



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, May 3rd, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:
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United States, San Francisco (toll)
Access Code: 187 314 0268

There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. April 19th, 2021
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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
5. **Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210380 [Youth Programs for Summer 2021]
Sponsors: Supervisors Chan, Ronen, and Melgar
Presenter: Frances Hsieh, D1 Legislative Staff
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 - B. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210454 [Administrative Code- Free Muni Pilot Program]
Sponsors: Supervisors Preston, Haney, Walton, Ronen, and Chan
Presenter: Preston Kilgore, D5 Legislative Staff
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6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. [Inform + Discuss] Navigation Center for Transitional Aged Youth - Lower Polk St.
Presenter: Joi Jackson-Morgan, Executive Director, 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic



- B. [Inform + Decision] Empowerment Collective
Presenter: Jason Chen, Youth Organizer

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

- A. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-11 [2550 Irving - Affordable Housing]
Sponsors: Commissioners Suwanamalik-Murphy and Tanaka
Presenter: Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy
(Document D)
- B. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-12 [John F. Kennedy Drive & Great Highway Closures Resolution]
Sponsor: Commissioners Tanaka and Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Tanaka
(Document E)
- C. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-13 [Seamless Transit Principles]
Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document F)
- D. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-14 [Student Pedestrian Safety During School Reopening - Slow Streets]
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document G)

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - b. Comms
 - c. General Committee Updates
- B. Civic Engagement
- C. Housing and Land Use
- D. Transformative Justice
- E. OCOF

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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**San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft**

**Monday, April 19th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm**

Public Comment Call-in:

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Access Code: 187 024 2985

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Hylton calls the meeting to order at 5:06 PM. Quorum is met.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

Commissioner Santos will be absent and has given advanced notice. Commissioner Veiga is absent due to health needs with no advanced notice.



There is no public comment. Commissioner Ginsburg motions to excuse Commissioner Santos and Veiga’s absences, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call vote - Commissioner Santos and Veiga excused absence:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. April 5th, 2021



[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Listana motions to approve of the April 5th, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

There is no public comment.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] SF Planning Department - Child & Youth Engagement Strategy & General Updates
Presenters: Reanna Tong and Celina Chan, SF Planning Department Staff
(Document B)

SF Planning Department - presenting on public resources, neighborhood feel

Child & Youth Engagement Strategy:

- involving children and youth in authentic opportunities to learn about, contribute to, and influence their community, and city
- young people 5 -11, youth 12 -17, BIPOC
- strategy developed of branch of racial and social action plan worked with OCOF, SFUSD, DCYF
- Goals:
 - Community - listening and empowering perspectives in the next gen., creating an equitable pipeline of planners, reaching parents and others connect with children and youth
 - Internal - building planning department capacity, transparency and reporting
- Action Items to meet goals
- General Plan Updates:



- General Plan - environmental justice framework (req for city, state sets timeline)
- blueprint - comprehensive vision, objectives and policies
 - develop and update gen plan with extensive engagement process to ensure community values
 - components for general plan
 - housing (being updated)
 - urban design
 - land use
 - transportation (being updated)
 - safety and resilience (being updated)
 - air quality
 - environmental justice (new)
 - Environmental justice
 - equitable distribution of environmental benefits and elim of environmental burdens to promote healthy communities
 - gov't can foster environmental justice through processes that amend past injustices while enabling proactive, community-led solutions
 - ej communities map
 - add local data to show lower income, exposed to pollution and other health challenges
 - aligns more with maps by MTC, SFDPH, Rec and Park that highlight inequities
 - broadly - clean health environments, climate resilience, racial equity and empowered neighborhoods, physical activity, healthy food access
 - community engagement
 - youth engagement (Malcolm X Academy in Bayview, yplan) - virtual exhibit, Balboa High School ej legislation project
 - provide stipends when possible
 - general plan survey: [surveymonkey.com/r/SFGeneralPlan](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFGeneralPlan)
 - housing element, transportation element, safety and resilience climate
 - Asks:
 - Do you have feedback on how we can continue to incorporate and elevate youth voices?
 - Would you like to be more involved in upcoming engagement activities? If so, how would you like to be involved?
 - Can our team have another opportunity to present at a future meeting to dive deeper into the Child and Youth Engagement Strategy?
 - Do you have questions for us?

Questions:

Chair Hylton: Balboa, future legislative work, any plans or topics covered? any plans to engage students from survey -> legislative work (is it done more by adult)

Celina Chan: highschool seniors in Balboa, interviews and survey and using findings to write a bill

Commissioner Jones: What are you gonna do for the youth data and feedback?



Celina Chan: we plan to host and share it publicly on our website, and will ask balboa folks for feedback in their work

Commissioner Cheung: Working directly from Balboa is super cool. Are you looking to work with other public school students especially in impacted areas?

Celina Chan: for spring we were just balboa, still solidify sites in fall - especially working with communities most impacted by health challenges, we need to build relationships with schools and youth organizations

Reanna Tong: environmental injustices - part of larger children and youth strategy, internal capacity building is relationships with schools and youth serving community organizations, some solid relationships with balboa - recent with presidio, aptos - takes time to work with teachers and principals - and want to act upon that

Commissioner Quick: Thank you for coming and presenting to us. A lot of this work looks very developed for a non youth serving dept, glad to see you have this strategy. As part of the current general plan updates, policy projects the agency is working on, do you have more specific plans to reach COBs for the meetings that are happening soon and making sure they are accessible to youth at friendly hours and make accommodations to make sure everyone's voice is being heard.

