



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Minutes ~ Draft

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

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

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

Chair Santos calls the meeting to order at 5:03PM. Quorum is met

Commissioner Hylton has notified her absence to staff.

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to excuse Commissioner Hylton’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. The motion passes by roll call.

#### **Roll Call Attendance:**

Jayden Tanaka, present  
Valentina Alioto-Pier,  
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,  
Sarah Cheung, present  
Sarah Ginsburg, present  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, present  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,



No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to excuse Commissioner Hylton’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. The motion passes by roll call.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

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

**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, aye  
Ariana Arana, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Erika Morris, aye  
Arsema Asfaw,  
Sarah Cheung, aye  
Sarah Ginsburg, aye  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, aye  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,

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

A. April 19th, 2021  
[\(Document A\)](#)



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

**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, aye  
Ariana Arana, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Erika Morris, aye  
Arsema Asfaw,  
Sarah Cheung, aye  
Sarah Ginsburg, aye  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, aye  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,

Commissioner Versace was present during this item, but was kicked off the meeting due to internet connectivity issues. Commissioner Asfaw was tardy and arrived at 5:14pm but missed the vote.

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

No 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  
(Document B)

Cementing policy directions for youth programs. talks about intentions to expand to students and covering funding legislation and a focus for in person programs not virtual and to the degree possible by health orders. It grants city departments for waiving necessary - DCYF has a robust waiver process but rec and park doesn't always and gives a blanket opportunity for most access for all.

call for accountability - do serve the most at risk populations. The report would go to bos and ryse working groups calling for demographic information and how many were served and trends they might see from regular programming and types of data we are requesting and ryse efforts to build our community school.



Supervisor Chan has not made it a secret that this can be a pilot for a permanent program for free summer programming for regular school year education and part of what we are looking for from cost to find that and build that into future revenue measures we look at and how we fund this as a priority. straight forward legislation and any questions or comments from the commission.

Commissioner Santos:

- needs of young people in the city right now and impact of covid 19 and one thing that we would - touched on page line page 1 -2 early on in section - on specific communities, black and brown young people disproportionately impacted, - how did covid 19 impacted all young people

Commissioner Quick:

- Can you speak to the working group connecting with the summer initiative and vice versa?

Frances - the working was just appointed so still yet to start the group. but want to expand on the community schools model to serve the most at risk youth and make sure the education system is really serving those communities.

Commissioner quick - one thing that came up that ive been working on recently, in terms of data collection around schools and students it's important to look at the geo demographics parts. It's very difficult to find consistent data through the schools district about mute patterns. Information is vague. How easy is it to access programming, so I'm wondering if this is able to be collected in this data collection piece?

Frances - transportation is a big issue to recover from the pandemic, access to transit. This is a big piece on how our families and youth recover. what lines are coming back, and far flung neighborhoods are in areas that are the hilliest and difficult to get around able bodied or not. Everybody likes to presume that youth are able bodied, but that's something we need to work on together to figure out the transit future.

Commissioner Santos - do you happen to know any programming or services to support TAY or folks transitioning out of SFUSD?

Frances - nothing in this legislation, i know separately, that supervisor mar has a companion piece for highschool youth for work opportunities, about tay population for employment and a perfect match it could be for the summer programs that rec and park has problems hiring and staffing for all the summer programs. but not sure how that conversation went and happy to follow up on how they've been tapping into that population.

Commissioner Santos:

social aspect and employment prospects are just as important for youth and tay to feel physically safe and communally safe with other young people.

Any public comment? No public comment.

No internal discussion.



Commissioner Zhang motions to support Youth Programs for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by roll call.

**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, aye  
Ariana Arana, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Erika Morris, aye  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Sarah Cheung, aye  
Sarah Ginsburg, aye  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, aye  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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  
(Document C)

Free muni pilot to start June 21st 2021. 3 month pilot of fare free muni pilot.  
What we know: traffic on the rise. free muni pilot is long overdue and its time to do it. SF would be joining Boston, etc. to testing the waters of fare free transit.

freemuni save riders money, reduce traffic congestion. Our goal is that public transit is widely used,

can pilot this due to revenues and then can decide later for long-term public funding.  
Launching a pilot,

Questions:

Commissioner Versace - I definitely support this. I'm wondering if there is a defined thing that would tell us what would you need to see for this to become permanent?

