unable to continue services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fund the creation of a Youth Council that functions like that of the Youth Council created under The Workforce Investment Act 1998.
- Establish the Youth Council under DCYF which would be far more beneficial knowing the connections DCYF has with employers and program coordinators.
- Establish Youth Council under the recommendations of The Workforce Investment act of 1998 which can be found in the document titled **The "Plain English" Version of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998** under the Youth Council section.
- Youth Council will greatly impact the youth of San Francisco by allowing employers to centralize their hiring efforts into a single body making employment opportunities for youth more a
- The information that was used in creating the Youth Council can be found in under **The "Plain English" Version of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998** and is highly recommend to be used to create an efficient and well coordinated council.