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2014~15

SF Youth Commission



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OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Minute by minute, day by day, the San Francisco we call home is changing. Our neighborhoods and neighbors, our public gathering places, the number of young people in the city, and the opportunities and prospects we face when preparing to pursue our educational, career, family-building, and social change goals. What are the implications of these changes on the lives of young San Franciscans and how can we best ensure the wellbeing of young people in our city? As a result of our reflection on these questions, we came up with 13 budget and policy priorities for 2015-2016.

In a world constantly evolving through crises and opportunities, we believe our advocacy and policy priorities contribute to a vision of just progress for San Francisco. Some of these include: opening the #Vote16SF conversation to the City to discuss making San Francisco the first major city to expand voting rights to sixteen and seventeen year olds; including in the Mayor's Budget funding for a fee assistance pilot program for immigrant youth eligible for DACA; steadfastly continuing to urge the Police Department to train its officers on effective interaction with youth grounded in mutual respect; working with Larkin Street Youth Advisory Board to declare a Year of Recognizing Homeless Youth; and in collaboration with Project WHAT, advocating for policies that lower the parent visiting age in county jails to 16 in order to maintain family unity. We have also diligently followed up on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Our Children, Our Families Council, conducting an application process and making recommendations for the appointments on the youth seats of these critical oversight bodies. Please find the rest of our policy work in the [Youth Commission 2015-16 & 16-17 Policy & Budget Priorities](#).

To help ensure that our work is guided by direct feedback from the youth of San Francisco, we have participated in community meetings, designed and facilitated youth town halls, sat and shared information on youth panels, invited youth to join us in meetings with elected officials, and more. We have enjoyed the insight and presence of members of the public who joined us at our 18 full Youth Commission meetings; 17 Executive committee meetings; 16 Immigration & Employment committee meetings; 17 Housing, Environment, and City Services committee meetings; and 20 Youth Justice Committee meetings. The youth and community members who came to our meetings provided perspective that helped guide our responses on twenty pieces of legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors. The Youth Commission would not be what it is without our allies and the student leaders and advocates who call San Francisco home!

Whether we are teenagers who are preparing for the responsibilities of adulthood, TAY who are transitioning to college or work, or young people who are raising children ourselves, we know that the diversity and insight of San Francisco's young people give us strength. With commitment to creating the spaces that allow youth to contribute to the betterment of our city and gratitude in our hearts, we extend our thanks for your partnership, support, and unwavering faith in the power of young people to make change.

Yours Truly,

2014-2015 San Francisco Youth Commission



ABOUT US

The San Francisco Youth Commission is a body of seventeen young individuals appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco. Under Section 4.124 of the City Charter, we are responsible for advising the Board and Mayor on the *“effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco.”*

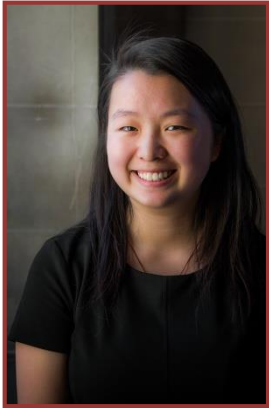
History

In 1995, community members lobbied City Hall to develop a resolution that would create a Youth Commission in San Francisco. This piece of legislation originally failed at the Board of Supervisors. Then-Supervisor Angela Alioto subsequently sponsored a Charter Amendment that put the question of whether or not to create the Youth Commission to the voters of San Francisco. In turn, Proposition F won 60% of the votes on the November 1995 ballot, and the Youth Commission was created! The first class of commissioners was sworn into office in April 1996. We are currently in our 19th year of existence!

Purpose & Duties

The Youth Commission also has the duty to provide the Board and Mayor with “comment and recommendation” on all proposed laws “that primarily affect the children and youth” of San Francisco. We are charged with identifying the “unmet needs” of youth through a variety of methods. These include researching existing government and private programs and sources of funding for such programming, holding public forums and working with existing youth groups and advocacy organizations. Each year, the commission provides the following: comment and recommendations on pieces of proposed legislation referred to the commission; resolutions and motions that formally articulate our positions and requests on various youth-related issues; and a set of policy priorities to guide the City’s annual budget process as it relates to young people.

WHO WE ARE:



JILLIAN WU

Appointed by Supervisor Eric Mar, District 1

Sits on the Youth Justice committee

Lick-Wilmerding High School

Fun Fact: Jillian loves youth-led regranting and philanthropy efforts!



LILY MARSHALL-FRICKER

Appointed by Supervisor Mark Farrell, District 2

Sits on the Housing, Environment and City Services committee

Graduated Wallenberg High School and attends SF ACCESS, a transition program for TAY with disabilities

Fun Fact: Lily is a major Giants fan!



ROSA CHEN

Appointed by former Supervisor, now Asm. David Chiu, District 3

Chair of the Housing, Environment and City Services committee

University of San Francisco

Fun Fact: Rosa love Mexican food, but is not a fan of seafood.



EMILY GUO

Appointed by Supervisor Katy Tang, District 4

Sits on the Immigration and Employment committee

Graduated Mission High School and attending UCLA

Fun Fact: Emily is interested in fashion design!



LUIS AVALOS NUNEZ
Legislative Affairs Officer

Appointed by Supervisor London Breed, District 5

Sits on the Executive committee and Immigration and Employment committee

City College of San Francisco, Lowell HS alum

Fun Fact: Luis is a student leader with Students Advocating for Equity and the VIDSA resource center at CCSF. He was also a competitive swimmer in middle and highschool.



PRECIOUS LISTANA
Communications and Outreach Officer

Appointed by Supervisor Jane Kim, District 6

Sits on the Executive and Housing, Environment and City Services committee

Graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep, attending UC Berkeley

Fun Fact: Precious runs cross-country and started a D6 youth sports league!