Preston - for us, the pilot will hopefully make the case its something worth funding. Whatever funding, I think the funding needs to look at both service and fairs.

Commissioner Veiga- in general do you have a breakdown or overview of where revenues are going?



Preston - fair revenue will go into the larger \_ and then its at the discretionary of.. we can't tell mta how to spend their money. We know that the fares are very low so we can pilot it.

Commissioner Quick - think we should try this out, in support. Some peripheral questions about moving forward. First, fare enforcement is currently problematic and targets specific communities. Right now, fare enforcement officers are around, supposed to be educational, they are also in charge of doing wellness checks given COVID restrictions. Will there still be protocols for transit riders to practice social distancing?

Preston - the pandemic has allowed us to pilot programs. like closed streets, slow streets, and fare enforcement. SFMTA transitioned fare enforcement inspectors to wellness officers. it's front of mind for us - it's in this conversation working with labor allies that these positions are important but transitioning them to partner more generally. bart has piloted/similar program of community ambassadors to educate riders, when you center black and brown community, protecting riders currently on and protecting the jobs doing this and as we've seen in the pandemic

Commissioner Quick - what is that number based on? current fare revenue or what they're projecting?

Preston - 9.3 billion is a projection from July to September 30th.

Commissioner Quick - do you happen to know the timeline and what's the plan for the data?

Preston - The mta will report to the board, on the 15th of every month. We shared those concerns and are partnering with ta to see what our report would look like. also expanding it to the data, looking at the stories and how that's impacting people. Collecting data and expanding the data outside of mta as well.

Commissioner Santos - when you say data collection, what does the program have to collect data for impact for sf residents, young people and intentionality?

Preston: First is a poor stop, looking at individual lines, for increased usages, and where people are getting on and off, and where folks are not buying monthly passes and how we capture those people, and nontypical riders. if someone's not getting a monthly pass - they might not want to pay that fare, and working with ta to track where people are going to influence shopping local, jumping on for an 8 block and getting a lift and most importantly, recent increases on specific lines and where people are getting on - as we step forward in the recovery for lines to restore

Commissioner Santos - transportation for working class folks - one point i would encourage to look on data for young people getting to school faster, 2019 often times, slips that would punish/not support folks being late

- Who would benefit from the free muni ? having a focus for public students of color, transitional aged youth. I'd like to see that language and focus

Preston - former school counselor, aware of the tough transition into adulthood. Definitely important to think about as we think long term about this program. Absolutely agree and also



agree on how Free Muni will positively impact marginalized communities. When you're low income, every dollar counts. I wrote these down and will share with the Supervisor.

Commissioner Santos - with the current state of hate against marginalized groups, how would Free Muni for All allow for more safety and not fear if fare evading? Important to see how riders of color and women/feminine appearing people are faring on public transportation and to have data and/or discussions on riders' experiences.

Public Comment - Hayden, D1, likes idea but has serious concerns about it. Rides bus every day and MUNI only offering 70% of service and many pass ups. Happened today to Hayden and passed multiple stops with 50-100 people who got passed up. Minimal increases and is concerned that more people will ride with more pass ups. Where else could this money go? More transit lanes for more reliability. More reliable transportation should come before free transit. Targeting resources, this is very general, so that low income communities of color and youth can really be the main ones who benefit vs. everyone. Why make it free for those for city college students or those who have the life line. Hard to collect data right now during this time.

#### Recommendations:

- to look at how we can continue to reimagine the current fare inspector roles, as more of a wellness check-in and transit operator support roles - rather than fare enforcement during this pilot
- MTA & Controller & Transit Authority - come up with a more comprehensive report upon the end of the pilot
- After the pilot, include other ways to collect the data. Specifically, Black and students of colors, and including families as well.
- considering or implementing ways to either survey
- Hate crimes continue to impact AAPI communities with ongoing police brutality against Black communities, more specific language on who will benefit on free muni for all (low income, TAY, low income youth)

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Arana, motions to support the legislation with the above recommendations. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes with 15 ayes.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Jayden Tanaka, aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, no  
Lillian Tang, aye  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye  
Calvin Quick, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye  
Adrianna Zhang, aye  
Gracie Veiga, aye  
Ariana Arana, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Erika Morris, aye  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Sarah Cheung, aye  
Sarah Ginsburg, aye  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, aye



Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

## 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

3rd St. Youth Clinic is one of the providers of the TAY Navigation Center. At Post & Hyde. 700 Hyde is official address.

