

:: Annual Report

2006-2007



**SAN FRANCISCO
YOUTH
COMMISSION**



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:: Mission Statement

Our mission is to accurately represent and effectively advocate for the needs and wants of San Francisco's youth and to encourage youth to be involved and to speak up in the political arena.

We welcome you to City Hall - the people's building...**YOUR** building.
Please join us as we **use our voices and find our power.**





:: Open Letter to the Community

Thank you for your interest in the San Francisco Youth Commission.

Since the passage of Proposition F on the November 1995 ballot when the will of the San Franciscan voted us in, we have acted as a permanent government entity to advise decision-makers on youth policies and matters.

Our charge is to advocate for better youth policies, programs, and budget priorities in San Francisco.

We serve to:

- identify the unmet needs of youth in the City;
- make sure City policies more accurately reflect those needs;
- advocate for youth policies by making recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors;
- comment and make recommendations to the BOS any all youth matters;
- collaborate with community groups in their education and advocacy efforts.

We have been honored to serve as one of the only, city-chartered Youth Commissions in the nation. Thus, we serve as model for both existing as well as developing Commissions throughout the United States, and indeed, throughout the international community on how youth can and must be at the table in making decisions about their lives in City government.

Enclosed is some essential information regarding our activities, as well as various key highlights of events by the Commission this year.

The Commission's intensive youth advocacy over the years has attracted the support and collaboration with numerous community groups throughout the City. Our strong accessibility and close relationships with City officials and departments has ensured youth a strong voice on influencing public policy.

We thank you for your time and interest in the San Francisco Youth Commission.

In Community,

2006-2007 San Francisco Youth Commission



:: Letter from the Chair

Dear Community,

As a two-term Chair of the Commission, I am proud of our progress this past year in increasing youth voice in city government. We are still in uncertain times. San Francisco continues to paint a dreary picture for youth and young adults even with the vast amount of social support. Working families, and by extension, youth, have been suffering due to the high cost of living and the violence on our streets.

I believe the advances we made this term were substantial. Along with my colleagues, we forwarded the issue of discounted MUNI fast passes for 18-24, held transportation youth focus groups with DCYF, the Controller's Office and MTA, represented youth at various hearings, meetings and councils and started to develop a citywide youth inclusion plan.

We have much to look forward to in the coming term. One projected change lies within the recommendations developed by the Transitional Youth Task Force. We are confident the report will be fully embraced by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, which would begin to address the needs of disconnected young people 16-24. If the recommendations are adapted, the city will develop an interagency council and create multi-service youth centers throughout the city.

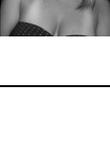
On behalf of the Youth Commission, I would like to thank this great city for hearing the voice of young people and look forward to seeing the Youth Commission continue to help this great city become a place where all young people thrive.

In Community,

Iqra Anjum, Chair 2006-2007

:: Who's Who of the Youth Commission – Our Profiles

We are a group of seventeen diverse youth between the ages of 12-23 who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to represent and advocate for better programs, policies, and budget priorities for youth in the City.

<p>D 1</p> 	<p>Marc G. Lowe</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Jake McGoldrick</p>	<p>Government Affairs Officer 2006-07 Youth Employment Committee 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: connecting the dots for meaningful internship and employment opportunities for youth.</p> <p>22, Jackson and Hertoggs Law Clerk</p>	<p>Represents: Richmond District (including Geary and Richmond corridors)</p> <p>Fun Fact: Marc recently discovered that he can stand balanced on top of a parking meter!</p>
<p>D 2</p> 	<p>Julie Taeko Gramlich</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Michaela Alioto-Pier</p>	<p>Member, Health & Soc. Services Cmte 06-07 Member, DCYF Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Improving homeless and runaway services, youth entrepreneurship, and MUNI fast passes for young adults.</p> <p>18, Lowell High School Student</p>	<p>Represents: Pacific Heights, Marina, Cow Hollow.</p> <p>Fun Fact: While in Alaska, Julie was rescued by a Black Hawk!</p>
<p>D 3</p> 	<p>Jacky Kwong</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Aaron Peskin</p>	<p>Chair, Rec and Services Cmte 2006-07 Member, Health & Housing Cmte 2006-07 Member, YEFAB 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Health Care; creation of a youth space that provides comprehensive programs.</p> <p>18, Lowell High School</p>	<p>Represents: Chinatown, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill, North Beach, and Embarcadero.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Jacky is multilingual, speaking fluent English, Cantonese, Mandarin, but is also learning Korean and Japanese.</p>
<p>D 4</p> 	<p>Kenny Gong</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Fiona Ma</p>	<p>Chair, Health & Social Serv.Cmte. 2006-2007</p> <p>Issue: LGBTQQ youth rights and cross sectional advocacy for youth social services</p> <p>19, College of San Mateo</p>	<p>Represents Sunset, Ocean Beach, Parkside.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Kenny traveled to five countries (and into nine cities) in a span of three weeks!</p>
<p>D5</p> 	<p>Brandon Franklin</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Ross Mirkarimi</p>	<p>Member, Youth Justice Committee, 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: justice and empowerment of disenfranchised communities;</p> <p>19, College of San Mateo</p>	<p>Represents Western Addition, Japantown, Fillmore.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Brandon skipped a grade and is really good at math!</p>
<p>D 6</p> 	<p>Kemi Shamonda</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Chris Daly</p>	<p>Member, Youth Justice Cmte 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Addressing youth violence and drug use in impacted communities of the City.</p> <p>18, City College of San Francisco</p>	<p>Represents: SOMA (South of Market Area), Tenderloin, Treasure Island, Hayes Valley, Inner Mission, Mission Bay</p> <p>Fun Fact: Kemi loves to sing!</p>
<p>D 7</p> 	<p>Krystal R. Kiremit</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Sean Elsbernd</p>	<p>Member, Youth Justice Cmte. 2006-07 Intern, Youth Commission, Summer 2006</p> <p>Issue: Empowering Collegiate Community Involvement, youth civic engagement, school based violence prevention.</p> <p>22, San Francisco State University</p>	<p>Represents: Park Merced, West Twin Peaks, Sunnyside, Lake Merced.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Krystal will represent Orange County to the end!</p>