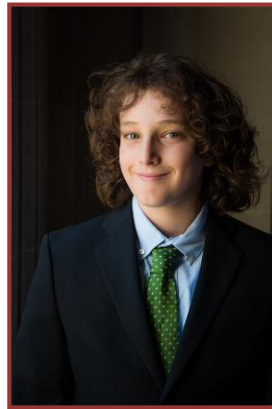
JOYCE WU

Appointed by Supervisor Norman Yee, District 7

Chair of Immigration and Employment committee

Graduated Lick-Wilmerding High School, attending Princeton

Fun Fact: Joyce’s favorite color is yellow and a guilty pleasure of hers is reading celebrity gossip. She also loves dancing, even though she claims to have two left feet.



NOAH DAVID

Appointed by Supervisor Scott Weiner, District 8

Sits on the Housing, Environment, and City Services committee

Everett Middle School

Fun Fact: On most weekends you can catch

Noah at a Magic the Gathering tournament.



ALEX BERLINER

Appointed by Supervisor David Campos, District 9

Chair of the Youth Justice committee

Fun Fact: Alexandra is an advocate for the rights of formerly incarcerated people



E'MANI DAVIS

Appointed by Supervisor Malia Cohen, District 10

Sits on the Housing, Environment and City Services committee

Graduated from San Francisco University High School, attending Sonoma State

Fun fact: E'mani’s hobbies include dancing, shopping, photography and eating Chipotle. She’s passionate about educational reform and racial justice. Her biggest fear: birds.



JOSHUA CARDENAS

Appointed by Supervisor John Avalos, District 11

Sits on the Youth Justice committee

Graduated Archbishop Riordan High School and attending Wesleyan University Fall 2015

Fun fact: “Other than this day being my coming into existence, it is also my grandparent's wedding anniversary. That's right. The day I was born is the day my grandparents got married. When I turn 20 in 2 years, it will be my grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary!”



MICHEL LI
Chair
Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee

Sits on the Executive committee and the Employment & Immigration committee

Graduated Lowell High School, attending Harvard

Fun Fact: Michel loves playing frisbee and considers herself a rollerblading enthusiast. She also loves spending her free time with her baby sister.



SOPHIE EDLEHART
Vice Chair
Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee

Chair of the Youth Justice Committee

Graduated Jewish Community High School of the Bay, attending Barnard College

Fun Fact: Sophie's hobbies include singing jazz and dancing zumba multiple times a week.



ANNA BERNICK
Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee

Sits on the Housing, Education and City Services Committee

George Washington High School

Fun Fact: "I'm an anglophile (or AntandDec-ophile these days)"



DAVID ZHENG
Communications and Outreach Officer

Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee

Sits on the Executive and Immigration and Employment committees

Graduated Lincoln High School, attending UC Davis

Fun Fact: David is a student government leader at Lincoln High School and volunteer at the San Francisco and Marin Food Bank. He is an avid collector of shoes.

STAFF & INTERNS

ADELE FAILES-CARPENTER, DIRECTOR

Adele staffed the 14-15 Youth Justice and Executive committees. Adele began her youth advocacy work in 1999 as a young person in Portland, OR. Over the last decade in San Francisco, she has worked in tenant advocacy, substance abuse and mental health treatment, youth HIV-prevention research, and policy advocacy. From 2008-2011 she worked with homeless and marginally-housed LGBTQ youth as a member of the QueerCore outreach collective. She has worked as a leadership team member with a national political education organization and holds a M.A. in Cultural Anthropology with a focus in applied advocacy research. Outside of the YC office, Adele is a parent, does research and facilitation with a national veterans' advocacy organization, bicycles, and tries to surf. Since joining staff at the YC, she has enjoyed continuing to build its training program and supporting youth-driven policy advocacy efforts.

ALLEN LU, COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Allen staffed the 14-15 Immigration and Employment committee. Allen spent his college and graduate years learning about how policies are crafted in the process of planning for the future and how we can create opportunities for ALL people to participate in the decision-making process. He returned to his hometown, San Francisco, in 2012 to bridge youth to meaningful opportunities in their communities. Allen envisions each young person awakening to their individual, unique capacity to contribute to the betterment of their society; he believes that every single youth in the City has something to share to help adults make better decisions for the people of San Francisco. Outside of the YC office, you can find Allen getting youth together to have intentional, elevated social discourses; and relaxing on a hammock with ukulele and friends.

MONICA GUZMAN, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Monica staffed the 14-15 Housing, Environment and City Services committee. Monica is a San Francisco native, growing up in the Mission and Excelsior districts of the City. She is the daughter of working class immigrant parents and is aware of the struggles often faced by these communities. She is committed to serving historically disadvantaged communities and has over ten years of experience working with various community organizations throughout the Bay Area. She is currently merging her love of San Francisco, public policy, and youth development as staff at the Youth Commission. Monica obtained her BA in Cultural Anthropology and in Psychology from San Francisco State and her JD from Santa Clara University. Outside of the YC office, you will probably find Monica out in nature, watching live music, or enjoying a home cooked meal and board games with her partner and family.

YC OFFICE INTERNS

Thank you to all of the high school and college interns whose work throughout the year really was an invaluable asset to our daily operations in 2014-2015. We appreciate you: Anna He (Lowell); Daisy Shull (Independence); Celeste Canchola (Leadership); Ivy Chau (Lowell), Leah LaCroix (SFSU)!

YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Alex Berliner

Members: Joshua Cardenas, Jillian Wu, Sophie Edelhart

This was a very busy year on youth justice priorities as issues concerning youth-police relations and systemic racism in law enforcement were thrust onto the national stage with the killing of an 18 year old African American teenager, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, MO, and following the release of new reports detailing the extent of disproportionate minority contact across San Francisco's criminal justice system. In an effort to plug more deeply into national conversations, the Youth Justice committee sponsored the Youth Commission's membership in the Dignity in Schools Campaign and the Community Justice Network for Youth.