This is SF's first TAY Navigation - first larger scale center that has beds onsite. This is really trying to help youth get to next stages in life.

"Come POST up at the youth HYDE out".

This is a project that is an innovative opportunity to look at all aspects of what youth need experiencing homelessness; education, opportunities, and employment along with behavioral health services on site. Serves youth 18-27.

Partners - The Success Centers, D3 Community, HSH, Youth Homelessness Response System. Works like a dorm/res hall and so there are different services available and you could work on "your campus". Youth can have the opportunity to work and prepare for their future on site (food, janitorial, cpr certification, interns, etc.)

TAY Nav Resident Wanye Harris - been there 4 months and prior was homeless for over a year. Has gotten him back to school and has a job now. They have weights if you don't work, the staff are cool, clients are nice.

Space has 75 beds, everything is new, but only operates 43 beds due to COVID. Larkin only had 40 beds so this increase is huge. Already have youth who are exiting out because they have found housing and/or employment elsewhere. Recently started a Garden club. Hopefully, create a rooftop garden for mind, body, spirit. Hope is they could take a plant with them once they find housing.

Often get donations from many people and organizations. Divvy them up between clients. Food service has been helpful with a lot of their donations.

Understanding Youth Homelessness - 1,145 Youth Experiencing Homelessness:

- 82% unsheltered
- 46% identify as LGBTQ+
- 75% are youth of color

SF Homeless Youth Response System - would love to be a part of this circle with the City in partnership with the response system and non profits.

This Center is Black led. First one ever to be Black led by born and raised SFers!

Launched in Spring 2019

- 6 Agency Partnership with 5 Youth Access Points (coordinated entry) and 1 mobile outreach team (about 98% come from HOT and not coordinated entry)





#### Goals:

- Proportional representation by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity
- Continue to prioritize clients for limited HSH-funding based on vulnerability, barriers to housing, and chronicity of homelessness

#### Overview

- ❖ 43 beds (COVID)--We are at capacity!!!!
- ❖ 75 total occupancy
- ❖ 24/7 access
- ❖ 3 meals and snacks
- ❖ Clinic
- ❖ Outdoor space
- ❖ Workforce development
- ❖ Art groups
- ❖ Therapy
- ❖ Harm reduction therapy + kits

Most youth are in the 18-24 age range. 66.67% identify as male, 26.67% identify as female, 4.44% identify as Trans Female

Two main racial groups are African American and white, but seeing in last month is Latinx, and 1 Asian client.

15.56% identify as disabled (varying physical, developmental)

Over a quarter have chronic health conditions and the client is HIV+.

Mental health is almost 50/50. Substance abuse (with harm reduction model) so they can come in not sober and/or using and they focus on their safety.

Chronic homelessness (3 months or more)- a little under half have been homeless for a long time. A majority of youth are living in space that weren't supposed to be lived in (streets or park).

Majority of youth had been homeless more than a year.

#### Needs

- ❖ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (7 days a week)
- ❖ More clinic days
- ❖ Programming
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Wellness and recreational spaces
- ❖ Office spaces
- ❖ Incentives

Advocating for the second half of the space. No break out spaces or recreation or wellness rooms.



Timeline - working on adding more programs and services. In fall - hope to expand to full capacity of 75 beds.

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Commissioner Santos- thank you and your work is so important.

Questions:

Commissioner Asfaw - thank you for coming out, it means a lot to connect with us as we want to support our communities the best way we can.

1) how does entering the Nav center work? Do they just show up or go through a process and if there are any ways you want that process to improve or the YC can improve the process?

Joi - 2 ways to enter first - coordinated entry (6 access points) where they are assessed at the access point with housing referral status and can be offered housing second if they are on the streets and seen by Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) they can be referred that way. They can't just walk in they have to be referred in.

Would love to have more space as a way to improve. It's 3 floors but the bottom floor was supposed to be retail but now it sits empty. The space is really tiny right now so just advocating for the second floor which is 5000 square feet. But the bottom floor is 10000 square feet. If YC could come up with something on the bottom level that could benefit youth on the top.