<p>D 8</p> 	<p>Anthony Albert</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Bevan Dufty</p>	<p>Recreation and Services Cmte 2006-07 Member, DYCF Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Improved park facilities and recreation services for youth in the City.</p> <p>18, Lincoln High School</p>	<p>Represents: Castro, Glen Park, Noe Valley.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Tony can lick his elbow!</p>
<p>D 9</p> 	<p>Luciana Carvalho</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Tom Ammiano</p>	<p>Vice-Chair/Operations Officer 2006-07 Member, Youth Justice Committee 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Implementing YouthVOTE and Juvenile Justice Adviosry Council; greater educational and justice components.</p> <p>18, San Francsico State University</p>	<p>Represents: Mission, Bernal Heights.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Captain Luciana knows how to sail!</p>
<p>D 10</p> 	<p>Cassandra R. James</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Sophie Maxwell</p>	<p>Transitional Youth Task Force member, 2006-07 Chair, Youth Justice Committee 2006-2007 Community Affairs Officer, 2006-2007 Chair, Youth Justice Committee 2005-2006</p> <p>Issue: Securing youth rights in San Francisco. Cross system advocacy.</p> <p>19, University of San Francisco, Sophomore</p>	<p>Represents: Bayview, Hunter's Point, Potrero Hill, Crocker Amazon.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Cassandra is an award winning junior Olympian.</p>
<p>D 11</p> 	<p>Iqra Anjum</p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Sandoval.</p>	<p>Chair 2006-07 Chair 2005-06</p> <p>Issue: Reduced MUNI passes for transitional aged youth, 18-24; involving youth in municipal government.</p> <p>20, UC Berkeley, Junior</p>	<p>Represents: Excelsior, Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingelside, (aka OMI), Visitacion Valley.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Iqra studied costume design and theatre production for four years in high school, and is contemplating studying abroad.</p>

Mayoral Appointees

<p>Mayor</p> 	<p>Shadi Elkarra</p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Media & PR Relations Officer 2006-07 Youth Employment Cmte 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Creating meaningful youth employment opportunities for disadvantaged youth.</p> <p>18, City College of San Francisco</p>	<p>Resides in District 8: Glen Park Canyon</p> <p>Fun Fact: Shadi graduated high school when he was 16 years young!</p>
<p>Mayor</p> 	<p>Christine Revelo</p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p> <p>Resigned in winter 2007</p>	<p>Member, Youth Employment Cmte 2006-07 Member, YEFAB 2005-06 Chair, Youth Employment Cmte 2005-06</p> <p>Issue: Effective after-school and violence prevention programs for youth in the City.</p> <p>15, Lowell High School, Sophomore.</p>	<p>Resides in District 11.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Christine can do impressions very well. In fact, her best one is of her Carribean grandparents, which is a cross between Haitian and Jamacian.</p>
<p>Mayor</p> 	<p>Tanaya Macheel</p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Member, Health & Social Services Cmte 06-07 Member, Rec and Service Committee 03-04</p> <p>Issue: Universal healthcare and foster care rights.</p> <p>17, Convent of Sacred Heart</p>	<p>Resides in District 2: Pacific Heights, Cow Hallow, Marina.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Tanaya was personally invited by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to her swearing-in this year!</p>
<p>Mayor</p> 	<p>Antonio A. Ayala</p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Recreation and Services Cmte 2006-07 Community Affairs Officer 2005-06 Member, Youth Justice Cmte 2005-06</p> <p>Issue: better parks and recreation.</p> <p>17, Gateway High School</p>	<p>Resides in District 11</p> <p>Fun Fact: Antonio enjoys making short films and videos in his spare time.</p>
<p>Mayor</p> 	<p>Samuel Rubin</p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Health & Social Services Cmte 2006-07 Transitional Youth Task Force 2006-07</p> <p>Issue: Improving youth with disabilities with transition to adulthood.</p> <p>21, City College of San Francisco</p>	<p>Resides in District 11</p> <p>Fun Fact: Sam can clap with one hand!</p>
	<p>Anthony Pico</p> <p>Resigned in Feb. 2007</p>	<p>Health and Social Services, 2006-2007</p> <p>Issue: Permanence for foster youth and mentors for all youth in San Francisco.</p> <p>17, Independence High School</p>	<p>Resides in District 11</p> <p>Fun Fact: Anthony enjoys to go backpacking. He is a statewide star in foster care advocacy.</p>



:: Staff & Intern Profiles

Rachel Antrobus

Rachel is the Director of the Commission and is a passionate advocate for reform in foster care, alternative education, transitional-aged system development, youth employment and organizational development. She believes in the power of young people and advocates for their active and sustained role at decision-making table. Rachel holds a graduate degree in Public Administration and has worked in the youth field since 1999.

