



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement Committee  
Minutes - Draft  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
4:30-6:30 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:  
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*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Valentina Alioto-Pier, Arianna Arana, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Adrianna Zhang

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm. All Commissioners were in attendance and quorum was met.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioner Alioto-Pier, seconded by Commissioner Versace, motioned to approve the agenda. No public comment. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

**A. February 9, 2021  
([Document A](#))**

Commissioner Zhang, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier, motioned to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed.

**4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

There was no public comment.

**5. Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

**A. Team Building Activity**

Commissioners engaged in a team building activity.



## B. Review group agreements

Commissioners reviewed group agreements:

- 1. Dealer's choice on cameras
- 2. Be engaged (as much as possible)
- 3. Patience/flexibility/transparency
- 4. Accountability
- 5. Equitable distribution of responsibility
- 6. 72 hour advance notice for posting

## C. League of Women Voters Presentation

Presenter: Michele Gerus, Voter Services Committee member

Jennifer Helton and Michele Gerus presented on the League of Women Voters SF. Have had meetings with CEC in the past.

- Michele has been with the League for two years and does a lot of the market research (design and conduct a lot of the research for LWV) and Jennifer has been in the LWV for a 1.5 years and on the voters services committee and involved in redistricting. Historian professor focused on the history of voting rights. Parent of two SFUSD students.
- LWVSF non partisan political non profit that defends democracy, advocates on public policy that benefits the community; do not support or oppose candidates or parties, open to all genders
- Founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt; 1911 SF chapter founded
- Voting Rights:
  - Expanding Voter Access
  - Redistricting
  - Money in Politics
- Elections
  - education voters
  - vote 411, a one stop shop for voting
  - Increase Voter Registration
- Other Public Policy Issues
  - Health Care Reform
  - The Environment
  - Census
  - Immigration
- Grassroots, volunteer run, focused on SF local government
- 8 committees: advocacy, budget, comms, development, education, voter services, membership, nominating
- YC collab could be focused on advocacy, education, voter services
- How we educate voters
  - nonpartisan guides to ballot props (pros and cons)
  - voter registration drives and trainings
  - candidate forums
  - candidate statements + pro/con discussion
  - voters edge



- How we engage voters
  - legislative interviews
  - observer corp
  - appointed seats
  - take positions on certain policy issues
- Focus on younger voters 2021-2022 LWVSF Youth Voter Outreach Initiative
  - 2021 Goals
    - Build partnerships w/ youth organizations
    - Build youth membership in LWVSF
    - Mentoring/Train the trainer program
  - 2022 Goals
    - Run youth-focused voter registration events with our partners
    - Run voter education events with our partners
    - 2022 is an election year
- What we can offer:
  - voter registration events to your orgs/schools/networks
  - as elections approach, voter education events
  - mentoring/train the trainer
  - all are available via zoom and can do in person when reopened
- Discussion:
  - How can we support the YC's mission
  - What suggestions do you have for us on the best ways to reach and engage young voters?
  - Contact the co chairs
    - [jennifer.helton@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.helton@gmail.com)
    - [michelle.moritz@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.moritz@gmail.com)
- Sarah C-have you presented to other youth orgs? No, not yet. Jennifer is professor at CCSF and have focused there. Challenging to find contacts at schools
- Michele-how do you get into schools?
  - Adrianna-started SF Change that provides workshop to students of all ages and something that works for her is reaching out to PTSAs (often they have subcommittees on legislation) and reaching out to college and/or wellness centers and school clubs
- Sarah C-Coleman, SF Rising, Power CA, and GGeneration Citizen are orgs they should be connected with. We also have a large list of community orgs that Kiely can share
- Michele-what are the kinds of support that you really need/grappling with (doesn't need to be something we talked about today):
  - Sarah G-in a year where we are not actively campaigning that voter reg is huge
  - Jennifer-try to get a rotating clue of members to attend CEC meetings
    - Sarah C-yes, if you have that capacity
- Michele-what kinds of things you need as priorities
  - Sarah G-all of the above, not that we've discussed in detail yet, would love all info and experts to give the info and be more collaborative
  - Jennifer-have speakers bureau so if CEC has events or would like to have events, they can get someone to help with voter reg presentation
  - Sarah C-youth are passionate and would like to register and there are those who don't feel connected to local issues and therefore need



inspiration on how to get involved (why voting matters). Accessibility issue

- Jennifer-suggestions of orgs in h.s. who would be excited for them to show up?
  - some schools have directors of civic engagements
  - Staff gave history on BOE and the resolution they have not implemented as a point of connection for accountability on voter ed and voter registration
  - They said they could help with polling for next Vote16 round

Internal discussion:

-Sarah G. -very willing and aligned for collaboration and committed to helping them out

-Adriana - actively looking for youth voices

-Rocky -they knew their stuff and recognize certain leg and how it works...seems like they knew what they wanted

-Sarah C - really want CEC collaboration and sending members (!) that's real dedication (it's not a 1 time thing and want a continued partnership with clear requests)

-Sarah G. -period of where we aren't in an election so can discuss collaboration with the timing

#### D. Vote16SF/Prop G Follow Up

##### a. Poll Planning for Round 3

This item is tabled.

#### C. CEC related news

None

### 6. Staff Report

- No meeting on March 22 but please think about questions/strategy for the poll for our April meeting
- YC office is gearing up for application season
- Who can help with interviews/process and who is planning on reapplying?
  - Help
    - Adrianna
    - Ariana
    - Sarah G.
    - Sarah C.
    - Rocky
    - Valentina
  - Reapplying
    - Adrianna
    - Sarah C. and Ariana (maybe and depends on what colleges they get into)

### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.