2) Any other specific issues or areas of funding that you want the YC to focus on? We do have a Housing committee and this would be an issue to intersect with her TJ committee re: youth incineration. Can write resolutions and advocate to BOS.

Joi - grappling with need for behavioral health services around the clock. City has a formula to use for the Nav center and something she has been fighting for is behavioral health and is non-negotiable and is working with folks who have experienced a lot in a short amount of time. It's not enough to have someone there 1-2 times a week. So some coordination between city departments and HSH around behavioral health services. HSH did not provide any providers and they have no budget to hire and they would need that push from us as well as at least the second half of the second floor. Due to legislation it was zoned as retail so have to stick with that but the 2nd floor is up for grabs.

3) You mentioned job training and development, do you all have specific strategies to support undocumented youth?

Joi - We don't require youth to be documented. We're happy to have helped some undocumented youth get jobs.

4) I liked how you focus on hope and letting youth know this isn't the end all be all. I know you said you're transitioning folks out - i think it'd be cool if youth could transfer out of the NAV and come back and be mentors to other youth. A suggestion.

Joi - Thank you. I think that has been part of our plan. We have youth who are now employed at the NAV center.



Commissioner Quick - thank you for presenting. I'd like to go back down, what was the original intent for the other half of the second floor? What are your ideas for what could be developed there? I think we can work with the Supes to promote some expansion.

Joi - first idea was for goodwill to be training/retail. The second half of the 2nd floor was going to be for a vendor, 5000 sq ft. sits empty right now. We look out at vacant space every day. In terms of what we see, we need break out groups. We need to be able to separate youth, for medical reasons or conflict reasons. There's no wellness room, we don't have a space for them to be, or privacy or cool down space. The second floor is to have more space for staff and youth. People have gone into the small rooms just to have some space.

Commissioner quick - i'm on the housing and land use committee and happy to see how we can get the city on board with this

Joi - we're happy to provide a short tour. Even pushing to ask the city what their plan is for the first floor would be great because it's just sitting there.

Commissioner santos - what are ways we as a commission can support this work, what are other ways we can support you as other young people in social activism?

Joi - I don't know if we have a special meeting or having some of the young people go to a hlu meeting, just to hear their stories. 1. just our youth to learn about yc 2. and also having this as an agenda item and keeping us accountable. This is the start of our collaboration, holding us accountable, but also hearing what our young people are experiencing. Please I hope you all hold us accountable for our youth. Also, any donations- we're always looking for hygiene kits. Even as youth transition out, we would love to give them home gifts to give them (cleaning supplies).

Commissioner Santos - I'd love to connect offline to get to know other young people. Just as you want accountability, we want it too.

Commissioner Santos - I'd like to ask Wanye, young person, what do you need? What are you missing?

Wanye - I have been hearing like weights, gym, or recreational activities to keep youth engaged. Like video games.

Santos - do you feel comfortable sharing your experience? or anything you think would be important for us to know about?

Wanye shared how he got into the Nav Center - I got kicked out of my parents house, stayed with friends, and then couldn't stay with them anymore. I entered the NAV center to an access point. I'm in school now and have a job. They've helped me get my SSD, CA ID, and other paperwork. I'm also a part of Rising Up.

Joi - He was assessed for housing through the Rising Up network.

Commissioner Santos - thank you for sharing. I'm happy that you were able to get the resources to get yourself situated.



Commissioner Quick - what is the typical wait time for housing? Is that a reliable system? Do you have thoughts about that as well?

Joi - Right now COVID is complicating the coordinated entry list. Most important right now is SIP youth, they are HSH priority. COVID now wait time is 1 year + (pre covid was 3 months). Shortly we anticipate folks on this list will start to move quickly once we close down the SIP Hotels. Bc of COVID there are now time caps on youth's stay. Depending on Housing status, there are other youth who have been on the list for months. It's frustrating for youth to have to be checking-in. We are hoping youth can move faster. We are grateful we have staff onsite who can do these assessments. They can get housing referred status or problem solving dollars.

Commissioner Quick - what is the process for being assessed as Housing Referral Status?