Kevin Liao

Kevin is the Policy coordinator for the Commission. His extensive knowledge with legislative, budgetary and outreach capacity has helped us become more visible in the community in the last two years. Kevin hails from Chicago, IL. He has broken ground in his advocacy and activism in juvenile and youth justice, parks and recreation and violence prevention this year. He is the strategic post of our team.

Diana Pang

Diana is the Program Coordinator and serves as the hub of communication and for programming of internal functions and media outlets. She is passionate and interested becoming more active in progressive educational policies, adolescent health, and social services. She recently graduated from UC Berkeley, and majored in social welfare and ethnic studies.

Krystal Kiremit

Krystal served as our summer intern and acted as an incredible resource to start our year off strong. Impressed by her involvement at San Francisco State, she was shortly appointed as District 7 Youth Commissioner and has worked extensively on issues ranging from collegiate involvement to school-based violence prevention. Her maturity, grace, and initiative inspired many Commissioners to give 110% this year as well.

Leya Copper

Leya served as our spring intern from SF State University and acted as an indispensable office manager for the Commission. She organized the Youth Commission mailing list, assisted in the implementation of the youth and policy workshop, handled large administrative duties and revamped our physical environment. Leya graduated this fall and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors.



:: Youth Employment Committee

The Youth Employment Committee was small, but packed a punch this term. We researched the youth employment system, or the lack thereof and made specific recommendations about building a sustainable system, not just putting more money into more programs. Specially, we asked for the Mayor to reconstitute the Youth Council, which was also echoed by the Transitional Youth Task Force, hire a youth employment director inside the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development and have some cultural competency training at the current One-Stop employment centers.

We worked with YouthWorks, a program administered out of Japanese Community Youth Center, that places youth inside city departments. We asked that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisor make a substantive investment in this program so that more youth are introduced to civic service jobs. We found that only a few of the city departments contribute to the program, and we asked that the Mayor ask for a contribution from all departments for at least one youth.

Unfortunately, the majority of our recommendations were not adopted in the 06-07 term, but we look forward to another term advocating to build a system so that all youth can access employment services, get work permits and have to plan to reach their career goals. We look forward to a city where all youth can be supported to find a good job and reach their highest aspirations.

Staff: Rachel Antrobus

Members: Shadi Elkarra (Chair), Marc Lowe, Christine Revelo



:: Health and Social Services Committee

Health and Social Services Committee worked to enhance services in violence prevention to reflect a more holistic viewpoint in public health: mental, behavioral health, and related services. Also known as “Hot and Supa Sexy,” we conducted presentations to community members ranging from Gay Straight Alliance to Marin Headlands, advised on youth-led policies on minor consent and tobacco mitigation, and proposed budget recommendations on high needs.

Earlier in the year, we analyzed the Mayor’s Homeless Connect and made recommendations to its steering committee to better serve transitional aged youth. We advised the Balboa Teen Health Center to advocate for youth knowledge of California minor consent laws.

The crux of Health and Social Services Committee’s influence rests in its budget recommendations. The committee worked extensively with the Adolescent Health Working Group and Children’s Family and Budget Coalition to win a successful add back of \$320,000 for full staffing of four new wellness centers. Our other community support wins also included advocacy in partnership with LGBTQ Community Partnership and Improving Transition Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities (ITOP), that secured queer youth employment and funding for a youth summit for the disabled community.

Staff: Diana Pang

Members: Kenny Gong (Chair), Julie Gramlich, Jacky Kwong, Tanaya Macheel, Sam Rubin, Anthony Pico

:: Recreation and Services Committee

The Recreation and Services Committee focused on pressing forward efforts to create a dedicated multi-service and accessible citywide youth center. Its committee highlights included the thorough investigation of several of the city's underutilized recreation centers as well as the effectiveness of the Mayor's RecConnect program as an alternative.

The Recreations and Services committee made recommendation to high level staff at the Recreation and Parks department about specific recreation centers that were severely underutilized. They also made recommendation directly to the Mayor for an expansion of RecConnect programs in the under served neighborhoods of Tenderloin and SOMA. The Recreation and Services also examined site locations for citywide youth centers including the brown building at Turk and Fillmore as well as the Geneva building near the Balboa BART station. The committee worked directly with aides from Supervisor Sandoval's office (Geneva building) as well as lead staff at DCYF's RecConnect to advocate for these respective programs.

Much of this year's committee focused on information gathering and gaining an understanding of the unique challenges faced by the city's Recreation and Parks department as well as toward the goal of creating a city wide Recreation Center. In order to expand on these efforts, the committee would like to make the following suggestions:

- ...help foster a unified youth advocacy effort with a specific location for a youth center. Some ideas include Geneva building, SOMA efforts, building at Turk and Fillmore, or even collaborating with the Ports commission to utilize their property.
- ... address some of the political issues being faced by community based organizations funded through RecConnect and the parks and recreation workers union.
- ... develop a strategy to promote recreation by engaging the athletic community. Find out more about how to enhance local sports, involve professional sports, as well as their community service efforts.

