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2013-14



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# YOUTH COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

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Salutations dear friends!

This year has been a tremendous one for all of us. We have worked tirelessly and relentlessly since the start of our term last Fall. We have been following up on our ongoing priorities and starting new ones with our peers in the community. We presented our 15 budget and policy priorities to our peers, community members, city departments, and the Board of Supervisors. We have heard your feedback, and have been working into the late evenings and weekends on how to better serve the youth of our great city of San Francisco.

Our 13-14 term brought many successes with our multi-year youth led policy advocacy efforts. A few of our major policy priorities and wins this year includes: advocating for the SF MTA's institutional commitment of the free MUNI for low to moderate income youth in San Francisco to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the San Francisco Unified School District and San Francisco Police Department to better address interactions between police and youth on campus. We have pushed for the creation of the Police Department's general order 7.04 which outlines protocols for arrests made in front of children. We have also worked extremely hard with engaging youth in the Children's Fund reauthorization process. We are so very proud to share that our advocacy to include disconnected transitional age youth (TAY) in the Children's Fund reauthorization process was victorious, and know that this opportunity would help the thousands of our disconnected TAY peers in San Francisco!

On top of all of our work around policy issues, we have attended community meetings, created youth led town halls and summits, participated in youth panels, and met with city officials. This year alone we've had **19 full Youth Commission meetings; 19 Executive committee meetings; 15 Immigrant & Employment committee meetings; 18 Housing, LGBT, and TAY issues committee meetings; and 18 Education, Health & Wellness committee meetings.** We also provided comment and recommendation on 20 legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors, and spent countless hours in the community and schools to increase youth civic engagement and youth commission visibility.

We know that all of our work would not have been possible without the support and belief you all have in youth voice in city government. We know that ours countless hours of work were spent alongside our peers and within coalitions in our youth community. Although as Youth Commissioners we work without stipends, we still continue to uphold our role as commissioners with due diligence and the highest esteem, because we know it is a privilege to be able to serve youth in San Francisco. It is our honor to serve you, and we hope we make our community proud. Thank you truly for your constant support and belief in youth voice!

Yours Truly,

2013-2014 San Francisco Youth Commission

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## ABOUT US

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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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## WHO WE ARE:

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### NICHOLAS PERSKY

#### Chair

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Eric Mar, District 1
- ▶ Sits on the Employment & Immigration committee
- ▶ Graduated Lick-Wilmerding High & attending CAL in 2014
- ▶ Believes in Free MUNI for Youth and transit first society
- ▶ Has never missed a YC meeting

during his 3 year term and in love with SFGOVTV

- ▶ Avid extreme couponer and a walking Next MUNI app!



### LILY MARSHALL-FRICKER

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Mark Farrell, District 2
- ▶ Sits on the Housing, LGBT, & TAY Committee
- ▶ Graduated Wallenberg High School, and will be attending SF ACCESS, a transition program for TAY with disabilities
- ▶ Serves on the SFMTA's Multimodal Accessibility Advisory

committee (MAAC)

- ▶ Longest-serving current youth commissioner! And has a twin sister!!!



### ERIC WU

- ▶ Appointed by President David Chiu, District 3
- ▶ Chair of the Housing, LGBT, & TAY issues committee
- ▶ Student at CCSF, headed to UC Davis in Fall 2014
- ▶ Spearheaded Youth Housing advocacy, and TAY inclusion & youth engagement in the Children's Fund.

- ▶ Deeply involved with Chinatown Community Development Center's youth programs: Adopt-an-Alleyway, Chinatown Alleyway Tours, Youth for SROs, and Campaign Academy.
- ▶ You won't know Chinatown until you've received a tour from Eric!



### MICHEL LI

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Katy Tang, District 4
- ▶ Chair of the Employment and Immigration Committee
- ▶ Junior at Lowell High School, where she is the Vice President of Heart in Motion
- ▶ Invested in building trust between immigrant communities and government

- ▶ Active member of the D4 Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and will be traveling to Nicaragua this Summer on a service trip
- ▶ Ask her about Kingdom of Dumplings on Taraval St.!



### JINA BAE

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor London Breed, District 5
- ▶ Sits on the Employment and Immigration Committee
- ▶ Junior at Lowell High School
- ▶ Co-MCed many YC events and workshops including the FMFY art contest, the youth plenary session at the California Association of Human Relations Organizations

2014 conference, and Summer Learning Day 2014; and is one of our top tour guides and workshop leader!