Joi - the number or benchmark that someone reaches is: how long has someone been homeless? What is the severity? In the systems accountability assessment, it is not strengths based. Youth have expressed it is re-traumatizing. Right now it's based on the traumatizing experiences and services they need.

Commissioner Quick - going back to the housing referral list - there is one big list? that as units open up the city goes through and then go on a wait list? How site specific are the waitlist?

Joi - have over 180 ppl on the list trying to be housed. Going back to see if they're still homeless. in terms of phs, also w the sros thats an issue with youth as well. So it varies, to your point, on the types of services that are offered, but usually get 2-3 options or choices. Typically people get presented with at least two options to choose from. I hope that answers your question.

Commissioner Santos - Is there anything from your shared experience that you do not want on our notes?

Wayne - No, I don't mind.

Commissioner Santos - great, just wanted to check-in with you.

We can also share these notes with you. They'll be up within 48 hrs

Commissioner Santos - thank you for everything. this won't be the last time we'll be talking

Joi - yes, thank you.

B. [Inform + Decision] Empowerment Collective  
Presenter: Diego Bustamante, Youth Organizer

Empowerment Collective - group of high schoolers across state advocating for state bills that address youth issues across the state.

In its original form the Collective was a coalition for AB 46 (Youth Empowerment Act) and wants to know if SFYC can join EC in its new iteration for state bill advocacy. AB 46 and other slate of bills are now part of EC. Coalition composed of organizations and network of youth across the state as well as collegiate students. We are hoping sf youth can provide support for our platform and help outreach other youth to get involved with empowerment collective. Very wide range of



topics, but all that impact youth within all backgrounds across the state. our asks: if you are up for it, appoint one of the members of the sfyc to be a member of our steering committee to build a stronger student base. We've also partnered with several of our members for a press conference, hope to do town halls and sf yc could by association help with that. The steering committee is basically at the top of the ec helping trying to career everything for the future. We had to reintroduce this to the commission to formally approve it, we have gen up, bsa, etc. we have lots of partnerships already and have helped promote the agenda we've set up.

how we are organizing: organizing at the local level. divided in seven regions (1. north cal,), we have regional directors to create these regions.

Asks:

- sending YC'er to be a member of steering committee
- It's free, it means you support youth in policy making
- choose what campaigns/bills to sign onto

Commissioner Santos reminded her colleagues that state wide leg is not necessarily the focus of the SFYC.

Commissioner Zhang - can you go more into detail about .. does that mean the yc would support every bill that the ec brings up.

Diego - not obligatory of supporting every bill. you'd be listed as a member for the specific bill or campaign you're interested in. Using the name and connections of students to advocate on behalf of these bills. I'm sorry, not sure if i answered your question

Commissioner Zhang - send letters of support and have the yc sign them?

Diego - that's one way the yc would be involved, as well as the town halls you wouldn't be obligated to publicize any of the campaigns you're not interested in.

Commissioner Quick - thank you diego for coming to present. You mentioned you'd be doing some town halls over the summer. can you go into more detail about what those are about, who are you working with, and outreach for youth? I'm just interested to hear from a youth engagement perspective.

Diego - we just came up with some plans to host town halls to use a regional student cohort representing 20+ districts, but also using a ca of student councils. they have a region across the state, as well as genup. We'd be using our network and publicizing these events. These town halls would entail policy leads as well as bills, giving more info about campaigns and bills. we would be giving training and how to talk to legislators, and voice it out. starting to plan town halls at the beginning of the week then later in the week talk to the legislators directly.

Commissioner Quick - thank you, that's my only question for now.

Commissioner Santos - i have a couple questions. when they meet is it through zoom or in person?

Diego - we've conducted everything online



Commissioner Santos - my concern is, for example, undocu folks traveling. I'm very familiar w how the bay area views ice, but don't know how la would. So wondering their comfortability for undocumented community. How would it be for undocu youth and other

diego - we talked about bussing, in our plans we've anticipated the current workflow will continue into the summer which means online. When talking to legislators it'll also be online. i think this helps with accessibility for folks.

santos - is this compensated in any way economically?

diego - currently don't have grants to provide stipends. it's something we're working on but can't make concrete statements about that.

santos - hope there is an opportunity for undocumented youth people to get stipends. How do you all go about selecting the bills? There were alot of child wealth bills. I'd like to hear more about that- immigration bills.