Staff: Kevin Liao

Members: Jacky Kwong (Chair), Antonio Ayala, Anthony Albert



:: Youth Justice Committee

The Youth Justice committee developed and acted upon various issues dealing with youth and justice. Its committee highlights included new partnerships (Girls Initiative, Peer Court, and the Larkin YMCA), conducting presentations within San Francisco's Juvenile Justice center, lobbying for budget recommendations to the Mayor's Office, enhancing the Juvenile Advisory Council, and ensuring adequate services for all youth within the Juvenile Justice center. Furthermore, the Youth Justice committee held an event in respect of Black History Month and has been working closely with the Student Advisory Council on YouthVote.

However, its cornerstone this term was the budget recommendation dealing with youth cultural competency training for police officers. Conceived and realized by Youth Commission policy and advocacy in previous years, Youth Justice will have the privilege to develop and present the budget recommendation in front of the BOS Public Safety Committee this summer 2007. The Youth Cultural Competency training consists of retraining San Francisco police officers to improve interactions with youth especially of color.

The Passion of the Youth Commissioners and political climate of San Francisco to ensure that this committee's work will be valued and continued" In the forecast ahead, Commissioners would like their successors to:

1. Pay attention to youth incarcerated in within Juvenile Justice Center, such as job opportunities, education opportunities, and reduced recidivism rates and out of home placements.
2. Also to expand services to transitional aged youth within the systems
3. Furthermore, to pay close attention to the relationship between youth and the San Francisco police officers.

It was an enticing and rigorous experience.

Staff: Kevin Liao

Members; Cassandra James (Chair), Luciana Carvalho, Brandon Franklin, Krystal Kiremit, Kemi Shamonda

:: Legislative Tracking of 2006-2007

Commissioner Marc Lowe served as our Government Affairs Officer for the year. He advised his colleagues of the pending legislation for review. Below is the 2006-07 legislation that we have reviewed. These are the issues that the Youth Commission provided valuable input and advice on this year.

DATE	LEGISLATION	ACTION
9/5/06	File #061076 Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to track student mobility caused by residential evictions and report its findings, in an effort to help ameliorate the potential negative effects on students' school performance—McGoldrick]	1 st Reading, general support, but tabled
9/5/06	File #061077 [Ordinance amending the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance Administration Code Chapter 37 by amending Section 37.6(j) to identify and report data on evictions involving school-aged children, include data on evictions during school term—McGoldrick]	1 st Reading, general support
9/18/06	File #061160 [Hearing on discounted MUNI passes for riders 18-24—McGoldrick]	Outreach and sponsor legislation to McGoldrick
9/18/06	File #061076 [Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to track student mobility caused by residential evictions and report its findings, in an effort to help ameliorate the potential negative effects on students' school performance—McGoldrick]	2 nd Reading, general support
9/18/06	File #061077 [Ordinance amending the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance Administration Code Chapter 37 by amending Section 37.6(j) to identify and report data on evictions involving school-aged children, include data on evictions during school term—McGoldrick]	2 nd Reading, tabled
10/2/06	File #061275 [Appropriating \$2,511,746 of Unappropriated General Fund Balance for Violence Prevention in the Police Department, Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007]	1 st Reading, general opposition
10/2/06	File #061160 [Hearing on discounted MUNI passes for riders 18-24—McGoldrick]	Support/Outreach
10/2/06	File #061076 (Information/Possible Action) [Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to track student mobility caused by residential evictions and report its findings, in an effort to help ameliorate the potential negative effects on students' school performance—McGoldrick]	Tabled
10/2/06	File #061077 [Ordinance amending the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance Administration Code Chapter 37 by amending Section 37.6(j) to identify and report data on evictions involving school-aged children, include data on evictions during school term—McGoldrick]	Tabled
10/2/06	File #061275	

	[Ordinance appropriating \$2,511,746 of unappropriated General Fund balance for violence prevention programs, including \$2,096,179 in the Police Department for additional salaries and overtime, \$289,536 in the Adult Probation Department for salaries, overtime and equipment, \$66,031 in the Juvenile Probation Department for increased overtime, and \$60,000 in the Sheriff's Department for overtime for Fiscal Year 2006-2007—Mayor Newsom]	2 nd reading and general opposition surveillance.
10/16/06	File #061275 [Ordinance appropriating \$2,511,746 of unappropriated General Fund balance for violence prevention programs, including \$2,096,179 in the Police Department for additional salaries and overtime, \$289,536 in the Adult Probation Department for salaries, overtime and equipment, \$66,031 in the Juvenile Probation Department for increased overtime, and \$60,000 in the Sheriff's Department for overtime for Fiscal Year 2006-2007—Mayor Newsom]	3 rd reading, with statement for evaluative measures and alternatives, and surveillance of issues.
11/20/06	File #061565 [Reducing the cost of adult MUNI Fast Passes for 18-24 year olds] Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to reduce the cost of monthly adult MUNI fast passes for transitional aged young adults, 18-24 years old. Supervisor McGoldrick presented. RECEIVED and ASSIGNED to City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee. (McGoldrick)	Passed on first reading.
	File # 061478 [Appropriating \$2,401,110 for Violence Prevention Programming in the Juvenile Probation Department and the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007] (Mayor/James) Action: Statement of support written by Commissioner Cassandra James, with amendments and recommendations, on behalf of the Youth Commission.	General support. For further discussion.
12/18/06	[Resolution urging SFUSD to established a standard that requires students to be taught minor consent rights and information on access to services available to them by incorporating into health education curriculum] Health and Social Services committee/Balboa Teen Health Center]	Passed with amendments.
1/8/07	Letter of Recommendations to Mayor Newsom's Project Homeless Connect 14 to increase attendance and improved services for transitional aged youth. [Gramlich]	Unanimously passed on 1 st reading, with minor revisions on grammar.
1/08/07	File #061703: [Expressing concern about the decline in minority enrollment over the last decade at University of California campuses and urging the UC Regents to take proactive steps to increase diversity] Resolution expressing concern about the decline in minority enrollment over the last decade at University of California campuses and urging the UC Regents to take proactive steps to increase diversity. Supervisor Sandoval presented. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.	Support, passed in first reading.
2/5/07	File #070080 [Prohibiting mobile catering trucks from operating near public schools] Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code to prohibit operators of	Support