Youth-police relations: The Youth Justice committee started off the term by diving straight into advocacy in October by giving input into new police department domestic violence protocols, working to ensure that enhanced collaboration between law enforcement and Child Protective Services in non-arrest and non-abuse circumstances would not lead to unnecessary investigations of families. Committee members authored a resolution of commendation recognizing the implementation of training on new police department protocols for making arrests of parents in the presence of children. Committee members conveyed feedback on a pilot training on childhood trauma for police officers and continued to advocate for the inclusion of de-escalation and scenario-based approaches to training officers on youth-police relations. In Spring, committee members organized a remote demonstration for Chief Suhr from national trainers working on youth-police relations. Committee members met with SFUSD officials and the SRO coordinator and continued to monitor the rate of on-campus arrests this school year, noting a notable decline in on-campus arrests since the implementation of the SFUSD-SFPD MOU in 2014, but that on campus arrests continue to disproportionately affect black and Latino students. Youth Justice committee members attended hearings on the implementation of a police body camera pilot program, as well as townhalls on youth-police relations following the killing of Michael Brown and the Ferguson, MO uprisings.

Children of Incarcerated Parents: Youth Justice committee members continued momentum from the June 2014 Board of Supervisors Neighborhood Services and Safety committee hearing on the needs of youth with incarcerated parents by continuing their partnership with Project WHAT. In Spring, they worked with Project WHAT and Sheriff Mirkarimi to lower the county jail visiting age so that 16 and 17 year olds can visit their incarcerated parent, and will continue to assist with outreach for this new policy in the coming year.

Juvenile Justice: Committee members met with Chief Probation officer of the Juvenile Probation Department, Allen Nance, in February to inquire into recreation yard access for youth detained at Juvenile Hall and confirmed that the juvenile hall recreation yard is now in regular use. Commissioner Edelhart represented the Youth Commission on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Victories:

We successfully advocated for 16 and 17 year olds to be able to make unaccompanied visits to their parents incarcerated in SF County Jails. On-campus arrests significantly declined following the passage of the SFUSD-SFPD MOU in 2014. The Juvenile Hall recreation yard is not in regular use.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair: Joyce Wu, Vice Chair:

Members: Luis Avalos Nunez, Michel Li, David Zheng, Emily Guo

DACA Application Fees Grants. After passing resolution 1415-02 [Offer Grants Covering Application Fees for San Francisco DACA Applicants], we searched for sponsors and were extremely grateful to have the sponsorship of Supervisor Norman Yee, and many others. We worked closely with his office to collaborate with Mayor Lee before budget season. This was something we wanted to continue advocating for. It is such a struggle for a young person to come up with \$465 to pay for DACA. We explored alternative methods of providing assistance to DACA applicants, and invited a group of stakeholders, including young DACA recipients, to get their feedback. This ultimately provided helpful information to Supervisor Yee's office and the Mayor, who announced funding for a fee assistance pilot program for immigrant youth and families eligible for DACA and Pathways to Citizenship.

Community Benefit Agreements. This year, the Youth Commission's Immigration and Employment Committee was committed to addressing youth employment and engagement through the Central Market Community Benefit Agreements. A Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) is a binding contract any company residing in the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area, whose annual payroll expense exceeds one million dollars, can enter with the City Administrator in order to receive a 1.5% payroll expense tax exclusion. Community Benefit Agreements may include commitments to engage in community activities and participate in workforce development opportunities in the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area. Our committee met with the City Administrator's Office, toured Twitter, Zendesk, and Spotify, and facilitated a Youth Town Hall in June of 2015 at Spotify in collaboration with the companies. We worked with the companies to design workshops where youth could learn about and begin to engage in a meaningful way the work that the companies do. Youth participants also shared their concerns and spaces where they felt like they could get involved. We hope ideas generated at the town hall and event itself can serve as a useful model for future efforts to involve youth in community benefit agreements.

Victories:

Through our advocacy and collaboration with Supervisor Yee's office, Mayor Ed Lee announced funding in his budget proposal for a fee assistance pilot program for immigrant youth and families eligible for DACA and Pathways to Citizenship.

On June 11, 2015 we held a youth town hall on youth and Community Benefit Agreements, and passed a report at the Youth Commission on the event and its findings. We connected D6 youth to the companies residing in the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Area, giving youth the opportunity to learn from and interact with the neighbors they never see. We educated youth about CBAs throughout the day with a formal presentation that included a wall-to-wall timeline and handouts.

We found out that most youth want more interpersonal contact with employees of the companies engaged in CBAs. Such suggestions included more internships, but they also included seeing more of the employees in their communities actually connecting with District 6 residents. Many youth called for increased awareness of CBAs. They were interested in participating in the process early on, but didn't know how. Thus, they recommended invitations to attend various meetings, hearings at the Citizens Advisory Council, etc.

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair: Rosa Chair; Vice Chair: Anna Bernick

Members: Lily Marshall-Fricker, Noah David, Precious Listana, E'mani Davis

This year the Housing, Environment, and City Services committee tackled many challenges affecting youth in San Francisco:

Park Equity. On March 5, 2015 at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services hearing on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, Youth Commissioners, along with many youth community members, spoke about their concerns and hopes for San Francisco parks: the need for more park monitors to improve park safety; extended lighting hours; increased non-reservation-based playfield access; and a general commitment to teen access in our parks. This hearing, along with recent park incidents involving shootings and lack of playfield access, galvanized the Housing, Environment, and City Services committee to write a resolution regarding park equity.

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Housing. In 2005, the Youth Commission adopted a resolution calling on the then-Mayor Gavin Newsom to create a task force that would propose methods to better serve TAY in San Francisco. The task force proposed a TAY Housing Plan which was to create 400 additional units for TAY by 2015. This priority was re-affirmed by a recommendation in the TAYSF Policy Priorities for Transitional Age Youth 2014-16 document released in Spring 2014, which called for plans to continue the pipeline of housing for TAY to meet or exceed the 400 unit goal by 2015. This year the Housing, Environment, and City Services committee continued to work with city leaders so that the TAY Housing Plan is completed.

Year of Recognizing Homeless Youth. This past year, the committee worked closely with the Larkin Street Youth Advisory Board to bring awareness to the City of the prevalent issue of youth homelessness. They were able to pass a resolution at the Full Youth Commission and begin conversations with elected officials.

