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This past year has seen victories and setbacks for the young people of San Francisco. Between budget cuts in school services, the promises of politicians to place young people at the top of their priorities, the revisiting of many outdated laws concerning youth recreation, the reality of many of San Francisco's most promising young people being sent to war, and the criminalization of youth in the media, 2003 and 2004 have been years of drastic change and uncertainty for what the future holds.

The financial crisis that exists on every level of government has left services for youth in the crosshairs for cuts. Luckily, the passage of local propositions A and H

have shored up our schools for the immediate future and given faith to the youth of SF that the voters of this city are committed to their futures. San Francisco has stepped up to the plate to fill the void left by California's lawmakers admirably.

On the other end of the spectrum lies the crisis faced by thousands of San Francisco's most needy youth as they face the growing prospect of violence on a daily basis. Mayor Newsom and the Board's summer job initiatives are a step in the right direction, but much more is needed to help the young people who already find themselves enmeshed in the cycle of violence

and to prevent those not yet involved from becoming entangled in violence. The way that we can do this is clear: we need youth input at every stage of the city's action planning to combat violence. We not only need young people being surveyed as to what they feel is the most appropriate way for the city to address violence, but we also need young people sitting at the table with the working groups who develop city programming, as well as young people heavily involved in the implementation of such projects. We have learned time and time again from programs such as the Big Brother/Big Sisters program, Park Sessions, and Youth Initiated Projects that young people are more receptive to advice and help from their peers than anyone else during the crucial adolescent years.

We, as a city, are in for a rude awakening if

we do not start making youth to youth consoling techniques the norm and not the exception when combating violence.

This year, the San Francisco Youth
Commission held the Recreation
Revolution hearing that was
attended by over 200 people
representing all sects of San
Francisco. At this hearing,
speakers made it clear that
youth recreation programs
were one of the best methods
to preventing youth
violence and putting young
people on a positive track for the
rest of their lives. This same theme
was confirmed at the Youth
Commission's Speak Out Against

Violence held in the Bayview/Hunters Point district earlier this year, where again, over 150 youth and adult allies attended. These hearings made it clear that the City must make violence-prevention, youth recreation, and youth ledrecreation specifically, a priority. A bold move was made in this direction by the Recreation and Parks Department this year with the creation of its Youth Advisory Council, a group composed of young people that will advise the Recreation and Parks Department on the best way to serve San Francisco's youth. We must support this new project and make sure that it receives the resources it needs to be a functional part of San Francisco policy making.

These organizations went out of business because of a lack of understanding about the importance of youth-led programming. Because of this lack of understanding, upwards of 2000 youth have lost positive late night spaces this summer and will be forced to turn to other modes of recreation to pass their Friday and Saturday nights. We as a city must learn from this folly and make funding youth-led recreational opportunities a priority in the years to come.

With the creation of the Recreation and Parks Youth Advisory
Council, the strengthening of the Student Advisory Council in
the San Francisco Unified School District, and the passage of
Propositions A and H, the people of San Francisco have
proven that even with the

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#### Letterfrom the Chair

# it is time to redouble our efforts and place youth at the top of our priorities.

The

young

people of San Francisco

scored another victory through the collaboration between the Youth Commission and the Entertainment Commission to begin re-examining and advocating for the end of archaic recreational laws pertaining to youth in San Francisco. This work will eventually lead to more safe, positive, and legal spaces for young people to spend their time. Unfortunately, the young people of San Francisco have suffered great losses with the end of Park Sessions and YouthSpace, two of the only groups in San Francisco that catered specifically to older teens by offering drug-free, artistic spaces for youth to not only participate in but also develop their own late night programming. These organizations were two of the first that gave program participants an opportunity to feel real ownership over the programs, a prospect that has both excited and inspired hundreds of youth over the last few years.

criminalization of youth in the media, this City still cares for and believes in the potential of its sons and daughters. These victories should be looked at as a barometer for the attitude San Franciscans hold towards their youth: excited and committed. Even during one of the worst national recessions, one of California's worst financial meltdowns, and the worst City budget shortfall, San Franciscans are still willing to commit hundreds of millions of dollars towards the future of their youth and the future of this great city. The message they are sending us as policy makers and as their reps in city government is clear: it is time to redouble our efforts and place youth at the top of our priorities.