	mobile catering vehicles from selling within 1500 feet of a public middle school, junior high school, or high school. Supervisors Elsbernd, Maxwell presented. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to City and School District Select Committee. [Elsbernd/Shape Up SF]	
2/5/07	Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to reevaluate their proposed FY 2007-2008 Prop H spending plan in order to consider substantially increasing the amount of in-kind services requested.[Elsbernd]	No position
2/20/07	File #070022 [Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to weigh the costs and benefits of a Google/Earthlink provided wireless Internet, versus an autonomous Wireless connection created and maintained by the City and County of San Francisco itself. [McGoldrick]	Support
2/20/07	File #070134 [Ordinance making environmental findings and authorizing the creation of a skate park in the area known as "the horseshoe pits" pursuant to Charter Section 4.113.]	Support, filed into Park and Rec committee.
4/16/07	Youth Commission legislation – Resolution urging all San Francisco city departments and agencies to implement and commit funding for YouthWORKS positions to ensure meaningful employment for youth (Elkarra/Youth Employment)	Support
4/16/07	Youth Commission legislation – Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department to require all personnel, especially frontline staff, in proper youth cultural competency training and communication. (James/Youth Justice)	Support
4/16/07	Youth Commission legislation Resolution urging the SFUSD to implement and carry out YouthVOTE, an annual voting curriculum in all SFUSD high schools and to register all eligible 17.5 year olds to vote annually. (Carvalho, James/Education)	Support
4/16/07	Referral of File #070269 Ordinance closing specified streets in Golden Gate Park on Saturdays on a trial basis (McGoldrick's Office)	Support, written statement submitted
4/16/07	Referral of File #070407 Ordinance appropriating \$27,550,000 of General Fund from FY 0607 for affordable housing projects, real ownership opportunities for tenants, and housing services for FY 0708. (Daly's Office)	1 st reading, support.
4/16/07	California Assembly Bill 638 – Preserving Services for foster care youth who enter the juvenile justice system.	Support
5/7/07	Resolution urging all San Francisco city departments and agencies to implement and commit funding for YouthWORKS to ensure meaningful youth employment. (Elkarra)	2 nd reading of support
5/7/07	Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department to require all personnel, especially frontline staff, in proper youth cultural competency training and communication. (James)	Support

5/7/07	Resolution urging Youth Commission to collaborate with San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS), San Francisco Bay Area Darfar Coalition, the New Sudan Generation, and C.L.A.E.R. Project urge to raise awareness about the atrocity of Darfar; and to urge the Board of Supervisors to urge the United States government to take a stand against the genocide abroad (James)	Support,
5/7-6/4/07	File #070540 Ordinance appropriating \$17,394,628, including \$17,251,834 of General Fund and \$142,794 of Revenue for Various Children, Youth, Family, Senior and Disabled Programs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. (Staff)	Support and tracked until fiscal year ends.
5/7/07	Referral of File #070407 Ordinance appropriating \$27,550,000 of General Fund from FY 0607 for affordable housing projects, real ownership opportunities for tenants, and housing services for FY 0708. (Carvalho/Gong/Anjum/Staff)	Support, amendments to include transitional housing
5/7/07	Statement in support of changes to the San Francisco Police Department of General Order (DGO) 7.01 [Anjum/James]	Support, submit statement
5/21/07	File #070540 Ordinance appropriating \$17,394,628, including \$17,251,834 of General Fund and \$142,794 of Revenue for Various Children, Youth, Family, Senior and Disabled Programs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.	Support
6/4/07	Referral of File #070407 Ordinance appropriating \$27,550,000 of General Fund from FY 0607 for affordable housing projects, real ownership opportunities for tenants, and housing services for FY 0708. [Daly]	Continued support. Written statement in support.
6/4/07	Resolution urging the Department of Public Health and Health Commission to institutionalize tobacco parity funding from the master settlement. (CPA/PODER)	Support
6/4/07	Resolution urging the SFUSD to urge the CA State Legislature to make K-12 education funding based on student enrollment from average daily attendance. (Lauterborn/Migden's Office)	Support



:: Advocacy for the 07-08 Budget

Violence prevention was the Commission's top budget priority for the year. With the majority of homicide victims being youth under 25 and the rate of homicides at a historic high, each committee sought to advocate for funding priorities that addressed this issue.

