



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Transformative Justice Committee**

~Draft Minutes~

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Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Rome Jones (Chair), Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), Arsema Asfaw, Nora Hylton, Gabbie Listana, Amara Santos,

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioner Jones calls the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Quorum is met.

Roll Call:

Rome Jones (Chair), present

Gracie Veiga (Vice-Chair), present

Arsema Asfaw, present

Nora Hylton, present

Gabbie Listana, present

Amara Santos, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Hylton motions to approve the agenda, Commissioner Jones seconds. Motion passes by a full vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye

Gracie Veiga (Vice-Chair), aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Gabbie Listana, aye

Amara Santos, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. March 8th, 2021

([Document A](#))

No public comment. Commissioner Santos approved the March 8th, 2021 minutes, Commissioner Asfaw seconds. The motion passes by a full vote.

Roll call:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice-Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

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

No public comment.

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

A. Presentation: Free College 4 All Resolution [Discussion & Possible Action]
presented by Eira Kien, CCSF Collective
([Document B](#))

Eira Kien - San Francisco City College student, I'm going to read the resolution then open it up for questions after. Can read the resolution here:
<https://sfgov.org/youthcommission//sites/default/files/Free%20Community%20College%20Resolution.pdf>

Eira - Now I'm opening the floor to see if anyone has any questions after reading the resolution. I'm presenting this to hopefully gain support from the SF Youth Commission for free college for all and for the resolution. I hope that SF Youth Committee can sponsor the resolution, and possibly support the efforts of the Free College 4 All group, which helped draft the resolution, to get more funding and free tuition across all community colleges (and hopefully higher education systems). Community colleges are that bridge between high schools and higher ed, community colleges and four year universities/the workforce. I see this as part of transformative justice due to the role community colleges play. In the midst of austerity measures, where budgets are slashed and teachers are laid off, students are fighting to protect their rights in education through changing the system, or becoming student organizers fighting for social justice movements.

I'm curious to hear what peoples thoughts are about this and in terms of getting more funding for community colleges.

Commissioner Santos - As a city college student, this is important to me especially with the recent win of free city, esp without reality, so many BIPOC would not be able to have the same resources and there's been so much discord but all especially in city colleges and appreciate it with it being so close to home. I have a question on the 4th line funding formula, and how it works.

“WHEREAS,the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) [3] may penalize low enrollment resulting in further loss of accreditation and financial barriers could cause low enrollment so seeking alternative funding can both increase enrollment and the overall economy as the community college system is the largest workforce training provider for the 2 million students [4] facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 ,with students attending or graduating doubling chances of employment [1]; now, therefore, be it”

Eira - Community, state, federal, 3 based allocations - allocation, enrollment, low income students, and student success - how many are there and in certificate. More than less than 70% is enrollment if we lose students, we lose funding. Student success portion is 10% but matters a lot - initial pushback 60%, 30% low income, 20% student success. - more on student success.

Commissioner Santos - Often times, with city college measured in numbers of enrollment and how many people are completing rather than retention - to name that is important, because work staff and faculty is driven to do is quota

Commissioner Hylton - want to express thanks. Everyone’s family situation is different, and financial support can be stressful. Some people are looking to get education from city colleges, opportunities to get higher education and good education. City should look at that regardless of what people can pay.

Eira - tax the rich for,, so why don’t we do that for community colleges. Another issue with the current free city initiative is that it’s still not free for everyone. Regardless of your citizenship status you should still be eligible for the city college. Additionally, a point missed is that funding is often admin and not students and that’s our goal.

Commissioner Asfaw - wanted to get clarification, what are your plans for after your resolution gets passed? What are you planning to do after this goes through city government?
Eira - to do an action plan, similar to what city college did. One question that might come up is how are we getting funds during covid? Larger groups are pushing forward for funding. SF Rising pushing for more funding. There’s so many cuts happening right now, but if there were more funding to prevent these cuts - cutting away diversity, less people of color would be involved.

Staff - How has any conversation gone with the city college board? What’s the tone at the moment, and are they supportive of this initiative?

Eira - haven’t been able to do outreach to supervisors at the moment. Trying to adjust the state issue of how public funding affects colleges, so we’re still waiting to get supervisors involved. Unfortunately, we’ve not been able to do as much outreach as we’d like with the pandemic and our own capacity.

Staff - that’s fine, just wanted to see the next steps and how outreach has been like. Looking at the resolution itself, is there any data we can include such as tuition cost? Also, highlighting that undocumented youth still need to pay for college is a good equity lens to have. I loved the point you brought about how funding is measured.

Eira - wanted to include what's happening to city college too. Will include stats.

Staff - in this convo, any additional lines authors can include in this resolution? I hope all commissioners are using the transformative justice mission lens and see what points need to be highlighted.