Jesse Cottrell Chair San Francisco Youth Commission

#### Amina Adofodoam

Age: 20

Committee: Education
Appointed by: Mayor Brown



#### Justin Fichelson

Age: 19

Committee: Education

Appointed by: Supervisor Newsom



## 20032004 Youth Commission



Age: 18

Committee: Youth Justice Appointed by: Mayor Brown



Kyle Jimenez

Age: 15

Committee: Youth
Recreation & Services

Appointed by: Supervisor Ma



#### Stephanie Champion

Operations Officer

Age: 17

Committee: Public Health

and Executive

Appointed by: Supervisor Ammiano



#### Leah Koeppel

Age: 17
Committee:

Housing & Homelessness

Appointed by: Supervisor Hall



#### Kevin Chang

Age: 16

Committee: Youth Recreation & Services

Appointed by: Mayor Brown



#### Kimberly Kuang

Age: 20

Committee: Education

Appointed by: Supervisor Peskin



#### Jesse Cottrell

Chair

Age: 21

Committee: Executive

Appointed by:

Supervisor Sandoval



#### Max Lantz

Age: 16

Committee: Education

Appointed by:

Supervisor McGoldrick



#### Constance "C.J." Mourning

Age: 15

Committee: Youth Recreation &

Services

Appointed by: Mayor Brown



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#### Yarrow Lazer-Smith

Age: 13

Committee: Youth Justice

Appointed by:

Supervisor Gonzalez



#### Juanita Recinos

Age: 17

Committee: Youth Justice

Committee

Appointed by: Supervisor Daly



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#### Peter Lauterborn

Government Affairs Officer

Age: 19

Committee:

Education & Executive

Appointed by: Mayor Brown



#### Liam Shy

Media & Public Relations Officer

Age: 19

Committee: Youth Recreation & Services

and Executive

Appointed by: Supervisor Dufty



#### **Shanell Williams**

Community Affairs Officer

Age: 19

Committee: Public Health & Executive

Appointed by: Mayor Brown



#### Laura Moir

Age: 14

Committee: Housing &

Homelessness

Appointed by: Mayor Brown



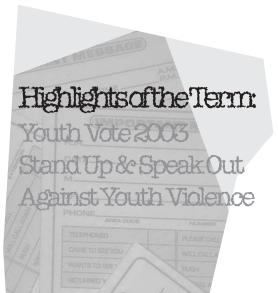
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#### Youth Vote 2003

Youth Vote is a mock election and survey designed to raise awareness about local political issues and to motivate young people to care about voting. The San Francisco Youth Commission and Youth Making a Change (Y-MAC) partnered to produce a mock ballot and survey questions for high school students throughout San Francisco. The issues addressed by the survey ranged from education to juvenile justice to recreation services. Through the youth vote, students also had the unique opportunity to vote on California's historical recall of Governor Gray Davis. Students narrowly rejected the recall effort. Students also rejected the Racial Privacy Initiative known as Proposition 54. In 2003, 6,398 students from 21 different schools participated in Youth Vote. For the full Youth Vote results, visit www.sfgov.org/youth\_commission.

# Stand Up & Speak Out Against Youth Violence

On May 12, 2004, the Youth Commission's Youth Justice Committee held a very successful "Stand

Up & Speak Out Against Violence"
hearing. Nearly 200 young people
came out to talk about the recent
violence that plagued San Francisco.
Youth spoke passionately to elected
officials about the impact that
violence has had on their lives.
Following over an hour of
public comment, the young
people in attendance broke into
discussion groups and brainstormed

solutions to address the crisis. Supervisors Bevan Dufty and



Sophie Maxwell, Public Defender Jeff
Adachi, District Attorney Kamala Harris, Police
Captain Richard Bruce, Chief Probation Officer Gwendolyn
Tucker, and representatives from Supervisors Ammiano and
Ma's offices, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the
Mayor's Press Office and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood
Services attended the hearing and listened to the courageous
youth, and committed to working to creating change in their
schools and communities.