Violence prevention means youth employment, strong relationships, primary and mental health care, safe stable home lives, positive communities and educational options. We believe that any and all programs, interventions, and community-building efforts that begin before violence occurs are invaluable to be funded.

We submitted our budget recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. Most importantly, our top five budget asks were identified under the Budget for Youth and Families Coalition, which helped community win approximately four million in the add-back process.

Committee	Budget Request (Priorities in Bold)	Partners	Result
Steering Committee	\$100,000 be allocated to the Clerk of the Board (Youth Commission) for expanded implementation of YouthVote, the citywide survey and assessment of youth issues and services as well as a mock election.	SAC, DCYF	\$150,000 from DCYF for this project
Youth Employment	\$95,000 be appropriated to Department of Children, Youth, & their Families (DCYF) to hire two full time employees to support youth working in union jobs.	Coleman	DCYF did not include in budget
	\$200,000 be appropriated to Human Services Agency to augment/support youth-centered employment services.		Met with One-Stop Center manager, no movement
	\$55,000 be appropriated to the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (MOEWD) to create and support citywide quality standards across all twelve departments that currently have youth employment funding.	DCYF, TYTF	No movement
	\$35,000 be appropriated to MOEWD to create an infrastructure for outreach and recruitment of current youth employment programs and resources.	YMAC, TYTF	TYTF received funding for outreach to disconnected youth, YMAC received \$70,000 for school-based employment services

	\$100,000 for a youth workforce development-focused staff to work in the MOEWD.	Youth Council, TYTF	MOEWD included in budget. Hired 9/2007
Youth Justice	\$120,000 be allocated to Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) for neighborhood-specific youth cultural competency training and relationship building with the police.		No movement
	\$362,000 be sustained in the Sheriff's Department's budget for the Pre-Trial Diversion Program.		Sustained in the Sheriff's Dept. budget
	\$500,000 for five full time staff mental health specialists, social workers, and/or counselors be added to specifically serve students in the San Francisco Unified School District, who have been victims/witnesses of violence upon their reentry to school.		
	\$753,000 be allocated to continue the peer court, (youth community court) through MOCJ and DCYF funding in San Francisco Unified School District schools.	Budget 4 Families	\$400,000 earmarked from Proposition H fund
Health & Social Services	\$350,000 from the Department of Public Health (DPH) be allocated to provide behavioral health staffing and services at the four new SFUSD high schools.	AHWG, DCYF, Budget for Families	\$320,000 added back to DPH
	\$22,000 from DPH, DCYF, and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to the printing costs for pocketbook for health rights of minors	AHWG, Budget 4 Families, Cole St..	DCYF dedicated \$5K to effort. Will subcontract out to reduce costs.
	\$750,027 supporting the efforts of the Community Partnership for LGBTQQ youth	Budget 4 Families, LYRIC, LGBT Center, Larkin Street.	\$90,625 included in DCYF for queer workforce development
	\$40,000 for the needs of youth and young adults with disabilities for disabled youth council/board and an annual youth with disabilities summit.	ITOP, Support for Families, Budget 4 Families	\$20K dedicated to youth and seniors with disabilities for creation of council/s support group
Recreation & Services	\$600,000 is allocated to Recreation & Park and DCYF to further expand RecConnect to three additional sites.		No movement
	\$570,000 be allocated for the Recreation and Parks Department to assist in the development of a youth center.		No movement
	\$100,000 of funding through the Recreation and Park Department to create a skate park along with programming/instruction at Golden Gate Park		No movement
	\$50,000 of funding for staff overtime to be added to the Recreation and Parks Department to ensure the cleanliness and regular cleanup of athletic fields throughout San Francisco.		No movement

:: Operations and Vice Chair Officer Report

Just one glance on the Youth Commission's website on "Calendar," "News and Announcements" and their archive sections would tell you how much internal communication was invaluable to us this year. Commissioner Carvalho served as the operations and vice chair, and she kept the Commission afloat by ensuring that communication was open and dynamic -- she worked with staff to coordinate save the date events.

In meetings, operations presided over the roll call and kept an active eye on the attendance for retention purposes. This year's full Commission status is attributed to Luciana's work in strengthening communication. She acted as a direct liaison and support for Commissioners who raised concerns.

Still, the Commission's social and retention activities would have been impossible without her. She was instrumental in organizing our yearly events, from our mid-year retreat to our Christmas party, to our summer picnic and Commissioner community building.

:: Community Affairs Officer Report

Commissioner James stepped in as our community affairs officer this year. Under her direction, the Commission sponsored a series of community events that bridged people together. Commissioner James helped organize CLAER Project's Peace March and Rally: Bringing Forth Light from Darkness that aimed to stop violence locally and abroad. She and Commissioners Franklin and Shamonda coordinated the Youth Commission Black History Month celebration, which drew elders and youth audiences for a night of celebration and empowerment.

The commission drew greater awareness this term. Due to her heavy involvement, our visibility increased. Commissioner James and Commissioner Gong performed and policy workshops that the Youth Commission designed as an outreach tool for youth groups. It is no wonder that her activities earned her a Youth Warrior Award and at this year's Youth Empowerment Conference.