- ▶ Is a summer camp counselor will be on a service trip to Nicaragua this Summer
- ▶ Jina speaks fluent Korean and would love to teach you!



### LUISA SICAIROS

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Jane Kim, District 6
- ▶ Sits on the Education, Health & Wellness Committee
- ▶ Graduated SF SU with a BA in Sociology, minor in Communications
- ▶ Youth participant with Youth Leadership Institute for 7 years and currently a Board Member

- ▶ Advocate for youth with learning disabilities and for healthy communities!
- ▶ Currently a Fellow with the Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health (CPATH) and in the Presidio Thoreau Center for Sustainability

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## WHO WE ARE:

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### JOYCE WU

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Norman Yee, District 7
- ▶ Sits on the Education, Health & Wellness Committee
- ▶ Junior at Lick-Wilmerding High School
- ▶ Youth Advisory Council Representative with DCYF's Youth Empowerment Fund
- ▶ Former participant of the Junior

National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C., and API Health Leadership Conference

- ▶ Joyce started Team HBV at her school, ask her about HBV awareness!



### ANGEL VAN STARK

*Media & Public Relations Officer*

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Scott Weiner, District 8
- ▶ Sits on the Housing, LGBT & TAY issues committee
- ▶ Currently works for a tech company in creative design
- ▶ Uses his direct experiences with homelessness, Angel passionately advocates for

more supportive services for homeless youth in S.F

- ▶ Co-led the D8 Youth Town Hall with his Supervisors' office
- ▶ Proud former participant of Year Up, Larkin Street Youth Services, and the LGBT Center; and current youth board member of the LGBT Center



### MONICA FLORES

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor David Campos, District 9
- ▶ Sits on the Youth Justice Committee and the Housing, LGBT, & TAY issues Committee
- ▶ Grew up and participated as a youth leader in the many amazing youth programs in SF. Shout out to OASIS for Girls, MYEEP at Horizons Unlimited,

Mission Neighborhood Center, Center for Young Women's Development, and Transitional Age Youth-SF!

- ▶ Advocates for TAY and teen parents, as well as housing
- ▶ Raising a beautiful boy and future youth leader, Isaiah!



### DENESIA WEBB

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor Malia Cohen, District 10
- ▶ Sits on the Youth Justice Committee
- ▶ Junior at the Waldorf High School
- ▶ Passionate advocacy for Children with Incarcerated Parents and improved youth and police relations in SF!

- ▶ Dedicated youth leader at College Track, participant of WritersCorps, and former participant of MedLink
- ▶ Inspired by young women and girls like her niece!



### JOSHUA CARDENAS

*Legislative Affairs Officer*

- ▶ Appointed by Supervisor John Avalos, District 11
- ▶ Sits on the Youth Justice Committee.
- ▶ Junior at Riordan High School
- ▶ Proud participant of the Achieve Program, an enrichment and scholarship program for low income youth in SF; and Speech & Debate Team

- ▶ Dedicated to improving services for youth at JPD, advocacy for positive youth and police relations!

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## WHO WE ARE (MAYORAL APPOINTEES):

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### ANNA BERNICK

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Sits on the Education, Health & Wellness Committee
- ▶ Sophomore at George Washington High School
- ▶ Eager to introduce her own Project 217, and translated aspects of the program into policy this year in supporting students with disabilities

- ▶ Taught her fellow Commissioners how to play with a Hanukkah Dreidel!



### SOPHIE EDLEHART

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Chair of the Youth Justice Committee.
- ▶ Junior at Jewish Community School of the Bay
- ▶ Committed to supporting youth with incarcerated parents, pushing for improved youth-police relations

and implementation of MOU btwn SFPD and SFUSD!

- ▶ Sophie is a world traveler and a theater extraordinaire!



