

1 [School Safety Investments and Memorandum of Understanding Between SFUSD and
2 SFPD]

3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to urge the San**
4 **Francisco Unified School District to release a timeline for the installation of**
5 **critical school safety measures, provide funding for the installation of school**
6 **safety measures, and support a new Memorandum of Understanding between**
7 **SFUSD and the San Francisco Police Department.**

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

10 WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in
11 2022 there were at least 176 instances of gunfire at school sites in the United States
12 with 57 people killed and 148 people injured; and

13 WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in
14 2022 there were at least 15 instances of gunfire at school sites in California with 3
15 people killed and 15 injuries; and

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

20 WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 3205, passed and signed into law in 2018,
21 requires that any school modernization project using money from the state's school
22 facility bond program include installing install Security Locksets if they are not already

1 present, building on 2010 legislation (AB 211) requiring these locks in all newly built
2 schools; and

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission held a hearing on May 15, 2023 “to discuss
11 and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure
12 at SFUSD school sites”, with SFUSD and SFPD reporting (hereunto referred to as the
13 “May 2023 School Safety Hearing”), in which SFUSD confirmed that they did not have a
14 complete timeline or adequate funding for the installation of updated working public
15 announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and

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

20 WHEREAS, This MOU included formally written agreements on issues related to
21 cooperation between SFUSD and SFPD staff, SFPD community outreach, school staff
22 procedure for requesting police assistance, SFUSD providing SFPD training on youth

1 development, restorative justice practices, and understanding school culture, and SFPD
2 providing SFUSD training on crisis response and personal safety; and

3 WHEREAS, In the Youth Commission's May 2023 School Safety Hearing
4 SFUSD's Director of Planning, Preparedness, and Prevention Greg Markwith and SFPD
5 Acting Commander Arran Pera confirmed that they hold weekly liaison meetings and
6 "sometimes daily conversations" with other officers, but lack a formal written nor legally
7 enforceable agreement on the relationship between SFUSD and SFPD; and

8 WHEREAS, the SFPD Acting Commander Arran Pera stated they believed it was
9 better to have a written agreements; and

10 WHEREAS, SFUSD's Director of Planning, Preparedness, and Prevention Greg
11 Markwith stated their greatest concern was making sure student rights were observed,
12 and emphasized the role SFPD has played in ensuring that; and therefore be it

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

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

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests a
22 new Memorandum of Understanding between the San Francisco Unified School District
23 and the San Francisco Police Department to ensure that their current working

- 1 relationship is upheld to ensure adequate safety measures and plans are in place and
- 2 student rights are respected when police are involved, and that this new Memorandum
- 3 of Understanding not include police presence at school sites as a matter of regular
- 4 policy (not including community building events and emergency situations).