:: Media and Public Relations Officer Report

Commissioner Elkarra served as our Media and Public Relations Officer. From MUNI to housing, to individual Commissioner star power, to co-sponsorship of events, we gained greater momentum and broke new grounds this year.

Below is just a brief snapshot of our activities:

Date	Description
9/27/07	<i>Fisher: Teens offered ray of hope in search of siblings.</i> San Jose Mercury News columnist Patty Fisher offers a personal and poignant look at the price of kinship for youth in interstate foster care systems. Commissioner Anthony Pico shares his frustration and struggle in navigating Utah and California statutes in an attempt to search for his younger siblings.
10/10/07	<i>Youth Speak Out Against Enforcement of Curfew for 13 year olds.</i> Peter Lauterborn serves as an online columnist for the progressive press, www.BeyondChron.org , and on the Youth Commissions stance on violence prevention, not violence response, and urges the money included in the larger law enforcement supplemental for curfew work to be dismissed.
11/6/07	<i>San Francisco Chronicle reports "From the Mouths of Babes,"</i> covering the election results of YouthVOTE 2006 a day before voters hit the polls. If the 8,000 high school students in SF public high schools could vote, they would have most likely voted this way -- would youth voice on youth issues persuade Chronicle's voter readership, it posited. The answer after November 7th confirmed that it did with a resounding YES!
11/25/07	Youth Commission's issue for discounted MUNI fast passes for transitional aged youth, 18-24 years old, makes it on the front page of the weekend edition of San Francisco Examiner! Reporter Joshua Sabatini lends an ear to Supervisor McGoldrick's sponsored legislation and provides a take on how prioritizing youth and environmental needs may eventually be economically sound policy in the long run. We're asking for \$5.7 million dollars for this project, and not the projected \$15.5 million as stated in the paper, however.
12/14/07	The 2006-2007 Youth Commission Public Service Announcement debuts. Designed to serve as a direct bridge and youth voice in City politics, our aims are to address youth violence, employment and services this term. We want to especially thank the outstanding efforts of our PSA crew, who are all high school students from BAYCAT. It can be found on youtube.com as "Youth Commission."
2/15/07	The fantastic collaboration between the Dept. of Park and Recreation, SFUSD, and SF youth is made in an article by Peter Lauterborn on www.beyondchron.org . Commissioner Anthony Albert gets quoted! See for yourself one idea of how different entities striving for the betterment of SF citizens can work together.
3/07	Commissioners Rubin and Carvalho attend the Mayor's Townhall on Youth. After much community recognition on the importance of the Youth Commission, Carvalho garners GavinWatch.com supporters attention when she questioned Mayor Newsom on his affordable housing stance, and Commissioner Rubin was approached by Chief Heather Fong for his position in advocating for youth competency training for police.



:: Transitional Youth Task Force

This Youth Commission supported the work of the Transitional Youth Task Force (TYTF). The task force formed in March 2006 was driven from legislation that the Youth Commission wrote in April 2005 asking the Mayor to create an interagency group of adults and young people to address the diverse and underrepresented needs of 16-24 year olds. Commissioners Rubin and James served as the liaisons to the Young Adult Team and Rachel Antrobus staffed. Over the term, the task force created comprehensive recommendations around career development, educational needs and community support focused specifically for disconnected transitional aged youth.

Young people exiting public systems were targeted, as many services drop off after 18 and young people can be lost as to where they can go for continued support.

Among the TYTF recommendations, these were the recommendations that overlapped with the Youth Commission:

- Getting young people to the decision-making table and creating ways to involve youth in the decisions that effect them;
- Reforming the Workforce Investment San Francisco Youth Council so that it can serve as a central hub for funding and advocacy for youth workforce development;
- Creating citywide minimum quality standards for youth services and providing better outreach to make sure youth know where good services are located;
- Building centers where young people can access services and expanding the places where youth can hang out, play sports and get support;
- Expanding healthcare for all young people in the City, not just those exiting systems.

We would like to thank Marlo Simmons (DCYF staff) and the Young Adult Team members--Kat Casela, Carlos Cortez, Perry Jones, Oscar Pena, Victor Peterson, Rocio Quijano, Angela Rosales and Jeremiah Wright for their tireless work on developing these recommendations, along with the 20+ adult members of TYTF. We would like the City to develop more adult-youth partnership like TYTF to ensure youth are involved and heard in the process of developing plans that effect them and commend Mayor Newsom for this thoughtful and comprehensive effort.

:: Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board

The Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board (YEFAB) provides leadership and oversight to the Youth Empowerment Fund that designates approximately \$1,000,000 for youth-initiated projects each year. This year, YEFAB funded youth entrepreneurship and continued to oversee the youth organizing grantees from previous years. YEFAB partners with the Youth Commission, where Commissioners Gramlich, Albert, Kwong, and Elkarra participate to ensure that the youth voice is incorporated at every decision-making level.

YEFAB's roles and responsibilities include grant-making, documenting and assessing the work of youth programs, facilitating ways for youth in the city to get together, learn from each other, and celebrate each other's work, and provide feedback on the overall design and implementation of the Youth Empowerment Fund Initiative. We are indebted to the efforts of Alicia Yang, the coordinator of the Youth Empowerment Fund.