Celina Chan: each project team is planning their engagement activities - ex: housing (focus groups with 15 community orgs in summer and paying them for time and participation and language assistance),

B. [Inform + Decision] SF Bicycle Coalition Presentation
Presenters: Kristen Leckie, Senior Community Organizer

Here to talk about Car-Free JFK Space in GGP, previously connected with Commissioner Quick, staff for 3.5 years now, pronouns they/them, I work on bike/pedestrian project and uplift the voices of the community so projects are what folks want in their neighborhoods.

JFK car - free space pre-covid

- a lot of compromises for car free area on sat/sundays

car - free space with covid - there's slow streets and jfk drive closed to vehicles

timeline:

- march 2020 sip begins
- april 28th - jfk drive open to bike and peds / car free drive
- sept - western path is open in ggp
- nov - ggp sustainability study begins outreach
- now - public outreach begins

transportation authority sfcta study - community driven process to id issues and priorities based on working group -> sfcta report -> community engagement

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - environmental review

this summer is #1 to get as many community voices and solid feedback, great plan for accessible for everyone -> this fall approval



sf rec and park and mta joint hearing, bos approval

sf bike goal: equitable, accessible and car free for bipoc communities

what's at stake: closure will take away 300 of over 3500 parking spots

what has the space meant during covid -> glimpse of learning to bike for a first time, safai and walton had great criticism esp because southeast and bipoc folks haven't been in the conversation and let's talk about race and car -free jfk

shortcomings of car free jfk:

- any closures in the park are not planned with access for those with disability in mind
- what can we do - community action plan and prioritizing bipoc, southeast and people with disability access

Asks:

- if YC would like to support car free
 - if YC would like to sign on - having name on their webpage
 - work together to get more youth on the spotlight
 - make sure youth know how to fill out the survey
 - overall open to anything (^ these were some examples), they want to get the conversation started about youth involvement

Questions:

- Commissioner Asfaw: thank you for presenting. Want to ask about the hesitations Sup. Walton brought up. Have you all responded? How will you respond? How will you ensure that it isn't inaccessible?
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- Kristen: It's a pretty big presentation and it hasn't started. Personally I see it as important criticism
- Kristen: and pushed internally is important criticism not the first project that's left off marginalized voices we can ignore it or just keep at it and that's the route we going to keep having this conversation to make the park accessible
 - would need reliable transportation (not just an hour ride), parking garage is expensive,
- Commissioner Tanaka: what's the communication between your org and current D1 Supervisor Chan?
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- Kristen: It's been great, her office is easy to communicate with. They are aligned with this vision and are also worrying about seniors and people with disabilities. Supervisor Chan has been at the forefront of asking questions about equity.
- Kristen - I do recognize I do a lot - and open to table it and just keep y'all involved throughout the process and know how we can keep engaging.
- Commissioner Asfaw: i want more youth voices on the spotlight, survey out, with youth involvement comes with paying youth - some of our own problem not getting paid, i would prefer not to take a position as i need more discussion and planning on how jfk drive is more accessible for someone
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- kristen: thank you, appreciate the note about paying youth! I agree and would be happy to push City folks to pay youth for any engagement!
- Commissioner Quick: i would be in favor of supporting car free jfk and we can also do our part to continue our advocacy in City Hall for accessible alternatives for folks with disabilities and youth in the southeast.

public comment:

- Hayden Miller, d1, youth in highschool, sf bike at least names what's going wrong and yes there's a lot of work to be done to make youth voices to be heard

Commissioner Asfaw: calling out southeast commissioners to get their input in.

Commissioner Hylton: how about districts that have the most challenges. D10 and D11 are southeast, you were right!

Commissioner Cheung: please include folks that don't live directly in ggp and further away, rely on public transportation, if we just close it off to bikes and who are we leaving out in that process - conflicted whether to take a position of support or not because it does leave out a lot of people.

Commissioner Quick: car free jfk is not just for cyclists, pedestrians, 29, 43 - yes to invest and improve but provide direct access from southeast to the park - a car is more heavy investment than a bike.

Kristen: bike program - pushes for bikes but other forms of transportation too (ex: transit). bike it forward, refurbish, programming in Chinatown, SOMA, TL, working with cbos

Commissioner Cheung: A little bit on the fence because I don't have a set in stone plan for people with disabilities or elderly people. Going to the park without assistance can be difficult for this population

Kristen: holding separate meetings with the disability council - there's a rough draft of what we can do, the city has done some improvements. Can share with you all about what some of the conversations have been like.

Commissioner Sarah Ginsburg: what lines are most important, how can we fund them - especially when getting cut - sfmta

Kristen: multiple people in the working group mention all those lines - why are they getting stuck, where are they getting stuck. They will be the agency who will do the public outreach. Hoping that they've listened and it seems like they are, but we'll have to make sure as the process continues.

Commissioner Jones: thinks closing streets are very hard, but a good idea would be a direct shuttle into the streets, getting out before covid

Kristen: hear and agree with it before the closure, the park wasn't accessible. interested to working together, used to be one



Commissioner Jones - spaces where we can cultivate those relationships, i think that's a place where we can get together and facilitate and get people to pick up and drop off points - to homes safely,

Kristen: totally, programming side of bike coalition (bike it forward,) the bike coalition does classes with BMAGIC, YMCA, and other cbos. I can work with my staff to continue reaching out and figure this out.