#### Youth Recognition Day

Tuesday, December 16, 2003 marked the third year that the City and County of San Francisco celebrated Youth Recognition Day. Created in 2001, Youth Recognition Day is an annual celebration when the Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors honor eleven young people for their outstanding contributions to the San Francisco community.

Following the ceremony, at which honorees were presented with commendations from the City, parents, friends, city officials and members of the community joined the honorees on the Mayor's Balcony at City Hall for a festive reception.

#### 2003 Youth Recognition Day Honorees:

#### Antonio Alonzo Ayala Selected by Supervisor Bevan Dufty

Antonio Ayala is an 8th grader at James Lick Middle School and is their current Vice President. Antonio has been very active in his school, serving 6-8th grade as an Officer on the Student Council. Additionally, Antonio was listed on the Latino Honor Roll, Manager of James Lick Softball and Basketball teams, member of the Chess Club, and maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

Antonio also works hard in his community, serving as an Ambassador of the James Lick Noe Valley Merchants/Community Alliance, Jr. Counselor at Silver Tree Day Camp, and representative in the Cesar Chavez Parade.

#### Britt Benton

#### Selected by Supervisor Fiona Ma

Britt is a 19-year-old student at San Francisco City College and a graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School. She has been a dedicated volunteer at Sunset Youth Services (SYS) for over four years, helping out the SYS Food Pantry every Saturday. Britt has overcome many challenges in her life and constantly stays positive while helping to keep her community positive. Britt was also a Youth Intern at SYS for two years, volunteering with younger girls in their Girls Groups.

When Britt is not working with SYS she spends time volunteering at a literacy class at A.P. Giannini Middle School each week. Britt's hard work has made the Sunset a brighter place for youth to grow up.

# Deborah Falch Selected by Supervisor Tony Hall

Deborah Falch is a Senior at Lowell High School. Prior to attending Lowell, Deborah attended and graduated from Saint Thomas More Elementary School. At Lowell, Deborah has excelled both inside and outside of the classroom. Inside the classroom, based on her high academic performance, she has earned membership in the California Scholarship Federation. Outside the classroom, but still within the Lowell community, Deborah has achieved success in the dance studio, where she has participated in dance classes for three years. In the community, Deborah has used her dance experience for the benefit of others by volunteering at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in their dance medicine department. Finally, Deborah is extremely active in her Church community - the Church of the Highlands - in San Bruno.

#### Ricardo Iraheta Selected by Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval

Ricardo is a 17-year-old student at Balboa High School and an immigrant from El Salvador. Ricardo is an excellent student and a leader on the Varsity Soccer team. After moving to the United States with his mother, Ricardo's mother moved out and left him on his own. Ricardo found that he had to grow up very quickly in order to have any hope of survival in the U.S. He got a job, yet was forced to couch surf. During this challenging time, Ricardo still managed to excel in his studies. Ricardo has kept his grades and his attitude up, attending school every single day. He is on his way to graduating on time and working towards a college degree.

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# Jasmine Marshall Selected by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell

Jasmine is a 16-year-old Junior attending Youth Chance High School. Jasmine's passion to continuously improve herself, her community, and her environment has led her to work at Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ), a non-profit youth empowerment and environmental justice organization in the Bayview/Hunter's Point (BVHP) community. Jasmine's commitment and dedication to making her community a better place to live are apparent through the work that she does with Yosemite Slough South-Basin Watershed Research Project, monitoring wetlands in Bayview's Yosemite watershed, and Youth Envision, conducting community assessments and promoting food security for all residents of BVHP.