Out of the Youth Empowerment Fund, the Youth Commission also came out in full force to participate and sponsor the Youth Empowerment Conference that convened young people from all over the City to celebrate and connect to local youth-led change. Co-hosted by Mayor Newsom and the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, the free event featured youth-run panels and workshops, a resource fair, an awards ceremony, films, and cultural dances to inspire collective action and illustrate youth victories. Commissioners Iqra Anjum and Shadi Elkarra address the State of the Youth in SF; Commissioner James gets honored with a Youth Warrior Award. ABC 7 and other news report.

:: YouthVOTE, Joint Education Committee, and Prop H

The Youth Commission (of the City and County of San Francisco), in partnership with the Student Advisory Council (of the SF Unified School District) and community-based Youth Leadership Institute coordinated the 2007 YouthVOTE project. YouthVOTE serves as a civic engagement education tool in which SFUSD high school students can actively exercise their political voices by voting in mock elections.

This year, 8000 high school results responded and results were:

- **65 percent of students vote "NO" on Proposition 85** - Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.
- **69 percent of students vote "YES" on Proposition A** - School Bond and Tax Rate
- **77 percent of students vote "YES" on Proposition F** – Paid Sick Leave
- Students vote **Dr. James Calloway, Jane Kim, and Bayard Fong** as their top three candidates for the **San Francisco Board of Education**.
- **Elected student delegate to the Board of Education – Lea Elliott.**

As a result of the longstanding history between the Youth Commission and the Student Advisory Council (SAC) in collaborating on YouthVOTE, an ad-hoc education committee was continued.

Both groups worked on legislation to institutionalize YouthVOTE as a broader civic engagement tool that would provide voter education curricula and voter registration days for SFUSD.

The Youth Commission also joined the SAC and collaborated in a focus group to ensure student voices would be represented in the Proposition H – Public Education Enrichment Fund, where the city was allocating \$30 million to schools for enhanced needs. The top recommendations asked for more 1) violence prevention/school climate funding, 2) afterschool programming, and 3) college and career counselors.

As a result, approximately \$1.5M in school-based violence prevention funding was won! Youth Commissioners and representatives from Coleman Advocates/Youth Making a Change, CHALK, providers from the Asian Youth Advocacy Network (AYAN), and Peer Resources came out in full force to support violence prevention funding.



Our Friends at Adolescent Health Working Group

:: Commendations

We were honored to have worked with a number of upstanding and outstanding partners this year. As a city-chartered government entity, our Commissioners took special attention in drafting resolutions that recognized the work and the unique contributions of our partners. We are pleased to share with you our honorees.

Adolescent Health Working Group

Balboa Teen Health Center

CHALK

CLAER Project and Sharen Hewitt

Trisha Prashad, Mayor's Office

Peter Lauterborn

People's Budget of San Francisco

Transitional Youth Task Force

SFUSD Student Advisory Council

Supervisor Jake McGoldrick's Office



:: Community Partners & Resources

We were excited this year to collaborate and re-define our relationships with a number of city departments and community agencies. Below is a partial list of them, please check out our partners:

Mayor's Office | www.sfgov.org/mayor | Trisha Prashad joined us as the Mayor's liaison—keeping us abreast of the Mayor's positions and connected us with resources

Board of Supervisors: | www.sfgov.org/bos | The eleven BOS for including us in creating sound policy and prioritizing the budget

Supervisor McGoldrick's | Office for his invaluable leadership in the push for affordable MUNI fast passes for young adults

Clerk of the Board | www.sfgov.org/cob | The COB referred all youth-related legislation to the Commission for review, as stated in our City Charter

Department of Children, Youth, and their Families | www.dcyf.org | served as an invaluable city department that supported multiple interdepartmental Commission efforts

Adolescent Health Working Group | www.ahwg.net | for their input and advocacy of health care for youth.

Bayview Hunter's Point Center for Arts and Tehnology (BAYCAT) | www.baycat.org for providing us with artistic and technical know-how on our public service announcement

CLAER Project and Sharen Hewitt for organizing the peace rallies in Sunnydale and for demanding that San Francisco youth and politicians take a stand on Darfur, and organizing violence prevention, intervention and re-entry services for youth

Jobs for Youth | <http://www.jobsforyouth.net> | providing private sector jobs for youth and working with us on related legislation and system development

People's Budget | www.sfpeople.org | for advocating for a fair youth and families budget package this season

Peter Lauterborn and www.beyondchron.org | for media constant coverage on Youth Commission's work

RecConnect | enhancing park facilities to increase utilization, especially by young people

Transitional Youth Task Force | www.dcyf.org | for making sound policy so that the disconnected young adults will be ensured successful transition into adulthood

Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board | www.dcyf.org | Contact Alicia Yang alicia@dcyf.org | for ensuring that youth fund youth ideas

CHALK | www.chalk.org | #1 San Francisco youth outreach team and always represent in orange

Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth | Children and Family Budget Coalition www.colemanadvocates.org | as a long standing advocacy organization that collaborated and fought for the Youth Commission's top budget recommendations

Youth Making a Change | www.colemanadvocates/ymac | for alignment of youth employment asks

Youth Works | www.jcyc.org | for ensuring youth with subsidized employment in city departments

And for many more that we have failed to mention, our deepest apologies and our sincerest thank you.

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