Commissioner Jones: you all give bikes for free?

Kristen: yes, we work with community based organizations for classes, get a bike, class, lock, helmet, ride in bayview - will send it forward

Commissioner Hylton: personally I agree with car free JFK - i think the shuttle idea is awesome - but i also don't want it to be car free and then have them come back. There needs to be more access. HLU do you have more info?

Commissioner Quick: yes we did have a presentation from D1, the timeline & priorities. I think we have been talking about an idea for writing a resolution on this.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick motion to support the JFK closure in concept, continuing with the provision that there be a robust community outreach effort and with focus on the equity and access concerns for folks in the Southeast, increase youth voices in this project, and supporting improved transit to GGP and direct shuttles, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, nay
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, missed vote
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

- C. [Inform + Decision] Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART)
Presenter: Vinny Eng and Stella Kunkat, CART Organizers
(Document C)



Vinny - coalition of community organizations who came together in a year-long process to a different approach to a problem that's visible to all of us.

problem - police as a response to homelessness

- sfpd was dispatch to over 65000 homeless related calls in 2019
- policing is a costly ineffective and punitive response to homelessness
- unhoused individuals have repeatedly fallen victim to police violence

jan 24, 2019 youth homeless count and survey

- in last homeless count in 2019 - they separated out on youth homelessness and juxtapose with where highest burden of environmental justice

solution - a compassionate street

- radical imagination of taking care of community members, grounded in community resilience and services rooted in community with lived experienced
- cart program will create a future of care not criminalization out of sf
- goals and outcomes
 - elim police as first and primary responders to unhoused people
 - increasing safety for unhoused people and reducing the harm and trauma inflicted
 - building community resilience by empowering housed san franciscans to more compassionately respond to their unhoused neighbors
- cart - program design
 - response working in teams of 2 responding to situations involving unhoused individuals
 - respond to calls through a direct CART hotline and to transferred calls going into 911 that involve on unhoused individual
 - cart est. annual budget at \$6.825 mill would be paid for by funds diverted from sfpd
- 2 prong approach
 - persons in crisis response services
 - deescal intervention, interpersonal conflict resolution
 - street counseling and mental wellness referrals and resources
 - first aid / street emd
 - substance use/ referral
 - acute transportation services
 - suicide prevention
 - community strengthening
 - id, network and build neighborhood based
 - offer trainings to compassionate responders to further educate on systemic causes of homelessness

Acknowledge:

- this doesn't represent all voices, so open to all feedback
- acknowledge that lots of people lives have been lost

how to get involved:

- join the campaign listserve email cart@cohsf.org
- endorse and support - > [endorsement form](#)
- follow cart on social media: [twitter](#) (@CART_SF)
- [facebook](#) (@Compassionate.Alternative.Response.Team)



Mayor has convened an alternative of policing group and writing a letter in full support for cart in their recommendation to the mayor, and consider endorsing to BOS - haney is working in support of proposal as well a resolution

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick: set 2 million to community response to fully funding

Vinny: divested from SF Police Department budget, using former reserve for alt to policing response.

Commissioner Quick: what's the scale of calls you think to respond to for budgeting

Vinny: proposing a response from a non-governmental organization, but funded by the city. Also important to note after submitting this proposal the Mayor will decide what agency this budget will come from. So this is an ongoing conversation and what we're presenting is an opening bid.

Commissioner Asfaw: Thank you for presenting. I understand this is an open bin, but wondering if housing or payment is available for these individuals?

Vinny: based on the cahoots model, they receive a professional salary. In the proposal we recommend almost 500 hours of training. They would be part of the response team and would require a high level of skill. In my wildest dreams, this position would pay as much as Police Officers, but that is up to the Mayor, BOS, and whatever City agency takes this on.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick motion to support CART framework and proposal, Commissioner Zhang second. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye

Lillian Tang, aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye

Calvin Quick, aye

Gabrielle Listana, aye

Adrianna Zhang, missed vote

Gracie Veiga, absent

Ariana Arana, aye

Rome Jones, aye

Erika Morris, aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Sarah Cheung, aye

Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Amara Santos, absent

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee



- a. LAO
 - i. Two hearings were introduced last Thursday. One- an ordinance by Sup Chan for the summer together initiative. This is the program DCYF and Rec and Park to provide summer programming for youth this year. Second - a hearing to public safety and . I have requested and referred to us in an upcoming meeting.
 - b. Comms
 - i. Present to YFYI forYC podcast. Also, preparing for the info session this Friday, doing outreach for YC applications.
 1. Is there anyone who has capacity that can help with outreach or can repost what the YC ig has? Austin has shared a free repost app to download. Also you can share this info with your own connections or show up for info sessions and bring a friend.
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. Chairs are requesting that commissioners include them in their communications of absences.
- B. Civic Engagement
- a. brainstormed potential questions for a poll we're working with Generation Citizen on.
 - b. Presentation from Veronica Chew (Ocof) to talk about next steps with respect to Child Friendly Cities Initiative (community assessments for youth in community hubs) - what orgs to reach out to, how to get youth involved, etc.
 - c. Jennifer from League of Women's Voters about collaborating w YC on a resolution via youth voting and voter education
- C. Housing and Land Use
- a. Tanaka presented to D1 about closures of the great highway and jfk
 - b. also had worked time for 30rightnow campaign
 - c. and checked in with _ process
- D. Transformative Justice
- a. had a police commission report and Commissioner Cohen had a question for youth commissioners on solutions to address, response to sideshows and gun violence? how do we keep people engaged not in those activities
- E. OCOF
- a. No report.