Diego - i'm more in the organizing part of it but not in policy. I know Jason is helping with state of bills. As a member you'd be able to propose, removing a bill and coming to a consensus about what it should be. This has been as a result of Jason's work. AB 367 was a cast bill and that was. so as our steering committee you'd be able to \_\_\_ on immigration bills.

Commissioner Santos - glad to hear there's flexiblinity about racial bills being applied and stuff.

Commissioner Asfaw - thank you. I was just wondering what the makeup of the empowerment collective looks like form a diversity stand point? specific stats or a graph about a make up of it? what does the make up of the collective look like? How are you centering marginalized voice? how are you making it as inclusive and as representative of california?

Diego - I can tell you our eadering ship team- i am hispanic, director is mixed, media directors are both Asian Americans, we have a pretty diverse leadership team. do have to look into making it more diverse in certain regions. working with our partners to help make them more diverse. i'll definitely relay info, this is something we need to do more- gather data on our diversity.

Public comment? no public comment.

Discussion:

Commissioner Asfaw - what is the difference between \_ and supporting this? couldn't we just review this leg ourselves and approve it ad hoc committee?

Commissioner Quick - from what I understand, the empowerment collective, if we would support the ec we would be a person from their steering committee who would support bills that we decide to support. i would recommend if we were to support the ec we would support we would limit our name being out there from the i think in terms of the difference i currently submit our letter on bills to the committees that are needed to. so that wouldn't change, but we;d collectively support the crossover bills. Those bills would be AB71, SB234. i'm probably missing a couple but these are some of the bill.s



Commissioner asfaw - so we have to be careful of what we support?

Commissioner santos - i think we want to be specific about the ones we've priorly supported.

Commissioner Asfaw: my main concern is that we have to be sper selective of what we support, it'd be time consuming to look through the bills, and have to assign someone on the steering committee. The capacity is a lot.

Commissioner Santos - a lot of the commissioners don't plan to reapply. we would be doing something/ voting for commissioners for the next year. then being very selective about the bills. have to be semicautious. When we had our time, i know to an extent, if it were to pass how would it affect the bay area? we can't necessarily speak about the lived experiences of other districts, so even with that I'd be cautious and that's already in the same city. so to have that amplified in a state level, that would be uncomfortable for me.

Commissioner Quick - technical thing about the term overlap. The state legislative sessions, the main time commitment, would happen prior to the end of this term. And then the next year's YC could reevaluate if they'd like to be a part of it.

Diego - right now this committee doesnt plan to go beyond the legislative session. We will end in the summer.

Commissioner Zhang - about capacity...actually never mind.

Commissioner Zhang will be supporting until the end of this term.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, motions to support the EC one legislative cycle, support them specifically on the bills that the YC has already taken a stance on.

**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, aye  
Ariana Arana, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Erika Morris, not present  
Arsema Asfaw, naye  
Sarah Cheung, aye  
Sarah Ginsburg, aye  
Nora Hylton, absent  
Amara Santos, naye  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, naye





## 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)

Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy read the resolution into the record.

There was no public comment.

### Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos: Thank you for presenting this to us. I remember talking about the common social misconception of affordable housing in wealthier neighborhoods. In terms of feedback, I hear a lot of youth focus - one piece of feedback is a statistic of who is being impacted by gentrification, who can't afford state housing, statistics around racial identities, as well as data how marginalized communities are impacted, like LGBTQ+ folks
- Commissioner Quick: I echo what commissioner santos said about the importance of this resolution and combating the misconceptions of affordable housing in exclusionary neighborhoods. I am very in favor of this resolution.

- 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)

Commissioner Tanaka read the resolution into the record.

### Public comment:

- Hayden Miller supports this resolution and supports it. Page 3 line 6-8 talks about separate between bikes and pedestrians and beauty of the space already separates both parties. Putting up a physical barrier would take away from it.

### Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos: I know you prefaced this with the presentation at the last FYC meeting, I wasn't there, and I know some Commissioners raised concerns
- Tanaka: last meeting we heard from the SF Bicycle Coalition who is advocating for the closure of JFK.
- Commissioner Quick: Yes, this resolution is a bit redundant, but we'd like to formalize the YC's position on this. We will be hearing from city agencies at our next meeting who will be able to speak to the concerns raised by Supervisor Walton and Commissioner Asfaw.