Commissioner Santos - towards the last line, importance of including undocumented students, maybe one piece of feedback- specify AB 540, ect. and give context of what those are. Also think of the emphasis of Black and indigenous folks, how is it being impacted in terms of enrollment for communities of color and low-income folks. Anything around low-income LGBTQ students and being really intentional with words. Always really beneficial to name and have communities talked about in the resolutions. Does anyone else have any feedback?

No additional feedback from Commissioners.

Commissioner Santos - Lines for reform - redirect budget, transformative justice has historically advocated and money and resources to BIPOC - beneficial is substance referring to programs and certain people in community work kno - but why is police connected with education system - direct conversation - similar resolution for defunding sfpd - 7-8 police and giving context to programs and situations - personal reason and explicit - to bring more

Eira - Thank you, Commissioner Santos! Those are valid points, we definitely want to be data-driven and mindful of how we are including various groups. Amazing resolution on defunding sfpd - ccsf collective, contingent justice for sean monterrosa - work to protected scholarships to impacted families - and around 5 impacted families in community college system - it was discovered 80% in pd - trained through city college system - how we make note of that and statistics that we are centering bipoc - addressing resolution, just being more open from divesting from the police - but the resolution got cut, by student senate because unlikely to get passed? /...I also wanted to clarify that the Free College 4 All group took it out of the resolution, but still want to actively work towards defunding (such as through the Cops Off Campus Coalition).

Austin - this has been very compelling. This is something we can table and continue working with and schedule with the full youth commission as a potential action unless there is a deadline for this resolution to go out that won't meet the April 5th meeting date.

Eira: Resolution gets voted march 28th, but can still be worked on afterwards. I really appreciate that.

Recommendations:

- Commissioner Hylton - Thank you for coming, no recommendations.
- Commissioner Listana - thank you for coming
- Commissioner Santos - defundingsfpd, or name dropping campaigns - that was taken out from your organization taken out for some reason because you all wanted it to pass?
- Eira - wanted to add a different resolution. Go to impacted families directly and that was _ . If we included that then resolution wouldn't get passed, so took it out and https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eDdmzBQAYKFtu_9D7De0d6NVcpESajMe/view
- Commissioner Santos - thank you for clarifying, certain things can get seen differently. I don't

have any questions or feedback. Does anyone else?

- Staff repeats the asks: Sponsor the resolution and support this to get more funding for all community colleges. I hope that the SF Youth Committee can sponsor the resolution, and possibly support the efforts of the Free College 4 All group, which helped draft the resolution, to get more funding and free tuition across all community colleges (and hopefully higher education systems). Passing it back to Rome.

No public comment. Rome calls for any motions from the commissioners?

Commissioner Santos - funding is important to get now, rather than divest - want time for discussion. Know what it's like to get told controversial hot take

Commissioner Jones - went to the bathroom for a hot minute, can you repeat what was cut.

Commissioner Santos - it was intentional to leave defunding the police a bit vague for now because they want to ensure the funding and once they get that they'll work on the divesting defunding the police after.

Commissioner Hylton - Can you please clarify why it got cut?

Commissioner Santos - it's intentional to be a little vague about redirecting funding for the police. Made this decision intentionally to ensure funding. They want to work towards that, but they got feedback about people not really supporting the police off campus.

Commissioner Hylton - I understand, but it opens up a whole other can of worms for the support of the resolution. In my opinion, I still support the resolution.

Commissioner Asfaw - agree with Nora in terms of free college for all resolutions, emphasize for the fact supporting bipoc we need to acknowledge getting them on campus. Safe for undocumented youth - put on the forefront - just think that it's not something to be separated and include all of it - free tuition aspect and not having cops on campus over arching goal for free and safer space for higher ed in ca

Commissioner Santos - If it's not particularly encompassing now, then when?

Staff - this is something for the student senate. Would adding our support mean there's additional buy-in?

Commissioner Hylton - definitely understand where you're coming from Amara. I agree and I do think there's that bureaucracy - it would be great for everyone to be able to afford to go to college, but maybe other people won't agree on defunding the police. We can't fight every piece of the battle on every legislation. I'd be worried about not pushing for free college.

Commissioner Asfaw - without the defunding of the police part, then this should have gone with the full YC. I don't want to support something that doesn't highlight the lens of our committee. Why does TJ have to support this when there's no transformative justice involved? Explicit strong language - cops are off police, trained in city college system that aligns with TJ main focus, if this was to come in fyc as is now, with the previous

recommendations in the discussion - i don't feel comfortable as TJ if not tj focused

Commissioner Jones - can this be pushed to the full YC?

Staff - if you don't feel comfortable supporting, then don't support but be clear as to why. But if neutral, then can move this to FYC.

Commissioner Hylton - clarification- so the part of "redirect fuding .." is it being taken out?

Eira - no it's not being taken out

Commissioner Hylton - question- although we want a stronger push to defund the police, it's still saying to defund police for universal education. So, do we want a stronger push for that or?