### MICHELLE KONG

#### VICE-CHAIR

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Vice-Chair of the Youth Commission and sits on the Immigration and Employment Committee.
- ▶ Graduated Galileo Academy of Science and Technology and headed for Trinity in Texas

- ▶ Participated in the YC's multiple ad-hoc committees: 12N, FMFY, youth engagement in Children's Fund, P.E.E.F., CAHRO youth conference and more!
- ▶ Spearheaded the YC's budget and policy priorities, Annual Report, and committee chair trainings
- ▶ Proud youth leader of: SF Youth Works & Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board



### DEASIA LANDRUM

#### COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH OFFICER

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Sits on the Housing, LGBT, & TAY issues committee
- ▶ Leads the Youth Empowerment Fund's Youth Warriors Program
- ▶ Former Youth Warriors participant
- ▶ Co-led the Youth Housing Town

Hall with colleagues on the Housing committee

- ▶ Youth Empowerment Professional and is a major advocate for youth-friendly and youth-accessible activities!



### RAMON GOMEZ

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Serves as the Vice Chair on the Youth Justice Committee
- ▶ Graduated Gateway High School and will be attending Sonoma State University this Fall
- ▶ Proud youth participant of Y-Buchanan's Youth in Government, Juma Ventures, MYEEP's

Counselors-in-Training program, and Mo'Magic!

- ▶ Loves his Bernal Heights neighborhood and is coming to a comedy show near you!



### ARIEL YU

- ▶ Appointed by Mayor Ed Lee
- ▶ Serves as Chair of the Education, Health & Wellness Committee
- ▶ Junior at Lowell High School
- ▶ Advocate for increased inclusionary programs for IEP students, and disability awareness
- ▶ Active member and former

President of Best Buddies club at Lowell High School.

Best Buddies is a club promoting one-on-one, friendship, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with developmental disabilities

- ▶ Has been jammin on the piano since 4 y.o. old!



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## STAFF & INTERNS

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**PHIMY TRUONG, DIRECTOR** *Phimy staffs the Youth Justice; Immigration & Employment; and Executive committees. She also staffs the commission's ad-hoc working groups. Phimy has been involved in youth leadership and advocacy work as a youth. She has worked in connecting students with higher education and college retention. After graduating from SFSU in 2008, she worked with providing translation services for Vietnamese seniors in the TL, coordinating a youth employment program at the Vietnamese Youth Development Center, and ran youth leadership cohorts in District 6. She started work at the YC as the Coordinator of Youth Development and Administration structuring an in house youth training retreat module, youth development curriculum, and an intensive youth internship program. She transitioned to the Director position in March 2013. She is passionate about providing a platform for authentic youth voice and civic engagement, and supporting other Youth Commissions. Outside of the YC office, Phimy lives in the Lower Haight and enjoys coffee.*

**ADELE CARPENTER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATION** *Adele staffs the Youth Justice and Housing, LGBT, and TAY issues committees. Adele began her youth advocacy work in 1999 as a young person in Portland, OR. Since moving to San Francisco a decade ago, she has worked in tenant advocacy, harm-reduction based 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 and adult-ally of the Queer Youth Leadership Team. She has worked as a leadership team member with a national political education organization and is excited to bring her experience to the YC to continue building the amazing training program and supporting strong youth-driven policy advocacy efforts. Outside of the YC office, Adele lives in Bernal with her partner, does research and facilitation with a national veterans' advocacy organization, bicycles, and tries to surf.*

**ALLEN LU, COORDINATOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** *Allen staffs the joint Youth Commission/Student Advisory Council Education, Health & Wellness Committee. Allen spent his college and graduate years learning about how different people related to the built environment, how policies are crafted in the process of planning for the future, and most importantly, how we can create opportunities for ALL people to participate in the decision-making process. He returned to his hometown, San Francisco, in 2012 with a goal to help bring awareness to urban youth the multitude of social forces that impact their lives. 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 Commissioner (and every single youth in the city) has something to share to help adults make better decisions for the people of San Francisco. He serves on the Youth Commission's team of dedicated staff as Coordinator of Community Outreach and Civic Engagement. Outside of the YC office, you can find Allen getting youth together to have intentional, elevated social discourses; and attempting to jam on his ukulele and (trying really hard) to sing well.*

### 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 2013-2014. We appreciate you: Eric Perez (CCSF); Sharon Chung (SFSU), Judy Ho (Lincoln HS), Lucy Liu (Washington HS), Adriana Cortes (NDNU), John La (Sacred Heart), Faeza Maru (Galileo HS), Margaux Thibaut (Mission HS), and Ayuque Shaikh (Burton HS).*

## YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

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- ▶ Chair: Sophie Edelhart, Vice-Chair: Ramon Gomez
- ▶ Members: Joshua Cardenas, Denesia Webb, Monica Flores (Part time)