- C. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-13 [Seamless Transit Principles]  
Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee  
Presenter: Commissioner Quick  
(Document F)





Commissioner Quick read the resolution into the record.

Public Comment:

Ethan, urges you to support even though he doesn't live in the city but travels in the city frequently. Would have to pay three fares because of where he lives. We need a regional approach that doesn't benefit individual areas. Please support seamless transit principles.

Adina - Advocacy Director at community organization. Principles are key part of building change and youth groups/students have signed onto these principles because so many youth depend on transit. Listed many of the supporters.

Hayden Miller - about time to have a unified system. one example how it'll benefit youth-going up to Davis, had to take muni, had to pay the muni fare, pay bart fare, and pay another fare, (paid 4 fares) and the time took 4 hours. also other inconsistencies- was charged from. there's so many little things that's so frustrating to use transit. a lot of youth are forced to use transit and there's also a lot of barriers to only using transit.

Fred Kahan - lives in Oakland, depends on public transportation. it's a headache to manage all these systems. If you look at highways, they are systems that can get you from one place to another. we need to give the most flexibility. There needs to implement these principles, it'll be a lot easier, as an urban region we should have urban systems so please support this.

Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos - thank you for this resolution. Public transportation specifically focused on equitable access and general accessibility is under discussed in local government and at large
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- 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)

Commissioner Quick read the resolution into record.

Public Comment:

Hayden - the real barrier is that a lot of kids and parents don't feel safe. it also helps us reach transit first. its also good to reduce carbon emissions from cars hopefully. i'm really glad the yc is noticing this and taking action. not ok for people to come along and force us to sit through these public hearings... it's really frustrating the principles did that and glad the yc is taking action

## 8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
  - a. LAO



- i. 2 weeks ago bos introduced a resolution and passed it last week the AB40 the yc is also supporting. can contact commissioner quick for more info about it
- ii. budget update from, giving a mid cycle budget update
- iii. one seat appointed by the bos that is currently vacant on the police commission.
- iv. last week there were a few things introduced - pre muni pilot fund, a resolution introduced by sup. Walton, on CART.
- v. a couple hearing about
- vi. reminder that there's one month until the mayor's budget comes out
- b. Comms
  - i. Conducting outreach for YC apps
  - ii. Focused on YC info sessions for perspective apps
    - 1. Next one is Wednesday 5/5 would love to have you attend, reach out to Comms if you can make it
  - iii. Podcast - submitted grant
- c. General Committee Updates
  - i. None
- B. Civic Engagement
  - a. Continued discussion re: Vote16 poll on different poll options and costs
  - b. League of Women Voters offered to help us administer our poll
- C. Housing and Land Use
  - a. Had presentation on seamless transit principles from Bay Area board member and voted to support it
  - b. Discussed two resolutions
  - c. Reviewed Grand Challenge updates
- D. Transformative Justice
  - a. Internal working session (read a zine on youth guide to abolition and research alternatives to policing in SF)
- E. OCOF
  - a. No report

## 9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Cyber Security Training Needed from:
  - Gracie
  - Ariana
  - Calvin
  - Gabbie
  - Arsema
- YC Info Session - Last One!
- Who is in hybrid learning & can drop off YC apps?
  - Erika
  - Arsema
  - Adrianna
  - Gabbie
  - Sarah G. (tentative)
- Interview + YC App Review Training Sessions (non returners)
  - Dates: TBD



- ❑ MyPath's "Youth Financial Steps to Success" Virtual Community Meeting - Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, 4:30-6:30pm
  - ❑ link to register:  
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcOGpqD0tE9VOWU\\_pn4DCmP2bIrbtN5SW](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcOGpqD0tE9VOWU_pn4DCmP2bIrbtN5SW)
  - MyPath event reminder
  - Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) Campaign meeting from 1:30-3pm!
  - Public comment opp
    - Health commission at 4 for DPHMustDivest
    - No towaways
  - Meeting with freesf 1 end gang injunctions 5/4 - headcount 3:30 - 4:30pm
  - #30rightNow May 18th rally at City Hall at 1pm

## 10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

## 11. Adjournment

adjournment at 9:13 pm.