



SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRIORITIES

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What is the San Francisco Youth Commission?



BACKGROUND

- The Youth Commission (YC) is charged by Charter Sec 4.124 to “report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year [...]”
- Charter Sec 4.124 also explicitly states “The purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco.”

OBJECTIVES

- Therefore, on January 4, 2021, the YC unanimously passed an Omnibus Preliminary Budget Priorities Resolution (OPBP Resolution) to tackle these issues head-on:
 - It allowed for youth advocacy organizations to influence the budget process through the YC in a meaningful way right from the beginning.
 - It enables the YC to advocate early on in the budget process for specific programs.
 - It permits the YC to give the BOS an early sense of its focus and priorities going into the Board budget season.

COMMITTEES

- The Omnibus Resolution was debated in the YC's three policy committees, which provided input on budget-related priorities that were then incorporated into the Resolution:

Committee	Priority Area
Civic Engagement Committee	Youth engagement in democratic processes
Transformative Justice Committee	Alternatives to Incarceration, Community Oriented Solutions
Housing and Land Use Committee	Permanent supportive housing for TAY, TAY Navigation Center, FreeMuni4All



Transformative Justice Committee Mission

The Transformative Justice Committee of the San Francisco Youth Commission is a determined and imaginative group of young people that are striving to build cooperative and compassionate relationships with the community to eliminate youth incarceration.

We acknowledge that the current systems in place do not serve all of us and we hope to shift the conversations and dynamics to how people can live and thrive. It is part of our radical values that we can and should center humanity in the City's budget and policy priorities.

What have we been doing about it? / Legislative History

FILE NO. RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-13

1 [Urging the Defunding of San Francisco Police Department and Investment in Community
2 Health and Safety]
3 **Resolution urging the defunding of San Francisco Police Department and investment in
4 community health and safety.**

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6 WHEREAS, America has a long and horrendous history of using the police and all law
7 enforcement as a force to inflict personal, psychological, communal and physical violence on
8 all marginalized communities but in particular on the Black, Indigenous and LGBTQIA+
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, The origins of American policing can be traced back to the preservation of
11 the slavery system such as the creation of slave patrols—forces created to identify escaped
12 slaves and return them to chains and preventing slave revolts; and

13 WHEREAS, From slavery in the south to factories in the north, the foundation of police
14 forces has always been to preserve the power and protect the property of the white ruling
15 class; and

16 WHEREAS, Gentrification does not work without criminalization of Black and Brown
17 people by the police as phone calls are not to report a crime but to report a Black and Brown
18 person; and

19 WHEREAS, According to a New York Times article covering "How Do the Police
20 Actually Spend Their Time?", roughly 99% of police calls for service are not in response to
21 violence, but property crime and non-criminal matters; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco has approximately 8,000 people experiencing
23 homelessness on a given night and of the 8,000, 1,200 are Transitional Age Youth ages 18 to
24 24; and

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(Kevin N. Hume/S.F. Examiner)

Letter: Setting the record straight on the renegotiated police union contract

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1 [Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco
2 Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of Understanding]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with
4 the San Francisco Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of
5 Understanding**

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7 WHEREAS, We hold the humanity and precious life of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor,
8 Tony McDade, Alex Nieto, Mario Woods, Amilcar Lopez Perez, O'Shaine Evans, and all those
9 victims of racist violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The system of policing in America, and its systemic targeting of and use of
11 deadly and brutal force against people of color, particularly black people, stems from the long
12 legacy of slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws, and the War On Drugs in the United States and
13 has been perpetuated by violent and harmful law enforcement practices; and

14 WHEREAS, A system that enforces white supremacy, police brutality and the use of
15 excessive force have inflicted intergenerational harm and trauma to families, and are
16 intensifying our nation's mental and spiritual health crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, Our city of San Francisco has a track record of police brutality,
18 environmental racism, and gentrification, among many other injustices towards queer, trans,
19 black, indigenous, people of color; and

20 WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ community members of color experience not only racism, but
21 also homophobia and/or transphobia from SFPD officers; and

22 WHEREAS, The 2018 National Crime Victimization Survey shows that 58% of trans
23 and gender nonconforming people reported mistreatment from the police including verbal
24 harassment, physical or sexual assault, consistent misgendering or being forced to perform
25 sexual acts in exchange for not being arrested; and