Our Youth Justice Committee came in knowing we had a lot of work to follow up on from last year. We were constantly running in and out of meetings with those who had the power to implement our recommendations including: Chief Greg Suhr of SFPD; Chief Allen Nance of JPD; Diana Oliva-Aroche, Director of Violence Prevention Services in the Mayor's Office; Kevin Truitt, Associate Superintendent of SFUSD's Student Support Services Department and many other representatives. In addition, we consistently coordinated meetings with youth leaders and community advocates who were our allies as we made our presence and issues known at the Police Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Board of Education, Board of Supervisors, and others. On top of this, we developed a collaborative relationship with youth from Project WHAT! We worked together with them to research issues affecting youth with incarcerated parents, provided feedback and outreach to a survey for CIP, successfully advocated for a hearing at the BOS on this issue, and worked tirelessly in our preparation for this hearing and meeting with Supervisors to discuss the needs of CIP. We've also held multiple workshops on our youth justice policy campaigns and efforts to increase awareness on the significance of positive youth and police relations. We've collaborated with youth at Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, Coleman Advocates, CHALK, and others to successfully push for the signing of an MOU between the SFUSD and SFPD after three years of advocacy. This year has been a tremendous step towards our fervent recommendations. We continue to push for increased training on youth relations, de-escalation tactics, and adolescent behavior and are committed to move forth with our recommendations until our voices are heard. We are deeply thankful for all of the support we've received this year, and for believing in the power of youth voice!

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### Victories

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In February 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the San Francisco Police Department that the committee persistently advocated for (over three years now) was established and activated this year!

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In May 2014, the Police Commission passed SFPD DGO 7.04 concerning time of arrest protocols for arrests of adults happening in front of children.

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On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, we held a successful press conference and rally to raise awareness for children with incarcerated parents (CIP) with our peers at Project WHAT! and the District 10 office. Later that day, a hearing on services and solutions for youth with incarcerated parents was held at BOS Neighborhood Services and Safety committee, with over 60 youth in attendance.

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### ***Other priorities in which the committee invested time and support included:***

- *Memo of Support for the reappointment of Angela Chan to the Police Commission*
- *Collaboration and interview with Spotlight for the Arts Youth Program on a documentary about youth and police relations in San Francisco*
- *Met with Chief Nance of JPD and continued dialogue of alternatives to new proposed safety protocols*



# YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

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- ▶ Chair: Michel Li, Vice Chair: Jina Bae
- ▶ Members: Nicholas Persky, Michelle Kong

Over the past decade, much progress in youth employment and for youth immigrants has been made-whether it is in San Francisco, or at the federal and state levels. This year, the Youth Employment and Immigration Committee joined the push for progress, and demonstrated its support for increased youth employment in San Francisco through resolutions and advocacy efforts with youth employment service providers. With the help and support of various branches of city government (DCYF, OCEIA), the SFUSD, and presentations from community based organizations (E4FC, JCYC, MoMAGIC, DREAM, CYO, API Legal), we were able to learn how to better serve the undocumented and immigrant youth population in our city. At every community meeting we participated in we made sure to voice the need for the City to employ undocumented youth through their youth workforce programs. We met with leaders in various youth leadership programs to provide workshops and presentations on how to better serve and how to better equip our undocumented peers while they are navigating school and employment. Our Chair spent various hours reviewing RFQ applications for potential SFSJ+ Doorway Organizations, and met with various stakeholders. We provided comment and recommendation on legislation related to summer jobs for youth and participated in conversations around a youth training wage for subsidized youth employment. We are committed to continuing our research and work, and look forward to another year of increased support for our peers!

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## Victories

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Increased undocumented youth employment opportunities (20 additional spots for undocumented youth in SFSJ+ 2014)

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### ***Other priorities the committee invested time and support includes:***

- *Creating a survey to poll SFUSD Newcomer students on awareness of services for undocumented and immigrant youth; and support provided by their schools*
- *Reviewing Doorway Grant RFQ applications for SF Summer Jobs+ 2014*
- *Support for MoMagic small business employment surveys*
- *Researching scholarships to waive the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals application fee*
- *Unanimous approval by full YC of resolution 1314-05 Employing Undocumented Youth in SF Public Sector Youth Workforce Programs*
- *Co-hosted a workshop with Educators 4 Fair Consideration on Supporting Undocumented Youth*

