

1 [Memorandum of Understanding Between SFUSD and SFPD]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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