BUDGET CUTS

- [Preliminary data from SF Chronicle](#): \$411 million deficit in 2021-2022 - \$242 million in 2022-2023. Deficit high with respect to the size of the budget in past years.
- \$654 million deficit over 2 years=assumes no relief from federal funding.
Struggling with revenues.
- Mayor's priorities: Racial equity, Housing, small business relief
- YC is concerned that vulnerable youth and TAY, who are already underserved, will be even more disadvantaged if youth- and TAY-specific programs are scaled down or cut.
- YC strongly urges therefore that **youth- and TAY-specific not be scaled back or cut.**



Youth Police Roundtable March 2019



Youth Situation Town Hall November 2019

Youth Led and Informed Budget and Policy Priorities

Transformative Justice Committee Priorities

- Developmentally and culturally comprehensive training for youth and justice system agents (police, SROS, probation officers) in regards to rights of Youth and TAY
- Community advisory workgroup designing curriculum
- Developing community - oriented solutions (community partners, not just organizations)
- Youth Budget TownHall
- Expanding and Assessing Culturally competent and trauma-informed learning curriculum, mental health services, art programs, and restorative justice programs, to help young people heal and grow.

Departments we address in our Budget Priorities

- **Adult Probation Department**
- **Board of Supervisors**
- **City College of San Francisco**
- **Department of Children, Youth and their Families**
- **Department of Police Accountability**
- **Department of Elections**
- **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing**
- **District Attorney's Office**
- **Juvenile Probation Department**
- **San Francisco Police Department**
- **Department of Police Accountability**
- **Department of Public Health**
- **Public Defender's Office**
- **Office of Economic and Workforce Development**
- **San Francisco Municipal Transport Agency (SFMTA)**
- **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**
- **San Francisco Unified School District**

TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- ❑ **DPA** to increase funding for programs to increase community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings for youth and youth service providers;
- ❑ **SFPD** oversight for more **consistent and timely** implementation and responses with community-oriented action plans.
- ❑ **SFPD** to propose funds for mandatory in-depth youth and TAY rights training that incorporates youth brain development through an equity and trauma-informed lens;
- ❑ **SFPD** to propose funds for Know Your Rights trainings and community advisory workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback, in the interest of fostering more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities;
- ❑ **SFPD** to propose funds for redistribution to youth who have experienced harm from contact with the justice system, and for community advisory workgroups to have in- depth community engagement and feedback on the reinvestment of funds;

TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- Mayor and BOS to **cut the SFPD budget by a minimum of 50%** relative to the SFPD budget for FY 2020-2021 and reallocate funds to programs outside of the SFPD that provide public safety in a non-carceral, care-centered manner, including, but not limited to additional mental health first responders and unarmed de-escalation specialists;
- Mayor and BOS to **allocate 50% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget to a “Community and People’s Budget”** in which a percentage is set aside for social and community-centered services such as mental health services, community and City programs for youth employment including undocumented and previously incarcerated youth, and housing for the communities most impacted by violence and incarceration;
- Mayor and BOS to **allocate 20% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget** to hire social workers and trauma-informed counselors to aid victims of sexual misconduct; and
- Mayor and BOS to **allocate 30% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget to SFUSD schools and Wellness Centers** to hire mental health professionals, with an equitable focus for schools with a high percentage of Black and Latinx youth in order to ensure they are equipped with the physical, mental, emotional and communal tools to thrive beyond their education.

Community Alternatives

Now

DEFUND THE SFPD

36

line-item cuts

\$295.2M

in funds saved

We have identified specific areas that SFPD can cut immediately to reduce its budget to free up funds for community services and reparations to our Black residents. These cuts are not all we're asking for, but they're a place to start.

Eliminating Police in Schools and Housing (\$12.0M)

Eliminating Units That Target BIPOC (\$29.7M)

Eliminating Specialized Units (\$25.3M)

Eliminating Community Engagement Units (\$4.5M)

Eliminating Traffic and Airport Units (\$56.4M)

Eliminating/Reducing Patrol and Investigation (\$74.2M)

Eliminating Personnel, Training, and Capital Increases (\$84.7M)

Making Police Oversight Independent of SFPD (\$8.4M)

THANK YOU!

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