## TAY, HOUSING, LGBTQ COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

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- ▶ Chair: Eric Wu
- ▶ Members: DeAsia Landrum, Monica Flores, Angel VanStark, Lily Marshall-Fricker

“Our families are leaving!” “Stop the gentrification!” “Away with the Google buses!”—From all corners of the city, from the media to community meetings, people have been expressing their fear of being unable to afford the cost of living in San Francisco. There isn't a week where we don't hear of someone getting evicted. Realizing that these housing and affordability issues will be encountered by many young people in the city as they attempt to transition to independence, we hosted a youth town hall on housing and affordability on May 7, 2014, which was attended by over 60 youth and advocates. Youth participants were joined by several City staff who came to share their insights: Glenn Eagleson, Senior Planner and Citywide TAY Lead with DCYF; Teresa Yanga and Anne Romero, of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development; Alison Schlageter, Youth Programs Coordinator of HSA's Housing and Homeless Division; and Jeff Buckley, the Mayor's Senior Advisor on housing issues. There were three breakout sessions, including a TAY breakout at this event where participants noted that in addition to limited slots in dedicated TAY housing programs, TAY also face other barriers when searching for housing, including: age discrimination, a lack of credit history, and not being aware of their rights as tenants. While the town hall was the culminating event for the year, we also met and shared ideas and possible solutions with the SF Land Trust, Transitional Age Youth SF, and the Larkin Street Youth Advisory Board.



### Victories

Hosted the “Key to the City: Youth Town Hall” and wrote a findings report based on the responses from the participants.

### **Other priorities the committee invested time and support includes:**

- *Motion of Support for the city to continue investments for transitional age youth by approving funding for the two-year bridge for vital TAY services proposed by the TAY ED network.*
- *Motion of Support for the implementation of creating 400 TAY housing units by 2015, and developing an evaluation tool that measures the quality and effectiveness of YAY housing and services.*
- *Resolution of Support for the California Homeless Bill of Rights (1314-01).*
- *Motion of Support for the Family Friendly Workplace Ordinance*
- *Advised the full youth commission on several pieces of housing-related legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors; Authored and passed a motion (1314-02) in support of urging the Board of Supervisors to urge state legislators to return local control over the Ellis Act.*



## EDUCATION, HEALTH, & WELLNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

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- ▶ Chair: Ariel Yu
- ▶ Youth Commission Members: Anna Bernick, Joyce Wu, Luisa Sicairos
- ▶ Student Advisory Council Members: Elizabeth Jones, Rain Talosig, Liam Thirtyacre

This year, the Education, Health, & Wellness Committee<sup>1</sup> demonstrated their commitment as allies who stand for students with disabilities. Seeing the prejudices that exist towards their peers in special education in hallways, school yards, and cafeterias, we reached out to the supporters of this population of youth for more information about what is currently being done. Folks who have helped provide insight and feedback include the Baltimore County Public Schools' Office of Special Education; San Francisco Unified School District's Special Education Department (SFUSD); SFUSD's Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SpEdCAC); The Center for Dignity, Recovery, and Stigma Elimination; Support for Families of Children with Disabilities; E-Soccer Program; Mayor's Council on Disability; Parents of students with disabilities; Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC); Peer-Run Youth with Disabilities Empowerment (PRYDE from ILRC). Our committee also conducted a survey to about a hundred SFUSD high school students and found that 46% of them would like to learn more about special education.



### Victories

The Commission passed the committee's resolution, "Commending the Initiatives the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) has taken to Increase Disability Awareness and Encouraging the District's Efforts in the Promotion and Outreach for these Programs."

*Other priorities the committee invested time and support in included:*

- *Tax on Sugary Sweet Beverages*
- *Solutions not Suspensions Campaign*
- *Following up on Credit Recovery Efforts*
- *Affordable Care Act Outreach*

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<sup>1</sup> The Education, Health, & Wellness Committee is a joint committee between the SF Youth Commission and SFUSD's Student Advisory Council.