Jasmine has also presented to farmers at Mariquita Farms in Watsonville, California to express solidarity in sustainable agriculture. Along with her colleagues, she was a featured speaker in the "Hungry for Justice" Ministerial Convergence, mobilizing thousands of people in Sacramento to resist the corporate agenda of "free trade", biotech foods, the widening gap between the rich and the poor, and other social injustices.

When not speaking out, Jasmine also uses her writing skills to raise awareness about the issues her community faces in

Bayview/Hunter's Point. She has written for the San Francisco Bayview Newspaper and she

was recently spotlighted in a September 2003 article of San Francisco Magazine.

#### Daniel Panko

#### Selected by Supervisor Gavin Newsom

Seventeen-year-old Daniel Panko is a Freshman at the California College of Arts and Crafts. His passion for art and serving his community has inevitably intertwined and Daniel often uses his talents as an artist to make the world a better place. He has participated in food and clothing drives at the San Francisco School of the Arts High School, painted murals on high school campuses, and has had his work shown at many San Francisco Festivals, including the North Beach Youth Arts Festivals. In addition to volunteering two days a week at Everett Middle School, Daniel is currently serving in a community internship with Fellowship Academy.

Daniel's long-term goals include becoming an art therapist in order to use his gifts for the betterment of others, in addition to studying and practicing as a fine artist.

# Vinia Ramos-Castro Selected by Supervisor Tom Ammiano

Vinia Ramos-Castro is a student at San Francisco State
University, majoring in Political Science with a minor in
American Indian Studies. Although she is focusing her
attention on school, she is never too far from lending a hand
wherever it is needed. Vinia is a former Youth Commissioner
who served two terms, a member of the Board of Directors for
the Lavender Youth Recreation and Info Center (LYRIC), as
well as a member of the Board of Directors for the San
Francisco Youth Credit Union. She is also a strong advocate
for the reform of the current education system in San
Francisco public schools. She graduated from Thurgood

Marshall Academic High School and is an advocate of the removal of police from schools. She is currently working on strengthening the School of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, the only university in the United States with such a program.

Vinia continues to be involved in American Indian activism and the struggles of American Indians in the Americas. She hopes to become a better person in the future and gain more experience in politics so that one day she can represent the Indian community, as well as work to alleviate the debt that many third world countries face. She hopes to one day see her motherland, El Salvador, in peace with equality and without extreme US influence that is true today. She hopes to one day have enough money to buy the Amazon Rainforest and save it from egoistic influences (hoping that by that time there is still an Amazon Rainforest to buy). Her favorite books are The Lorax by Dr. Seuss and The Alchemist by Paulo Coehlo. She lives by the words that Chief Seattle once said, "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

# Melanie Lee Seto Selected by Supervisor Aaron Peskin

BANG! Within Melanie's community, she is known as a PISTOL! In all her endeavors, Mel puts in every ounce of her vivacious energy, but always with a smile. Whether it is an academic, extracurricular, or community service activity, Mel goes for it with zesty enthusiasm, hard work, and care.

Melanie is a graduate of Hamlin School, Choate Rosemary

Hall, and is currently enrolled at Convent of the Sacred Heart. Mel has regularly been honored on the Dean's List. Her scholastic excellence earned her nomination in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Melanie was the recipient of the Faculty Leadership Award, which is a four-year scholarship based on academic and community leadership, at Convent of the Sacred Heart High School. Melanie is also a member of the National Honor Roll Society and a participant of the John Hopkins University Talent Search Program. As an incoming Junior, Melanie attended Stanford University's Summer College this past summer as a resident student.

Some of her leadership roles include being the Head Junior Volunteer Coordinator for SF Symphony's Chinese New Year Celebration, advisor on Choate Admission's Gold Key Advisory Board, Elected Officer for the Asian Students Association at Choate, and Founder and President of Convent's Math Club.