Victories:

The committee passed a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to urge the Recreation and Park department to conduct an equity analysis on their parks and playgrounds. They also passed a resolution in conjunction with Larkin Street designating 2016 as the year of recognizing homeless youth.

Other priorities the committee invested time and support include: Advising the development of an evaluation to measure the quality and effectiveness of TAY housing and services; Advising the full youth commission on housing-related legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors; Extending Free MUNI for Special Education students.

OUTREACH, EVENTS, AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

On August 14th 2014, we attended the **Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center's Youth Summit: Poetic Justice Event**. The youth at Bernal Heights put on summits every year and we are always inspired by their ability to examine their environment and translate their analysis into creative messages and artistic expression everyone can connect with. Some of the topics include youth justice issues, various struggles of prejudice, and the capacity of youth to make change.

On October 14th 2014, we held a **2014 Young Voters Forum** where about 60 young people packed into Balboa High School's Green Room to learn more about the different ballot measures that would impact youth. Our community partners included Peer Resources, Transitional Age Youth San Francisco, Student Advisory Council, Youth Leadership Institute, Coleman Advocates, and the Youth Warriors. We expected and were impressed by the level of thoughtfulness youth participants spoke on the ballot measures: Children and Youth Fund, Sugary Beverages, "Anti-Speculation Tax, and the Minimum Wage Increase. While we were able to help the participants learn about the various proposals on the ballot, they really helped us confirm the ability and desire of young people to civically engage in decisions that impact them, even when they are too young to be allowed to vote.

On February 13th 2015, Commissioner Precious Listana held a **District 6 Youth Town Hall** where she gathered feedback from over 50 young people. With the help of District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim, the TL Boys and Girls Club, and her fellow commissioners, Precious facilitated an interactive event where youth from the district shared their perspectives on what youth in the community need. Officers, representatives from tech companies, and community members accompanied and listened to the youth responses. Each group of youth were able to present the discussions and reflections that were had, and Commissioner Listana generated a report from it for the Supervisor's office to consider.

On March 18th 2015, we served as youth leaders and facilitators for the **annual Youth Advocacy Day** organized by the Youth Warriors and the Youth Empowerment Fund of DCYF. About 200 youth were meeting with officials across city offices in the Civic Center area, asking questions and sharing their perspectives on topics related to the Environment, Public Safety, Transportation, and other city services.

On April 13th 2015, the YC Immigration and Employment Committee organized a DACA Convener with District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's office. Stakeholders, including youth receiving DACA, service providers, the San Francisco Unified School District, the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs all sat at a table to discuss some options to support our undocumented brothers and sisters who have come to our sanctuary city. Jen Low, legislative aide of Supervisor Norman Yee, helped commissioners in facilitating the conversations and sharing the options. This ultimately influenced Mayor Lee to announce a commitment of \$10 million in funding over two years to support San Francisco's immigrant community, and for a fee assistance pilot program for immigrant youth and families eligible for the DACA program and the Pathways to Citizenship.

Other highlights:

On February 11th 2015, we spoke at the **Human Trafficking Poster** event hosted by the Department on the Status of Women.

On March 18th, 2015 we spoke at a **Radio Show KOIT with Brent Carey** about expanding voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds. #Vote16SF is a priority commissioners are excited to bring to the attention of the San Francisco community.

On April 11th, 2015 we supported **14 Black Poppies' Where do You Belong** event at the Emerald gallery.

Over the course of the 2014-15 term, we held **tours of City Hall for INSPIRE, Newdoor Ventures, Guardian Scholars, Sonoma Junior Human Rights Commissioners, Tomodachi group, Istanbul Youth Assembly, the Jewish Community High School** and many more organization!!!

Outside of City Hall, we interacted with a number of youth serving organizations and their young people. We made visits to **Alice Fong Yu, Paul Revere Elementary School, Peer Resources Youth Council, the Student Advisory Council of SFUSD, the Vietnamese Youth Development Center, Larkin Street Youth Services, University of San Francisco, the Oakland and Richmond Youth Commissions, Coleman Advocates**, and many others!

Throughout the year we participated in many **community resource fairs** at the invitation of the schools and organizations including; **June Jordan School for Equity, International Studies Academy, Wallenberg High School, James Denman Middle School and the OMI Beacon Center, First Graduate, and Mo Magic**. Through these interactions, we were able to gain insight on issues facing the youth from youth themselves.

We are grateful to all our City and community partners for the opportunity to hear from you, and share the work of the Youth Commission.



Left: Project WHAT and Youth Justice Committee hold a joint meeting

PRESENTATIONS TO FULL YOUTH COMMISSION

10/6/14

Presentation on the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF) and its Youth Advisory Council

Presenters: Prishni Murillo, Senior Program Planner, Dept. of Children, Youth, and Their Families

No action taken.

10/6/14

Presentation on and request for support of the conditional use authorization for the 24-hour operation of the Diamond Youth Shelter

Presenters: Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director, Larkin Street Youth Services

Action: Motion to support; 10/6/14

10/20/14

Presentation on the Youth Empowerment Fund

Presenters: Sells-Asberry, YEF Program Manager; Breanne Harris, YEFAB & Mini Grants Coordinator; DeAsia Landrum, YEF Youth Leadership & Advocacy Coordinator

No action taken.

10/20/14

Presentation on and request for feedback and support on the AFT 2121 City College of San Francisco Community Outreach Survey and request for endorsement of the City College of San Francisco Bill of Rights

Presenters: Tim Killikelly, President, AFT 2121; Dimitrios Pilliou, City College of San Francisco Student

Action: Motion to support; 10/20/14

11/3/14

Summary Report of Project Empowerment "The Audacity to Succeed"

Presenter: Thomas Simpson, Executive and Artistic Director of AfroSolo

No action taken.

12/1/14

Overview and request for co-sponsorship of the 2014 Victory Over Violence events

Presenters: Mattie Scott, Director, Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation

Action: Motion to support and co-sponsor; 12/1/14

12/15/14

Presentation on Transitional Age Youth San Francisco's 2014-16 Policy Priorities Document

Presenter: Jose-Luis Mejia, Associate Director, TAY SF

No action taken

1/17/15

Presentation on The Power of Youth Action

Presenter: Amelia Roskin-Fraze, Make It Safe, Project Founder

No action taken.