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## OUTREACH, EVENTS AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

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Aside from having **19 Full Youth Commission meetings and 78 total meetings of five committees**, the Youth Commission this year engaged in ongoing community conversations and discussions about the reauthorization of the Children's Fund. We participated in two processes: the Children's Fund Community Coalition where we helped facilitate small group discussions around specific policy changes to strengthen the legislation, and the Our Children, Our City (OCOC) community engagement process directed by Mayor Lee and Superintendent Carranza. In the OCOC process, we were successful in our request for a **Youth Town Hall where over 60 youth provided input** to all of the recommendations made throughout 5 community input sessions. Based on the input and feedback we received from engaging with youth and youth advocates, we formed policy recommendations which include an **increase of the Children's Fund to meet the unmet needs of 0-18 year olds**, allow the funds to also be used to **support the unmet needs of TAY 16-24, and ensure that there is youth representation on any oversight body created by the Ordinance by having at least 25% of the seats be made up of youth**. We thank the Board of Supervisors for their efforts in considering our recommendations and consistently following up with us in their roundtable meetings. There is so much more to be proud of and some highlights are mentioned below:

In **August 2013**, we had our first gathering of '13- '14 youth-commissioners-to-be at their **annual orientation retreat**, held in tandem with the SFUSD Student Advisory Council. YC'ers and SAC'ers spent Saturday at City Hall and Sunday at South Beach harbor teaching each other the in's and out's of policy advocacy, youth leadership and parliamentary procedures. This year's workshops included: Social Justice History timeline; Intro the YC; Hard City Knowledge; Professionalism; Rules of Order; Resolution Writing; Lifecycle of a Policy Priority; Community Mapping; Diversity; Self, Us, Now (Telling our personal narrative); and Goal-setting. We were joined by special guests including: Peter Lauterborn (YC alum) and legislative aide to Supervisor Mar), Llane Anderson, Leah LaCroix (former YC chair), and Board of Ed commissioner, Matt Haney.

On **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, we held **DACA day alongside the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs** and the SFUSD, to recognize youth enrolled in President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and increase awareness of the program. We held a press conference and a resource fair with community organizations and free legal counseling for undocumented youth and their families.

On **October 24, 2013**, we held a **Free MUNI for Youth Lobby Day** at City Hall where over 50 youth came to City Hall to share their personal experiences with riding MUNI under the FMFY program's first few months. Youth shared how much this crucial program helped them get across the city to schools and to their after school programs and jobs. Youth were able to speak directly to members of the Board of Supervisors, and thanked the Supervisors who supported the program. Special thanks to Supervisor Campos for leading the FMFY efforts!

Beginning in **January 2014**, youth commissioners and youth commission staff teamed up with Supervisor Avalos' office to begin hosting **12N working group meetings** with members of city departments including, Human Rights Commission, Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, Juvenile Probation Department, Department of Children Youth & their Families, San Francisco Public Library and Recreation & Park Department. These working groups were a follow up to a hearing on 12N hosted in the BOS Neighborhood Services and Safety committee in June 2013. These meetings were aimed at supporting departments in implementing the 12N ordinance, which requires youth-serving city departments and contractors to train staff on LGBTQ competency issues. Youth commissioners met with content experts at several key LGBTQ advocacy and direct-service organizations to get feedback on their efforts and staff also helped screen the 12N pilot training video that they collaborated with DPH to create in 2012 to the full Human Rights Commission and HRC's LGBT Advisory Committee.