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Cybersecurity Training due April 30th
 - shout out: Sarah G for completing! Erika and Gracie, too for asking for IT support.
 - If you need help signing on to your employee portal, let me know.
- YC Info Session - 1 rep from cmte for panel (5- 6pm fri 4/23, fri 4/30, wed 5/5)
 - sarah c - can support but will get back on specific day (yes to 4/30, maybe to 5/5)
- MyPath Panel on May 4th - MyPath's "Youth Financial Steps to Success" Virtual Community Meeting @ 4:30pm
- #30rightnowcoalition - spread the word to your homies
- Safe Streets for All - budget hearing
- Library Leadership Program Applications
- If you'd like paper copies of the YC applications (paper) to drop off in your district and schools
 - Arsema



- Adrianna
- Sarah G.
 - if you want to be on the interview side (must not be returning) - please sign up now, b/c we have to arrange time for training
- Send in Committee Video OR Send in a quote
 - Thanks for the videos Rocky, Sarah C, Gabbie, Adrianna, Sarah G., Calvin, & Jayden

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- No announcements.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission
FROM: Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk
Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee
DATE: April 19, 2021
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee has received the following legislation, introduced by Supervisor Connie Chan on April 13, 2021. This item is being referred to the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210380
Ordinance requiring the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) and the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) to develop and implement a program to maximize public school youth access to summer programming in 2021; and requiring DCYF and RPD to submit a report regarding implementation of the program to the Board of Supervisors and the Students and Families Recovery and Inclusive Successful Enrichment (RISE) Working Group within 60 days of program completion.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Brent Jalipa at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Youth Programs for Summer 2021]

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3 **Ordinance requiring the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) and**
4 **the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) to develop and implement a program to**
5 **maximize public school youth access to summer programming in 2021; and requiring**
6 **DCYF and RPD to submit a report regarding implementation of the program to the**
7 **Board of Supervisors and the Students and Families Recovery and Inclusive**
8 **Successful Enrichment (RISE) Working Group within 60 days of program completion.**

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14 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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16 Section 1. Findings.

17 (a) The City and County of San Francisco (“City”) continues to face an unprecedented
18 public health and economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, San
19 Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”) schools were closed for more than a year – since
20 March 2020 – to all students, and had only partially reopened as of April 2021. Particularly in
21 light of the limitations SFUSD students have experienced during the pandemic, summer
22 programs are more necessary than ever to provide safe and enriching activities for students
23 designed to address their mental, social, physical, and emotional needs.

24 (b) As of April 2021, more than 51,000 students were enrolled within SFUSD schools,
25 and over half of those students were considered low-income.

1 (c) Historically, in a typical summer, the Department of Children, Youth, and Their
2 Families (“DCYF”) offers programming that serves over 20,000 youth and the Recreation and
3 Parks Department (“RPD”) offers programming that serves over 6,000 youth. The vast
4 majority of families with children enrolled in summer programming offered by these two
5 departments receive some type of subsidy.

6 (d) Due to Public Health Officer orders, staffing limits, and site constraints, all caused
7 by the COVID-19 pandemic, DCYF and RPD cumulatively enrolled only approximately 3,000
8 youth in summer programming in the summer of 2020, leaving over 17,000 children and their
9 families with no City-sponsored summer programming. This ordinance is intended to avoid a
10 repeat of that experience and to maximize enrollment in summer programming for the
11 summer of 2021.

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13 Section 2. Expanded Access to Summer Programs.

14 Subject to the fiscal and budgetary provisions of the Charter and applicable orders of
15 the Public Health Officer relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, DCYF, in coordination and
16 cooperation with RPD, shall develop and implement a program to maximize enrollment for
17 SFUSD students in summer programming in 2021 (“the Program”). For purposes of this
18 ordinance, “summer programming” shall include, but need not be limited to, in-person summer
19 camps, in-person educational opportunities, other in-person programs sponsored by the City
20 and as described in the Mayor’s Summer Together Initiative. Summer programming may
21 include remote opportunities, but the departments shall endeavor to maximize in-person
22 enrollment. The departments’ efforts to maximize enrollment in the Program shall be
23 consistent with all applicable Public Health Officer orders. Further, the departments shall
24 endeavor to provide the Program free of charge to participants, but if applicable, may waive or
25 reduce fees or provide scholarship opportunities to Program participants, based on need.

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Section 3. Reporting.

DCYF, in coordination and cooperation with RPD, shall submit a written report to the Board of Supervisors and the Students and Families Recovery and Inclusive Successful Enrichment (RISE) Working Group within 60 days of the end of the Program. The report shall include, at a minimum: a budget showing how the departments expended the funds allocated to the Program; the total number of participants enrolled in the Program; to the extent available, deidentified demographic information about Program participants (including age, gender, ethnicity, grade level, language spoken at home, residency zip code, school attended, and whether a participant is enrolled in an Individualized Education Program); programmatic information about each Program site or activity, including but not limited to, the number of Program participants served per site or activity, any general trends around participant attendance, absenteeism, or program completion, a list of any non-governmental entities assisting in the operation of the site, and the number of department staff per site or activity; and the departments' plans for expending any funds allocated to the Program that may be remaining after Program completion.