1/17/15

Overview of Budget Bonanza: Presentations on the City Budget

Presenters: Commissioner Jillian Wu; Luisa Sicairos, Citywide TAY Advisory Board member; Nicholas Persky, Youth Commission Alum; Adele Failes-Carpenter, Youth Commission Director

No action taken.

1/17/15

Presentation on Policy Research and Resolution Writing

Presenters: Youth Commissioners Joshua Cardenas and Michel Li

No action taken.

1/18/15

Fall Orientation Retreat Core Content Review: Lifecycle of a Policy Priority, School District and City Government Overviews

Presenters: Youth Commissioners Joshua Cardenas and Michel Li

No action taken.

2/2/15

Presentation on 14 Black Poppies #WhereDoYouBelong Project

Presenters: Jason Wyman, Mosiah Concha, Izza Anwar, and Trayvon Smith of 14 Black Poppies

No action taken.

2/2/15

Presentation on Young Upstander Community Engagement and Public Education Campaign

Presenters: Stephanie Nguyen, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Department on the Status of Women; Sarah Maya De Guzman, Pacific Asian American Woman Bay Area Coalition (PAAWBAC) Public Policy Fellow

No action taken.

2/17/15

Presentation on Shape Up SF Open Truth Campaign

Presenter: Marianne Szeto, Shape Up San Francisco Program

No action taken

2/17/15

Presentation and request for approval of the 2015-16 YC application

Presenters: Youth Commission Staff

Action: Approved; 2/17/15

3/2/15

Presentation on Responding to Islamophobia through Education and Engagement

Presenters: Ameena Jandali, Islamic Networks Group, Content Director; Marcia Beauchamp, Islamic Networks Group, Chief Operations Officer

No action taken.

3/16/15

Presentation on and request for support of the TAYSF Undocumented Youth Employment Initiative

Presenter: Jose-Luis Mejia, Associate Director, TAY SF

Action: Motion to support; 3/16/16

4/6/15

Presentation on Dream SF Fellowship

Presenter: Kraig Cook, Policy Analyst/Program Manager, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs

No action taken

5/4/15

Presentation on and request for support of Mo'Magic's Civic Engagement Initiative

Presenter: Sheryl Davis, Director, Mo'Magic

Action: Motion to support; 5/4/15

6/1/15

Presentation and request for feedback on the new SF County Jail visiting policy for 16 and 17 year olds

Presenter: Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi

No action taken.

6/1/15

Overview of Lift a Sista Up Wage Gap Research

Presenters: Denesia Webb, Victoria Onyike, Jessica Escobar, Troi Reese

No action taken.



Left: 14 Black Poppies presenting to the Youth Commission

Right: Commissioner David Zheng speaks in public comment at a Police Commission meeting



LEGISLATION REFERRED

9/15/14

BOS File No. 131117

Charter Amendment – Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA): Equity Analysis and Expenditure Plan, Additional Appropriation, MTA Inspector General, Limits on Future Fare Increases, Extending Free MUNI for Certain Populations

Sponsors: Supervisor John Avalos

Presenter: Jeremy Pollock, Legislative Aide to Supervisor John Avalos

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 9/15/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-01](#)

10/6/14

BOS File No. 140911

Operation Budget Amendment - Municipal Transportation Agency - Free Muni for Special Education Services Students - FY2015-2016

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 10/6/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-02](#)

10/20/14

BOS File No. 140987

Hearing – Educational and Support Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

Sponsors: Supervisors Jane Kim, Norman Yee, John Avalos, and David Campos

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 10/20/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-03](#)

11/3/14

BOS File No. 141024

Police Code - Fair Scheduling and Treatment of Formula Retail Employees

Sponsors: Supervisors Eric Mar and David Chiu

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 11/3/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-04](#)

11/17/14

BOS File No. 141123

Administrative Code - Establishing the Duties of the Office of Early Care and Education and Creating the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee

Sponsors: Supervisors Norman Yee, John Avalos, and Jane Kim

Presenter: Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Norman Yee

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 11/17/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-05](#)

11/17/14

BOS File No. 141098

Health, Business and Tax Regulations Codes – Tobacco Sales Permits and Associated Fees

Sponsors: Supervisors Eric Mar, Jane Kim, and Scott Wiener

Presenter: Victor Lim, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 11/17/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-06](#)

12/1/14

BOS File No. 141215

Administrative Code - Children, Youth and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee and Service Provider Working Group

Sponsors: Supervisor Avalos

Presenter: Beth Rubenstein, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Avalos

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 12/1/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-07](#)

12/15/14
BOS File No. 141193
Resolution Urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to Implement Free Muni for Seniors and People with Disabilities
Sponsor: Supervisor Yee
Action: Support 12/15/14; Referral Response [1415-RBM-08](#)

12/15/14
BOS File No. 141234
Resolution Affirming the Board of Supervisors Commitment to Equal Justice and the Right to Protest and Urging Reforms in National Policing and Judicial Practices
Sponsor: Supervisor Avalos
Action: [Motion](#) to Support 12/15/14

1/5/15
BOS File No. 141149
Administrative Code- Language Access Requirements for Departments
Sponsor: Supervisor Katy Tang
Presenter: Dyanna Quizon
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 1/5/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-09](#)

1/5/15
BOS File No. 141195
Hearing - Impact of Minimum Wage Increase on Small Businesses and City-Funded Nonprofits
Sponsor: Supervisor John Avalos
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 1/5/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-10](#)

2/2/15
BOS File No. 141042
San Francisco Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights - October 18, 2014
Sponsor: Supervisor Mark Farrell
Presenters: Catherine Stefani, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mark Farrell; Bob Palacio Superintendent of Neighborhood Services, Recreation and Park Department; Zoe Burton, Youth Volunteer and Education Coordinator, Recreation and Park Department; Damien Raffa, Steering Committee, SF Children and Nature Forum
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 2/2/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-11](#)