Although education is an important part of Melanie's life, she is very active and devoted to community service. At a young

age, Mel co-founded Caring

Soles with her siblings. Caring Soles is a California charitable organization, which fu

California charitable organization, which fundraises, provides hands-on help with service, and donates goods to the underprivileged. Its motto is "taking SMALL steps for BIG changes in this world." Mel hopes that Caring Soles will have 20 additional chapters by the end of 2004 and raise at least

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\$20,000 in its fiscal year to donate for various charities. "Volunteerism gives me a sense of achievement, particularly when I know I have positively impacted someone's life."

# Highlightsofthe Term: Youth Recognition Day

#### Marquez Shaw

#### Selected By Supervisor Matt Gonzalez, President of the Board of Supervisors

Marquez is an outstanding 22-year-old employee of the Western Addition Community Technology Center (WACTC), a non-profit organization that offers computer access/skills to the Western Addition Community and the greater community of San Francisco. Marquez Shaw is an All-City Technology League Commissioner. Marquez grew up in the Western Addition, participated in numerous programs, including the S.F. Seahawks and attended The College of Marin in Kentfield, California. "Quez" was a former Player of the Year as Quarterback of the San Francisco Champion Galileo Lions of 1998. Mr. Shaw has been called upon to lead youth, by example, in successfully transferring their success on athletic fields to success in the technology fields.

# Robert Daniel Wong Selected by Supervisor Jake McGoldrick

Robert Daniel Wong is a very articulate, well-grounded, self-directed senior at George Washington High School, a member of the Richmond Village Beacon After School Program at Washington High School, and a paid staff youth aide at the Roosevelt Middle School Beacon Center. Robert exemplifies strong qualities of courage, leadership, mutual respect and collaborative community service in his personal, academic, and extra-curricular life.



Robert lives in the Richmond

District with his single mother Mariann Wong and a younger brother. He has challenged himself academically, completing almost all the Advanced Placement and Honors courses available at the risk of lowering his grade point average. He is well read and peers say he has probably completed all his required reading already.

He is a co-founder of the Beacon Young Men's Group, the Beacon Teen Advisory Board (BTAB), and has participated in the Gay Straight Alliance. Last year he co-produced and hosted the "Beacon Family Feud" game show as part of the year-end culmination event. He has also testified before a visiting delegation of the American Youth Policy Forum from Washington, D.C. about the critical difference the Beacon after school program makes in his life.

A prime example of Robert's initiative and people skills is the book project he co-led with his fellow Beacon Teen Advisory Board members last semester. BTAB applied for a Youth Initiated Projects (YIP) grant from the Youth Leadership Institute for a book reading project in which funds were used

to purchase books to distribute to students who needed to fulfill their required summer reading but didn't have access to those required books through borrowing or purchase



themselves. The competitive YIP grant process includes an oral presentation and question-and-answer session before a panel of youth peers. Robert helped BTAB members undertake all the steps of conceptualizing, researching, analyzing, drafting, submitting, presenting and answering questions involved in the YIP grant process. This required facilitating discussions, meetings, and reaching consensus on decisions. BTAB got the grant and Robert's success with this project exemplified the qualities of courage and leadership our society needs to develop as a whole.

# Andy Shie Kee Wong Selected by Supervisor Chris Daly

Andy has shown exceptional commitment to social justice. His advocacy and proactive work on behalf of disadvantaged communities exemplify the optimism, creativity, and dedication of inspired youth. A 23-year old graduate of

Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, he received a Double Major in Political Science and Women's Studies and a Concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies. He has an extensive background that includes working for Hillary Clinton's U.S. Senate Committee, Communities United Against Violence (SF), International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (SF), Amnesty International (NY), and the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania.

Andy has received a variety of awards for his accomplishments including the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship in Philanthropy, The Deans Award at Swarthmore College, and the Philips M. Hicks Prize for Literary Criticism.