Section 4. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Youth Programs for Summer 2021]

Ordinance requiring the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) and the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) to develop and implement a program to maximize public school youth access to summer programming in 2021; and requiring DCYF and RPD to submit a report regarding implementation of the program to the Board of Supervisors and the Students and Families Recovery and Inclusive Successful Enrichment (RISE) Working Group within 60 days of program completion.

Existing Law

This is a new ordinance.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation will not be codified and would require Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (“DCYF”) and the Recreation and Parks Department (“RPD”) to maximize enrollment of public school youth in summer programming for the summer of 2021 and submit a report to the Board of Supervisors and the Students and Families Recovery and Inclusive Successful Enrichment Working Group 60 days following completion of summer programming.

Background Information

The City, in cooperation with the San Francisco Unified School District and the community organization TogetherSF, is offering free summer programming for the summer of 2021, as described in the Mayor’s Summer Together Initiative. The Proposed Legislation requires DCYF and RPD to endeavor to maximize enrollment in that summer programming for the summer of 2021. An appropriation supporting the summer programming is proceeding separately from this Proposed Legislation. The Proposed Legislation would also require the departments to submit a report 60 days following completion of summer programming. That report would include deidentified demographic information about program participants, fiscal information concerning how the departments spent funds for summer programming and how the departments intend to expend any unused summer programming funds, and programmatic information for each site or activity offered as part of the summer programming.

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1 [Administrative Code - Free Muni Pilot Program Fund]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create a special fund for a Free Muni**
4 **pilot program ending September 30, 2021, and setting conditions for use of the Fund.**

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12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. Chapter 10, Article XIII, of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by
14 adding Section 10.100-73, to read as follows:

15 **SEC. 10.100-73. FREE MUNI PILOT PROGRAM FUND.**

16 *(a) Establishment of Fund. The Free Muni Pilot Program Fund (“the Fund”) is established*
17 *as a category four fund to receive any monies appropriated or donated for the purpose of conducting a*
18 *“Free Muni” pilot program.*

19 *(b) Use of Fund. Monies in the Fund shall be used only to fully offset the projected lost fare*
20 *revenue to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) resulting from providing*
21 *free Muni service on a trial basis for the period from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (“the*
22 *Trial Period”).*

23 *(c) Administration of Fund. The SFMTA shall administer the Fund. Withdrawals from the*
24 *Fund shall be subject to all of the following conditions during the Trial Period:*

25 *(1) The SFMTA shall suspend all fare enforcement during the Trial Period;*

1 (2) The SFMTA shall publicize the Free Muni pilot program through email and social
2 media, and in general shall make a good faith effort to reach as many Muni riders as possible. The
3 SFMTA shall post signs on Muni vehicles, stations, and other passenger facilities informing the public
4 that fare payment is voluntary during the Trial Period. Signage shall comply with the Language Access
5 requirements of Administrative Code Chapter 91;

6 (3) The SFMTA shall allow voluntary payment of fares and shall keep fare collection
7 equipment and procedures, such as Clipper card machines and fare boxes, in operation for that
8 purpose; and

9 (4) On August 15, September 15, and October 15, 2021, the SFMTA shall file a written
10 report with the Board of Supervisors summarizing the status of the pilot program, changes in ridership
11 levels and characteristics, voluntary fares collected and revenues foregone, and other impacts of the
12 program.

13 (d) **Sunset Date.** This Section 10.100-73 shall expire by operation of law upon submission of
14 the October 15, 2021 report referenced in subsection (c)(4), although, as stated in subsection (b), the
15 last day of the free MUNI service provided through the pilot program shall be September 30, 2021.
16 Upon expiration of this Section 10.100-73, the City Attorney shall cause the Section to be removed from
17 the Administrative Code.

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19 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
20 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
21 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
22 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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24 Section 3. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this
25 ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Free Muni Pilot Program Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create a special fund for a Free Muni pilot program ending September 30, 2021, and setting conditions for use of the Fund.

Existing Law

The City currently does not have a law that would provide for paying the costs of offering free Muni service.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create a special fund to reimburse the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) for any fare revenues the SFMTA lost if it agreed to provide free Muni service on a trial basis from July 1 through September 30, 2021. Money in the fund would come from City appropriations or possible donations made to support the Free Muni pilot program.

The SFMTA would administer the fund. In order to withdraw money from the fund, the SFMTA would have to meet two basic conditions during the pilot program:

- Provide free Muni service and suspend fare enforcement, although passengers could continue to pay fares on a voluntary basis; and
- Publicize the Free Muni pilot program and post signs on Muni vehicles and facilities telling passengers that fare payment is voluntary during the pilot program.

The SFMTA would also have to file monthly reports with the Board of Supervisors explaining the progress and impacts of the pilot program.

The ordinance creating the fund would automatically expire after the SFMTA filed the last required report, on or about October 15, 2021.

Background Information

Under the Charter, the Board of Supervisors may not direct the SFMTA to provide free Muni service, but the Board and the Mayor may appropriate General Fund money to the SFMTA to reimburse the agency for lost revenues if the SFMTA chooses to provide free service.

FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-AL-11

1 [Affordable Housing - 2550 Irving]

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3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to accelerate the proposed affordable**
4 **housing development on 2550 Irving and reserve units for low-income transitional age**
5 **youth as well as youth and their families.**

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7 WHEREAS, The development proposed for 2550 Irving St. would provide family-
8 friendly housing for households earning between \$27,000 and \$102,000; and

9 WHEREAS, The proposed development is intended to provide family-friendly housing
10 for San Francisco’s essential workers in the following fields: healthcare, childcare, education,
11 non-profit services, construction, and retail; and

12 WHEREAS, The development would provide 90-100 units for youth and their families
13 with the construction start date of 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, The proposed development includes a seven-story building that includes
15 up to 100 studios, and 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sunset has the third-highest number of children in San Francisco’s
17 eleven districts, and 2550 Irving’s proximity to high performing schools makes it a prime
18 location for affordable family housing; and

19 WHEREAS, Many of the apartments will be reserved for households who live in the
20 Sunset or have been displaced from housing in San Francisco, expanding access and
21 opportunities for families and children; and

22 WHEREAS, Youth and their families will have increased accessibility to public
23 transportation, public libraries, museums, and Golden Gate Park, due to the proposed
24 development’s proximity to these services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Post COVID-19, the proposed development will help address the
2 increased need for affordable housing for low and middle-income essential workers, youth,
3 and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed development is the first step toward affordable housing
5 throughout the City and resolving the housing crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, With a reduced financial burden, youth will have more time to focus on
7 their interests, academics, and extracurriculars; and

8 WHEREAS, With the proposed development, youth will have housing security, thus
9 creating an environment that encourages physical and intellectual development; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposed development alleviates any concerns youth and their family
11 may have towards housing instability, thus improving their mental and physical health; and

12 WHEREAS, The development's affordable units of housing encourage positive
13 financial outcomes and increase the safety of youth; and

14 WHEREAS, A study from Rebecca Diamond and Timothy McQuade of Stanford
15 Business School analyzing the affordable housing built under the Low Income Housing Tax
16 Credit (LIHTC) program shows that in low- and high- income neighborhoods, the
17 implementation of affordable housing does not lead to a decrease in public safety, and even
18 increases public safety in low-income neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to confront
20 the crisis of housing insecurity for working, low to middle-class families, and the homeless
21 population of transitional age youth; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
23 minimize or eliminate the number of parking spaces on-site in order to maximize more units of
24 housing and to fulfill San Francisco's goal of becoming carbon neutral and reducing
25 greenhouse gas emissions; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That due to the urgent need for affordable and supportive
2 housing, the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to expedite the proposed
3 development with the construction start date of 2022; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
5 reserve affordable housing units specifically for transitional age youth within the proposed
6 development at 2550 Irving; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
8 reserve permanents units of housing for youth who are homeless or have been homeless and
9 work with agencies such as Larkin, 3rd Street Youth Clinic, and LYRIC to connect youth to
10 these units of housing; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission recognizes the misinformation
12 being spread around the proposed development and urges the Board of Supervisors to
13 engage in community education, discussion, and work with community-based organizations to
14 address the negative stigma that often follows conversations about the implementation of
15 affordable housing; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
17 address the lack of supportive and affordable housing in the Sunset, western neighborhoods,
18 and throughout the City, and partner with organizations to spur more developments similar to
19 that on 2550 Irving.

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-AL-12

1 [John F. Kennedy Drive and Great Highway - Permanent Closures to Cars]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San**
4 **Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the Recreation and Parks Department**
5 **to consider various parameters for an equitable plan to support the long-term closure**
6 **of John F. Kennedy Drive and the Great Highway to cars.**

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8 WHEREAS, In April of 2020 and as a part of the City’s Slow Streets Initiative, stretches
9 of road throughout San Francisco were closed off to cars to prioritize recreational activity for
10 citizens during the emergency stay at home order due to COVID-19; and

11 WHEREAS, Closures as a part of the Slow Streets program were initially intended to
12 be temporary, but have since been extended for certain stretches of road to maintain
13 recreational and community spaces throughout and beyond the pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, The Great Highway and John F. Kennedy (“JFK”) Drive in Golden Gate
15 Park, which can be considered significant thoroughfares in the City, were closed as a part of
16 the Slow Streets program and have remained closed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Both the Great Highway and JFK Drive have served as valuable
19 community and recreational spaces for citizens amidst the pandemic; and

20 WHEREAS, Closing JFK Drive is a step toward increasing pedestrian and cyclist
21 safety, especially on a thoroughfare like JFK Drive which is on the City’s High Injury Network
22 map; and

23 WHEREAS, An initial survey conducted by the San Francisco County Transportation
24 Authority (“SFCTA”), which had nearly 4,000 responses from throughout the City, showed that

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1 53 percent of respondents citywide supported the permanent closure of the Great Highway
2 and its conversion to a permanent promenade; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco youth benefit from the increased pedestrian safety provided
4 by the closures of the Great Highway and JFK Drive to cars; and

5 WHEREAS, The addition of more car-free space in San Francisco aligns with the Child
6 Friendly City initiative that the Board of Supervisors adopted in File No. 191158, which was
7 supported by the Youth Commission in YC File No. 1920-RBM-04; and