2/2/15
BOS File No. 141149-2
Administrative Code - Language Access for Departments
Sponsor: Supervisor Katy Tang
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 2/2/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-12](#)

3/16/15
BOS File No. 150222
Administrative Code - Membership and Functions of the Our Children, Our Families Council
Sponsor: Supervisor Norman Yee
Presenter: Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Norman Yee
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 3/16/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-13](#)

3/16/15

BOS File No. 150233

Hearing - Developments at City College of San Francisco

Sponsors: Supervisors Eric Mar, Jane Kim, and David Campos

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support with comment and recommendation 3/16/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-14](#)

3/16/15

BOS File No. 150251

Urging the Administration of City College of San Francisco to Restore Neighborhood Classes Displaced by the Closure of the Civic Center Campus

Sponsors: Supervisors Jane Kim, Eric Mar, and David Campos

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support 3/16/15 ([PDF](#))

4/6/15

BOS File No. 150241

Administrative Code - Prohibiting Advertisements for Sugar-Sweetened Beverages on City Property

Sponsors: Supervisors Malia Cohen, Eric Mar, and Scott Wiener

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support 4/6/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-15](#)

4/6/15

BOS File No. 150243

Administrative Code - Barring City Departments from Purchasing and City Contractors from Selling or Distributing Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

Sponsors: Supervisors Eric Mar, Scott Wiener, and Malia Cohen

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support 4/6/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-15](#)

4/6/15

BOS File No. 150245

Health Code - Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Warning for Advertisements

Sponsors: Supervisors Scott Wiener, Eric Mar, and Malia Cohen

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Support 4/6/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-15](#)

4/6/15

BOS File No. 150252

Resolution Supporting California Senate Bill 203 (Monning) - Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Safety Warning Act

Supervisors Eric Mar, Malia Cohen, and Scott Wiener

Action: Support 4/6/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-15](#)

4/6/15

BOS File No 150267

Charter Amendment – Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections

Sponsors: Supervisors John Avalos, David Campos, Jane Kim, and Eric Mar

Action: Support 4/6/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-16](#)

06/20/15
BOS File No. 150683
Resolution Establishing a Multidisciplinary Process for Determining Police Staffing
Sponsor: Supervisor John Avalos
Presenter: Jeremy Pollock, Legislative Aide to Supervisor John Avalos
Action: Support with comment and recommendation 6/20/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-17](#)

06/20/15
File No. 150643
Administrative Code – Mandating Data Collection and Reporting of Detentions and Traffic Stops
Sponsor: Supervisor Malia Cohen
Presenter: Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Malia Cohen
Action: Support; 06/20/15; Referral Response [1415-RBM-18](#)



Left: Youth Commissioner at Mid-Year Retreat



Right: Youth Justice Committee at work!

YOUTH COMMISSION BUSINESS

9/15/14

2014-15 Youth Commission Bylaws

Presenters: Youth Commission Staff

Action: Adopted 9/15/14 ([PDF](#))

10/6/14

Presentation on the Board of Supervisors Board Rule 2.12.1 establishing communication procedures for hearings on matters referred to the Youth Commission

Presenter: Rick Caldeira, Legislative Deputy Director, Board of Supervisors

No Action Taken

10/20/14

Proposed Revision to the 2014-15 Youth Commission Bylaws regarding use of Board Rule 2.12.1

Presenter: Commissioner Avalos Nuñez

Action: Adopted as amended 10/20/14

10/20/14

Request to Join Dignity in Schools network as an Organizational Member

Presenters: Youth Justice committee

Action: Support 10/20/14

10/20/14

Request to join Community Justice Network for Youth

Presenters: Youth Justice committee

Action: Support 10/20/14

11/3/14

Presentation and request for support of the Youth Commission's Communications and Outreach Officers 2014-15 Outreach Plan

Presenters: Commissioners Listana and Zheng; Allen Lu, YC Staff

Action: Adopted upon second reading 11/3/14 ([PDF](#))

11/3/14

Policy Research Tutorial

Adele Failes-Carpenter, YC Staff

No action taken

11/17/14

Motion in Support for Vision Zero

Sponsors: Youth Commission Housing, Environment & City Services Committee

Presenters: Natalie Burdick, Membership and Volunteer Director, Walk SF; and Genaro Escarzaga, Family & Schools Program Coordinator at Walk SF

Action: Adopted upon first reading 11/17/14; Motion [1415-AL-01](#)

11/17/14

Motion in Support and Co-Sponsorship of Youth Advocacy Day 2015

Sponsors: Commissioners Zheng and Listana

Presenter: DeAsia Landrum, Youth Leadership & Advocacy Coordinator at the Youth

Action: Adopted upon first reading 11/14/14; Motion [1415-AL-02](#)

12/14/14

Letter in Support of District 5 Local Merchants Accompanying Youth

Sponsor: Commissioner Avalos Nuñez

Action: Adopted upon first reading 12/15/14 ([PDF](#))

12/15/14

Resolution on Providing Fee Waivers for Eligible San Francisco DACA Applicants

Sponsors: Immigration and Employment committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 12/15/14; Resolution 1415-AL-03 ([PDF](#))

1/5/15

Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco's legal voting age to sixteen in municipal and school district elections

Sponsor: Commissioner Joshua Cardenas

Action: First reading 12/15/14; Adopted upon second reading 1/5/15; Resolution [1415-AL-04](#)

1/5/15

Resolution commending the Department of Public Health for its leadership in creating and implementing a training on Chapter 12N of the city's administrative code, and recognizing the department's commitment to providing excellent services for LGBTQ youth

Sponsor: Commissioner Anna Bernick

Action: Adopted upon first reading 1/5/15; Resolution of Commendation [1415-RC-01](#)

1/5/15

Resolution commending the San Francisco Police Department, the Office of Citizen Complaints, and community partners on the establishment of the DGO 7.04 officer training

Sponsors: Youth Justice committee

Action Adopted upon first reading 1/5/15 ([PDF](#)) Resolution of Commendation [1415-RC-02](#)

1/18/15

Review Footage from May 18, 2014 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Presentation to Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee

Presenters: Youth Commissioners Sophie Edelhart, Michel Li, Luis Avalos Nuñez

No action taken.