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#### **Public Health Committee**

In 2003, the Public Health Committee focused much of its efforts on expanding the eligibility age of Healthy Kids insurance. Healthy Kids, a comprehensive health care insurance program for children and youth of low to middle incomes, serves youth up to the age of 18 years old. The committee, in partnership with Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, the Adolescent Health Working Group, and numerous other community stakeholders, advocated for the program to be expanded to cover youth through age 24. In response to the call from many community and health advocates to provide coverage to the young adult population, Mayor Gavin Newsom recognized the issue as a budget priority and committed to raising the age of eligibility. The new program, Healthy Kids and Young Adults, goes into effect on January 1, 2005.

# Sexual Harassment Prevention Ad-Hoc Committee

After a student was sexually assaulted in a San Francisco school in December 2003, the Youth Commission heard from



students that the issue of sexual assault and harassment was far more common place than most outsiders knew. After further talking to these students and others, the Commission concluded that it needed to confront this issue head on, and formed a temporary Ad-hoc Committee on Sexual Assault and Harassment. In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and a growing concern regarding the issue, the Committee held a community hearing on the issue on April 1, 2004. To learn more about the issue and to view the Committee's report, visit www.sfgov.org/youth\_commission.

#### Youth Justice Committee

In addition to their successful "Stand Up Speak Out Against Violence" community hearing, the Youth Justice Committee spent the 2003/2004 term working along side other community advocates to raise awareness about the growing crisis occurring inside the California Youth Authority (CYA). The committee supported the Board of Supervisors resolution urging the San Francisco Trial Courts, District Attorney, Juvenile Probation Department and Public Defender not to sentence, or cause to be sentenced, any person to CYA unless required by law.

Members of the Committee were also involved in state and local budget issues and made their presence known during the Juvenile Probation Department budget process. The Committee successfully advocated for the protection of language access services at the Youth Guidance Center. On a state budget level, the Youth Justice Committee collaborated with community based organizations to fight for continued funding for alternatives to incarceration through Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF). The committee and others advocated on behalf of the more than 40 community-

based organizations serving as alternatives to detention in San Francisco who receive TANF funding.

# Youth Recreation & Services Committee

In 2003, the Youth Commission's Recreation and Services Committee was dedicated

to increasing the recreation and entertainment options for San Francisco's youth in order to help keep them happy, healthy, and safe. At the



committee's first meeting, it

became immediately clear that there was much work to be done in this area. With outdated and unfriendly youth entertainment laws, recreation centers in unsafe and poor condition, youth recreation programs like Park Sessions and YouthSpace in jeopardy, and an upcoming budget shortfall that would require \$350 million in cuts, things looked grim. However, determination and faith inspired the committee to work even harder to make San Francisco fun and safe for all youth.

According to the results of Youth Vote 2003, 83% of youth surveyed felt "there were not enough late night activities for youth in San Francisco". When asked about San Francisco's entertainment laws, 72% felt that "all ages events should be able to go past midnight."

Fueled by this data, the Youth Commission passed a resolution declaring San Francisco to be in a "public health crisis" over the lack of safe recreation and entertainment options for youth. The impact of this crisis was forcing youth to go to illegal events with no city oversight, hang out on the street, or stay at home and become isolated from their peers.

Within a month of passing the resolution, the committee took action and held a hearing called the Recreation Revolution.

The goal of the hearing was to provide youth a place to voice their concerns and raise the awareness of the public, policy makers, and the media concerning this important issue. The event drew over 150 youth.

Following the Recreation Revolution Hearing, the committee continued to actively work with organizations that hold youth events to keep the few options available alive.
Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding and spaces for events, two groups — Park Sessions and

YouthSpace — had to discontinue their services. This devastating blow coupled with the pending budget cuts to the Recreation and Parks department put youth recreation and entertainment in San Francisco on life support. The committee decided to continue its work in the 2004/2005 term.