8 WHEREAS, Relative to the closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park there are
9 however concerns regarding the accessibility of Golden Gate Park for people with disabilities
10 and the elderly, which predate the temporary closure of JFK Drive to cars during the
11 pandemic but have been brought to the fore during discussion around a permanent closure;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In the context of a history of excluding residents from the south-east
14 quadrant of the City, particularly Black residents and other residents of color, from accessing
15 Golden Gate Park, the closure of JFK Drive has the potential to exacerbate existing
16 challenges in accessing Golden Gate Park if it is not coupled with an investment in robust
17 alternatives to driving to Golden Gate Park for south-east residents; and

18 WHEREAS, However, reopening JFK Drive to cars will not solve the systemic issues
19 underlying the segregation of green space in San Francisco, and will reduce the ability of
20 youth to use Golden Gate Park as a space for recreation and community-building; and

21 WHEREAS, In order to be successful, the closure of JFK Drive and the Great Highway
22 to cars must lead to those roads becoming truly shared spaces for all San Franciscans; and

23 WHEREAS, Communities in parts of the City not adjacent to Golden Gate Park have
24 raised concerns about a lack of clarity, transparency, and inclusion of all residents in the initial
25 public outreach process; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission supports the permanent closure of JFK Drive
2 and the Great Highway to cars, with the provision that the City conduct a robust community
3 outreach effort with a focus on the equity and access to newly created open spaces for
4 residents across the City, and on increasing the presence of youth voices in this process; and,
5 be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
7 Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) to ensure separated traffic for bicycles and
8 pedestrian on JFK Drive and the Great Highway; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA, Recreation &
10 Parks Department (“RPD”), and other City departments to invest in making JFK Drive and the
11 Great Highway into true community spaces for all San Franciscans, including benches, play
12 areas, exercise facilities, and other community facilities; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA and SFCTA to
14 implement more robust transit options for those farther away from Golden Gate Park, more
15 robust planning for disabled accessibility, and additional improvements to public transit; and,
16 be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA and RPD to
18 ensure that all disability spaces removed by the closure of JFK Drive are replaced in a
19 comparable distribution throughout Golden Gate Park; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFMTA and RPD to
21 restore frequent increase shuttles to Golden Gate Park from all over the City, especially from
22 the south-east; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to ensure an
24 inclusive community engagement process regarding the closures of JFK Drive and the Great
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1 Highway to cars, and make sure that all voices are heard including those most affected, both
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1 [Seamless Transit Principles]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Seamless Transit Principles, as described, and urging**
4 **various decision-makers, including the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Municipal**
5 **Transportation Agency, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and others, to**
6 **adopt and implement the aforementioned Seamless Transit Principles.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area, despite being an exceptional place to live,
9 faces an uncertain future due to several interrelated crises—decreasing housing affordability,
10 increasing congestion, rising pollution, widening inequality, and the recent COVID-19 public
11 health crisis—all of which are exacerbated by an inadequate and poorly-performing public
12 transportation system; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite billions of dollars of investments in new transportation
14 infrastructure over the past five decades, public transit in the Bay Area has failed to attract
15 large numbers of new riders, and has never been used by more than 12% of the population
16 for commute trips since 1970; by contrast automobiles have always been used for over 75%
17 of commute trips; and

18 WHEREAS, The quality of and usage of public transit in the Bay Area has declined in
19 recent years, with transit trips per capita declining by 10%, average bus speeds declining by
20 9%, and transit commute times increasing by 11% between 2001 and 2016; and

21 WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board reported in 2018 that no California
22 regions, including the Bay Area, are on track to meet their greenhouse gas reduction targets,
23 with increasing Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) and declines in transit ridership cited as a
24 primary factors; and

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1 WHEREAS, Using public transit in the Bay Area is inconvenient and costly for many
2 types of trips, requiring riders to: use multiple transit systems operated independently with
3 little coordination; pay multiple separate fares; experience unpredictable transfers; and
4 navigate different wayfinding systems and brand identities; and

5 WHEREAS, Low-income people, many of whom have experienced displacement and
6 have long commutes requiring multiple transit services, are among the most adversely
7 affected the Bay Area’s poorly integrated public transportation system, experiencing a
8 significant financial burden from needing to pay multiple separate transit fares or being forced
9 into costly vehicle ownership; and

10 WHEREAS, According to 2013 data from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and
11 Schools, 25% of San Francisco Unified School District students rely on public transportation
12 to get to and from school; and

13 WHEREAS, Many youth rely on both Bay Area Rapid Transit (“BART”) and San
14 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”)-run transit services to get to and from
15 school and for other purposes, requiring them to pay two fares; and

16 WHEREAS, Additionally, some youth who live in San Francisco attend schools outside
17 of San Francisco, and vice versa, requiring even more transfers; and

18 WHEREAS, Different transit agencies have different discount programs for youth,
19 which can pose an additional administrative challenge for youth who rely on public transit; and

20 WHEREAS, Regions with high-ridership public transportation systems are
21 characterized by highly integrated networks of quality local and regional transit services that
22 make traveling without a private automobile convenient and easy for all types of trips,
23 featuring aligned routes and schedules, coordinated transfers, high quality transit hubs,
24 common branding and customer information, and other common regional customer
25 experience standards; and