2/2/15

Support for BOS File No. 150038 [Urging the California State Legislature to Amend State Law for Youth Fare Evasion]

Sponsor: Commissioner Luis Avalos

Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Eric Mar

Action: Adopted upon first reading; 2/2/15; Motion [1415-AL-05](#)

2/17/15

Motion urging the Board of Supervisors to hold a hearing on the impacts of the anti-abortion messages displayed on City-managed lamp posts and the City's Efforts to Educate Youth about their reproductive rights and health

Sponsor: Commissioner Emily Guo

Action: Adoption upon first reading 2/17/15; Motion [1415-AL-06](#)

2/17/15

Motion expressing the Youth Commissions support of students standing up for respect and justice and urging the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to condemn newly issued morality clauses and their effects on students and educators

Sponsor: Commissioners Precious Listana and Joshua Cardenas

Action: Adopted upon first reading 2/17/15; Motion [1415-AL-07](#)

3/2/15

Resolution promoting family unity for youth with incarcerated parents and urging the lowering of the visiting age in San Francisco county jails to age 16 and the establishment of an online inmate locator tool

Sponsor: Youth Justice committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 3/2/15; Resolution [1415-AL-08](#)

4/6/15

Motion stating the Youth Commissions support for maintenance of youth representation on the Our Children, Our Families Council

Sponsor: Executive committee

Action: Adopted upon first reading 4/6/15; Motion [1415-AL-12](#)

4/20/15

Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to declare 2015 the Year of Recognizing Homeless Youth and calling on the City to prioritize the provision of housing, employment training, and services for the homeless youth population

Sponsor: Housing, Environment, and City Services committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 4/20/15; Resolution [1415-AL-09](#)

4/20/15

Resolution urging the development and implementation of a recreation and open space equity analysis and enhancing protocols for preserving youth and community access in our City's parks

Sponsor: Housing, Environment, and City Services committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 4/20/15; Resolution [1415-AL-10](#)

4/20/15

Resolution urging regular review and analysis of outcomes of San Francisco Police Department referrals to Child Protective Services

Sponsor: Youth Justice committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 4/20/15; Resolution [1415-AL-11](#)

5/4/15

Youth Commission Budget & Policy Priorities for Fiscal Years 2015-2016, and 2016-2017

Sponsor: Executive committee

Action: Adopted upon second reading 5/4/15 ([PDF](#))

6/1/15

Appointment Recommendations

Certification of Youth Commission Recommendations for Children, Youth, and Families Oversight

Advisory Committee Youth Seats 1, 2, and 7

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Action: Motions to recommend Carmen Sosa for Seat 1; Vida Bonilla to Seat 2 ([PDF](#)); and Mia Tu Mutch Satya to seat 7 ([PDF](#)); Passed on 6/1/15

7/20/15

Report from Kinetic Konection D6 Townhall Event
Sponsors: Immigration and Employment Committee
Motion to approve pending specified committee edits ([PDF](#))