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Youth Recreation & Services Committee





### Community Affairs

#### Media & Public Relations Officer Report - Commissioner Liam Shy

The Media and Public Relations Officer is responsible for relating Commission business to the youth and public of San Francisco through a variety of media. During the 2003/2004 term, the Commission was featured in Gloss Magazine, The

> Bay Area Reporter, The Bay Times, The Examiner, The San Francisco Chronicle. The Guardian, KGO Radio, NBC television and manu neighborhood newspapers. The

spotlight was indeed aimed right at the passionate Commission of 2003, allowing the voice of youth to travel far and wide.

#### Community Affairs Officer Report -Commissioner Shanell Williams

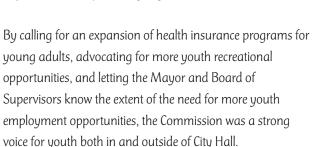
The 2003/2004 term was amazing! The Commission strengthened existing relationships and built new connections with community based organizations, City, State, and school officials. Through community outreach, the Commission reached more than 6000 young people, including many underrepresented and, what some people consider, "unreachable" youth.

During the year, the Commission reached out to youth in San Francisco, as well as across California and nationally. Through attending community forums on violence, traveling to Sacramento to join with other youth to fight cuts to TANF

and education funding,

representing young women's rights in Washington D.C., and giving presentations and workshops all over the Bay Area, the Commission took its role

and responsibility beyond the local level.





Resolution #	Description	Author	Youth Commission
0304-001	RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO URGE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO OPEN A PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE FORMER STUDENTS OF THE URBAN PIONEER EXPERIMENTAL ACADEMY CHARTER AS A SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (SFUSD) PROGRAM	Lauterborn	Annual Report 2003-2004
0304-003	RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLACE THE "PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND CHARTER AMENDMENT" ON THE MARCH 2004 SAN FRANCISCO BALLOT, ON THE CONDITION THAT THE SFUSD EXHIBITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR STUDENT VOICE.	Lauterborn	2003-2004 Legislative Report
0304-004	RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO URGE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CALL FOR THE REVISION OF THE STRUCTURE, PURPOSE, AND BYLAWS OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)	Lantz, Lauterborn, Cottrell	ore spongers
0304-005	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION IN THEIR BROAD-BASED INVOLVEMENT IN AGE APPROPRIATE TEACH-INS BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003	Cottrell, Shy	
0304-006	RESOLUTION DECLARING A "HEALTH CRISIS FOR YOUTH" IN SAN FRANCISCO DUE TO LACK OF SAFE ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION VENUES	Shy	
0304-007	RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION AND THE CONTINUING WORK OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR- CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGINIZATIONS (AFL-CIO) IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO ENSURE THE RIGHT OF ALL WORKERS TO FORM LABOR UNIONS	Lantz S	15

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Annual Report 2003-2004	0304-008	RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MANDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE VOTING PRECINCTS ON ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IN PREPARATION FOR THE MARCH 2004 ELECTIONS AND FOR ALL ELECTIONS THEREAFTER.	Lauterborn
2003-2004 Legislative Report	0304-009	RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT DAILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH GUIDANCE CENTER	Williams
	0304-010	RESOLUTION COMMENDING YOUTH CHANCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 25 YEARS OF PROVIDING YOUTH WITH THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED AND ENTER FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TUITION-FREE	Lantz
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5	0304-012	RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO URGE THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO RUN THE BERKELEY YOUTH COMMISSION	Lazer-Smith
	0304-013	RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM FOR HIS WORK TO GUARANTEE ALL CONSENTING ADULTS THE RIGHT TO MARRY REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION	Fichelson, Lantz
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0304-014	RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE SERVICES AND ADVOCACY FOR ASIAN YOUTH CONSORTIUM IN THE PRODUCTION OF A COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH POPULATION OF SAN FRANCISCO AND FOR SERVING THE API YOUTH POPULATION OF SAN FRANCISCO.	Kuang	An
0304-015	RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MAYOR TO URGE SENATOR FEINSTEIN TO VOTE FOR AN AMENDMENT FULLY REPEALING SECTION 484(R) OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT.	Shy	L
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