1 WHEREAS, Regions that have successfully integrated and simplified transit fares have
2 experienced many broad social benefits, including a shift in travel from private cars to public
3 transit, an increase in overall public transit usage, and expanded mobility options and cost
4 savings for riders; and

5 WHEREAS, A well-functioning and coordinated transit system plays a critical role in
6 supporting public health and safety during an emergency, with 31% of Bay Area essential
7 workers relying off public transit to get to work, and in supporting an economic recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, During and in the aftermath of major disruptions to our transit system,
9 close coordination among agencies facilitates prioritization of the most critical needs, efficient
10 deployment of resources, and clear communication to customers; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission, upon the recommendation of its Housing
12 and Land Use Committee, supports the Seamless Transit Principles outlined as follows:

- 13 1) Run all Bay Area transit as one easy-to-use system;
- 14 2) Put riders first;
- 15 3) Make public transit equitable and accessible to all;
- 16 4) Align transit prices and passes to be simple, fair, and affordable;
- 17 5) Connect effortlessly with other sustainable transportation;
- 18 6) Plan communities and transportation together; and
- 19 7) Prioritize reforms to create a seamless network; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Board of
21 Supervisors, SFMTA, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, BART Board, and all
22 other transit agencies operating within the limits of the City and County of San Francisco, as
23 well as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to adopt and implement the Seamless
24 Transit Principles as outlined above; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to
2 forward this resolution to the City and County of San Francisco’s state legislative delegation.

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1 [Student Pedestrian Safety During School Reopening - Slow Streets]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to collaborate**
3 **with the San Francisco Unified School District to maintain and expand San Francisco’s**
4 **Slow Streets program near schools, provide additional safe options for students to**
5 **commute to and from school when in-person learning resumes, and collect additional**
6 **data on student commutes.**
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8 WHEREAS, In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City and County of San
9 Francisco (the “City”) created the Slow Streets program through the San Francisco Municipal
10 Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”); and

11 WHEREAS, According to the SFMTA, the purpose of the Slow Street program “is to
12 manage traffic speeds and create a safe network for essential walk and bike travel while
13 transit service levels are reduced,” by limiting designated streets to through traffic; and

14 WHEREAS, As of April 12, 2021, some students at the San Francisco Unified School
15 District (“SFUSD”) have returned to in-person learning after over a year of distance learning,
16 due to the pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 6, 2021, the SFUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to
18 give all SFUSD students the option to return to in-person learning starting in the fall of 2021;
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20 WHEREAS, According to 2013 data from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and
21 Schools, 25% of SFUSD students rely on public transportation to get to and from school, and
22 21% walk or ride a bike; and

23 WHEREAS, Student transit commuters tend to be from lower-income backgrounds,
24 and students of color; and
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1 WHEREAS, However, the SFMTA has not developed a plan for returning transit to
2 100% of pre-pandemic service levels, in part due to fiscal and logistical challenges; and

3 WHEREAS, In the absence of fully restored transit service, which would render social
4 distancing difficult or impossible for students commuting to and from school on public transit,
5 SFMTA has indicated that students may rely on the City’s network of 30 Slow Streets to safely
6 walk or bike to school if possible; and

7 WHEREAS, Slow streets have helped provide outdoor space for community members,
8 including and especially youth, to recreate and enjoy themselves during the pandemic while
9 not fully eliminating local vehicle access; and

10 WHEREAS, Placing Slow Streets near schools, as was intentionally done in the
11 Sunset, could help alleviate traffic dangers for students who walk, bike, or take public transit
12 to and from school caused by drop-off and pick-up lanes when schools return to in-person
13 learning; and

14 WHEREAS, Cities like Davis, CA have also prioritized dedicated bike lanes near and
15 leading to schools, in order to facilitate safe, low-cost, and sustainable commutes to students;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, on April 8, 2021, principals at several Sunset district
18 SFUSD schools requested that Sunset district Slow Streets be removed in anticipation of
19 students’ return to in-person learning, which resulted in a temporary reopening of several
20 Slow Streets to through traffic prior to them being restored after process issues were raised;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, School administrators have claimed that they need “as much road real
23 estate as possible during intake and dismissal times,” completely disregarding the safety of
24 those students who do not commute to school via car; and

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1 WHEREAS, In fact, maintaining a robust network of Slow Streets across the City and
2 near schools is key to ensuring all students have options for safely commuting to school when
3 in-person learning resumes; and

4 WHEREAS, Furthermore, it appears that youth and students were not consulted before
5 the temporary closure of Slow Streets in the Sunset; and

6 WHEREAS, While presenting Slow Streets as a primary option for the majority of
7 SFUSD students that do not commute to school by car to do so safely is itself problematic,
8 especially for students who live far away from their school, removing this option would simply
9 be a further burden on students' and their families as they navigate the difficult and frequently
10 fraught process of returning to in-person learning; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission supports the Slow Streets program, and
12 encourages the SFMTA to expand of the Slow Streets network and install better infrastructure
13 to support their continued existence past the pandemic as community spaces and avenues for
14 safe pedestrian traffic; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to consult with
16 students and youth about the future of Slow Streets, especially those near schools, and to
17 collaborate with SFUSD to collect more consistent data on student commutes; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to develop a
19 plan to return transit to 100% of pre-pandemic service levels to alleviate crowding during
20 school commute hours and enable students who usually rely on transit to commute to return
21 to doing so when they return to in-person learning.

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