Commissioner Asfaw - if we're signing it off as a TJ meeting, I'd like to have strong language in the resolution, to have very clear language and have it as the main focus. But that's if we sign in the TJ committee. If coming in for full youth commission then that might be a different result.

Eira - the funding impact - only filipino faculty chair, knowledge is being cut - for students for reinvestment - defunding - larger funding for education - why we want it to be a bigger picture not only defund sfpd/defunding - and root of the problem for education. Whereas how insidious in accreditation crisis in 2012 - privatize education system - funding not in the state, lose funding but ajc - how are we focused on student funding at play - and that's a push for transformative justice.

Staff- on paper we don't hear the emphasis and maybe that's something to work on. As a TJ committee we focus on that. What's missing? Who's voices aren't we hearing? And how can we do better? Any motions or any other thoughts? Anyone can just jump in.

Eira - also wanted to add- not full force of defunding - one step towards that and how are we supporting other efforts, coalition with black student unions. Making it stronger language + provide context and opportunities for students over all.

Commissioner Asfaw - still feel comfortable with taking this up to full YC and not supporting as TJ.

I motion to have no position with the recommendations of taking the resolution to the next full youth commission with the recommendations above:

Commissioner Santos makes a motion of no position with recommendation of taking the resolution to the next full youth commission and the feedback of being explicit in language for defund police, ab540 and more on queer and trans youth, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw.

Commissioner Hylton motions to support resolution with the same recommendation of taking the resolution to the next full youth commission and the feedback of being explicit in language for defund police, ab540 and more on queer and trans youth, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion fails to pass.

Roll Call:

Rome Jones (Chair), nay
Gracie Veiga (Vice-Chair), nay
Arsema Asfaw, nay
Nora Hylton, nay
Gabbie Listana, nay
Amara Santos, nay

Commissioner Santos makes a motion of no position with recommendation of taking the resolution to the next full youth commission and the feedback of being explicit in language for defund police, ab540 and more on queer and trans youth, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice-Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

B. Mid-Point Check-In [Discussion Only]

Led by Commissioner Veiga

How are you doing? Let's show our faces. Commissioners check in and touch base on capacity and what's on our mind.

C. Local Report Back [Discussion Only & Possible Action]

a. Community Updates

Rome: Working with Walter & Elise Haas Fund Learning lab

b. Workgroup Updates

Arsema: none to report for the working group

c. Action Steps Updates

Gracie: at the DPH Must Divest they were asking for people to help with Supervisor power mapping and they are looking for a contact at Defund SFPD. There is a meeting with Defund SFPD Wednesday at 4:00pm but nobody is available to attend.

D. Work Session: Budget Presentations Summaries [Discussion Only]

a. Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing

Gracie: it went well - i have a conversation with ali about our tay ask for housing next week. It got cut short with the presentation from DA safety partners for what we are working moving forward.

b. Department of Children Youth & Families

Gabbie: It was really supportive. We did a solid budget breakdown that the DCYF budget staff complemented us on. Director Su informed us that there will be no cuts to any of the

CBO contracts and wants to work with us on the driver license initiative.

c. Police Commission

Gracie: It went well and Commissioners Hamasaki and Brookter wanted to work with us on our initiative. The Stop AAPI resolution was also shared in the recent police commission meeting earlier this month and Commissioner Zhang assisted in presenting. Commissioners Larry, Malia Cohen, and John Hamasaki supported it and would want to work on those initiatives together especially since they were hearing about the effectiveness of the SCVT team.

d. Juvenile Probation Commission

Gracie and Gabbie: Chief Miller said that the powerpoint that YC used for how budget works was the BEST description of the budget she's ever seen and acknowledged how hard it is, and offers herself to walk us through her dept budget. We also got feedback that we should think outside of % and go line by line in MO budget book and find the specific programs that you want to cut. Get really specific and granular to get those outcomes you want. Group together programs where you have consensus have savings reallocated and sees this to help with outcomes. It's hard for decision makers to have general info so be specific. Excited to see the YC year after year. Look at MO budget book to determine next budget for following year.

e. Budget & Appropriations Committee

Gracie: It went well and Supervisor Haney posed questions on how to better support youth and budget transparency during the process.

f. District Attorney's Safety and Justice Challenge
Nora and Rome: Good feedback and was connected to the reentry team of adult probation as y'all are aware from our recent presentation. We also got connected with the sf pretrial community and they wish to come in and present on the work on the ground. ALSO WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS WORK.

6. Staff Report

Kiely is on vacation till 3/30.

Yc apps are coming first week of April. Please support with outreach and let staff know if you plan to reapply.

Comms is working on their grant for yc podcast soon. All the commissioners were excited but Rome was a true highlight.

7. Appreciations

Commissioners affirmed each other for sharing space and having an honest reflective discussion during the resolution from CCSF Collective.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Jones adjourns the meeting at 6:52 pm.