Left: Commissioner Listana works on the 2014-15 YC Timeline

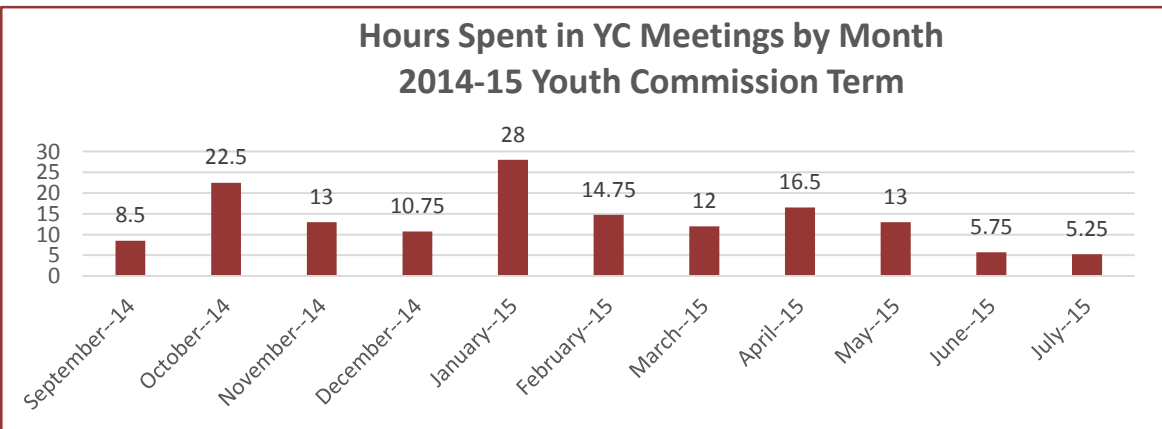
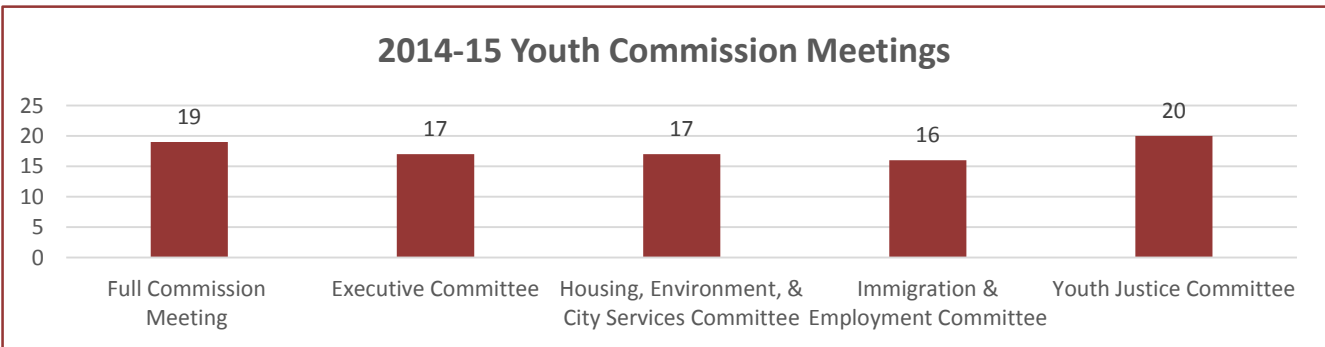
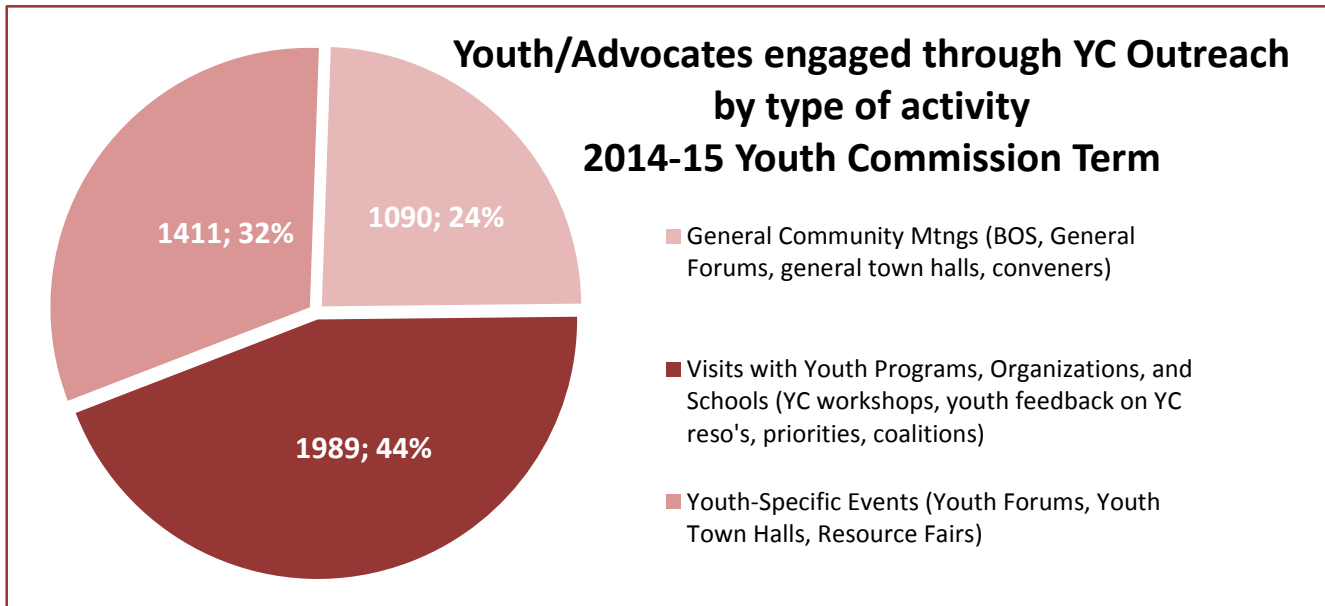
Right: Youth Commission Intern, Anna He, at #Vote16 rally



Left: Youth Commissioners Konection Townhall at Spotify HQ

FUN FACTS

This year, the Youth Commission hosted or participated in over *281 activities*, included General Community Meetings, Youth-Specific Events (Youth Forums, Youth Town Halls, and Resource Fairs) and Visits with Youth Programs, Organizations, and Schools. That translates to *520 hours* spent engaged in community outreach, reaching *4490 people*. Additionally, the Youth Commission held *89 regularly scheduled meetings*, spending *150 hours* in City Hall as a full commission, or in issue based committees, serving the public through policy advising.



Total meetings in 14-15 term: 89

Total duration of all meetings in hours: 150

2014-15 YOUTH COMMISSION IN ACTION



Above: D6 Youth Townhall

Bottom: Vote 16 SF Info Session

Bottom Center: Summer Resource Fair

Top/ Top Right: Orientation Retreat at SF College Track

Left: D6 Youth Townhall

Bottom: YC Mid-Year Retreat



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- Adolescent Health Working Group
- Adopt-an-Alleyway at Chinatown Community Development Center
- AfroSolo
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice- Asian Law Caucus
- API Legal Outreach (APILO)
- B-Magic Collaborative
- Bay Area Video Coalition
- Bay Area Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Collaborative
- Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
- BLING
- Catholic Charities CYO
- CBA Townhall Partners: Spotify, Zendesk, Twitter, Zoosk, Yammer
- Coalition on Homelessness
- Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth
- Chinese Progressive Association's Youth MOJO
- College Track
- Communities in Harmony Advocating for Learning and Kids (CHALK)
- Community Justice Network for Youth
- Community Youth Center – Bayview Youth Advocates
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Dignity in Schools Campaign
- Educators 4 Fair Consideration
- FREE SF
- Generation Citizen
- Harder+Company
- Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation
- Islamic Networks Group
- Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC)
- Juvenile Justice Providers Association
- Larkin Street Youth Services' Youth Advisory Board
- Lift A Sista Up
- Legal Services for Children
- LYRIC
- Make It Safe Project
- Mission Economic Development Agency
- Mission SF's New ERA
- Mo Magic Collaborative
- Paul Revere Middle School
- Peer Resources
- Project WHAT! We are here and talking!
- Public Counsel
- Ryan Thayer, Food Justice, TNDC
- Save CCSF
- SF Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
- Spotlight on the Arts
- SF Children and Nature Forum
- SF Domestic Violence Consortium
- Shape Up SF
- Strategies for Youth
- Sunset Youth Services
- Success Center SF
- Support for Families
- TAYSF
- Urban Habitat
- Tenderloin Boys & Girls Clubhouse
- The Beat Within
- Trust Women Silver Ribbon Campaign
- Vietnamese Youth Development Center
- Visitacion Valley/Village Convener
- WalkSF
- Young Women's Freedom Center
- Youth Empowerment Fund
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