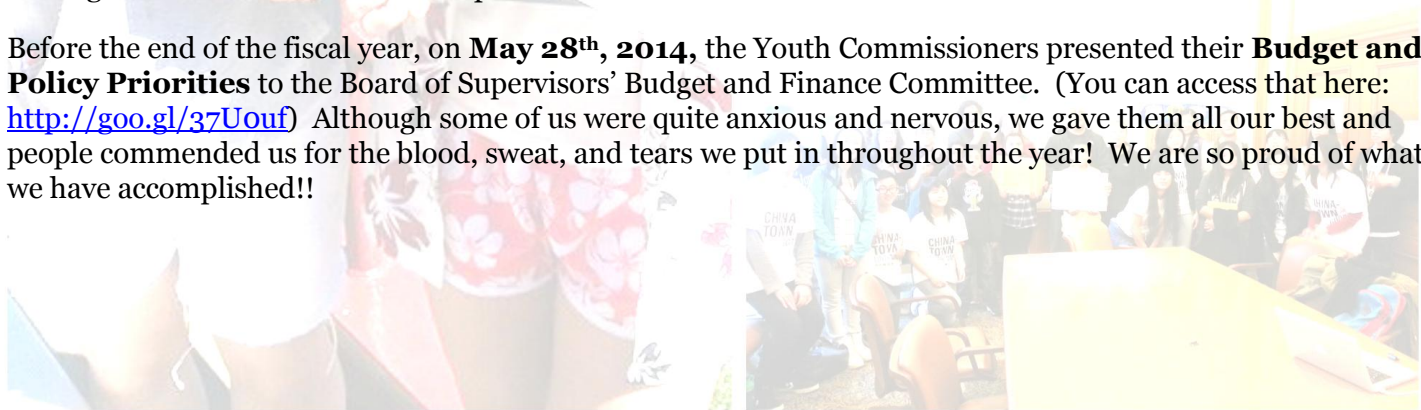
**March 2014** was also a big time for the Free MUNI For Youth Campaign. To bring more awareness to the program that was helping over 30,000 young people in the city, we held a **Free MUNI for Youth Art Contest** with our youth colleagues from the Free MUNI for Youth Coalition. We received over a hundred submissions from people across the city and were able to award four people: **Karen Melgar, Ivy Hu, Jesus Islas, and Amy Luong**. It was a fantastic way to bring advocacy and the arts together in promoting a program we have been urging for throughout the past 4 years!

In **April 2014**, Youth Commissioners teamed up with **SF Human Rights Commission to host a gathering of Bay Area Youth Commissions at the California Association of Human Relation Organizations statewide gathering** in San Francisco. Youth commissioners and youth leaders from Martinez, Richmond, San Pablo, Petaluma, Sonoma County, and San Jose joined to share ideas and inspiration and to support regional youth leadership! SF Youth commissioners, Sonoma County Junior Human Rights commissioners, and community leaders from Coleman Advocates teamed up to host a workshop on school climate issues for human rights leaders from around the state. Topics covered included: ending out of school suspensions, the role of police on school campuses, LGBT student issues, slut-shaming and cyber-bullying.

Also in **April**, youth commissioners worked with **Chinese Progressive Association's Youth MOJO program** to host a youth-specific workshop on the accreditation crisis at **City College of San Francisco**. The workshop was aimed at involving more youth and student voice in the college's Educational Master-Planning sessions taking place during Spring 2014. The workshop was not the first time youth commissioners worked on City College issues during their term. They also attended and spoke at rallies and community events in support of the college, as well as at a Board of Supervisors committee meeting in support of students who had been pepper-sprayed by police while protesting closed meetings on the Ocean campus.

In **May 2014**, Youth Commissioners joined **Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center's Movements youth program at the Just Us summit on youth-police relations held at Balboa HS**. D11 Commissioner, Joshua Cardenas, worked with advocates from Lincoln HS SFUSD Peer Resources and Coleman Advocates' Youth Making a Change to host a "Safe and Just Schools" workshop. The workshop focused on efforts to reduce out-of-school suspensions, limit the role of police on school campuses, and use restorative justice practices to dealing with conflicts on school campuses.

Before the end of the fiscal year, on **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, the Youth Commissioners presented their **Budget and Policy Priorities** to the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee. (You can access that here: <http://goo.gl/37Uouf>) Although some of us were quite anxious and nervous, we gave them all our best and people commended us for the blood, sweat, and tears we put in throughout the year! We are so proud of what we have accomplished!!

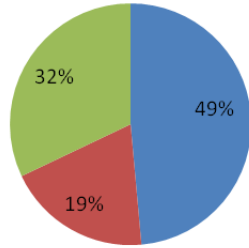


*“Are you ready for some fun facts?”*

## FUN FACTS!

### Percentage of Youth/Advocates Reached through YC outreach Per Activity Type (Jun 2013 to May 2014)

- General Community Mtngs (General forums, general town halls, conveners)
- Youth-Specific Events (Youth Forums, Youth Town Halls, Resource Fairs)
- Visits with Youth Programs, Organizations, and Schools (YC workshops, youth feedback on YC reso's, priorities, issues)



▶▶ YOUTH COMMISSIONERS HOSTED OR PARTICIPATED IN OVER 223 ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR, INCLUDED THE GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS, YOUTH-SPECIFIC EVENTS (YOUTH FORUMS, YOUTH TOWN HALLS, RESOURCE FAIRS) AND VISITS WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SCHOOLS.

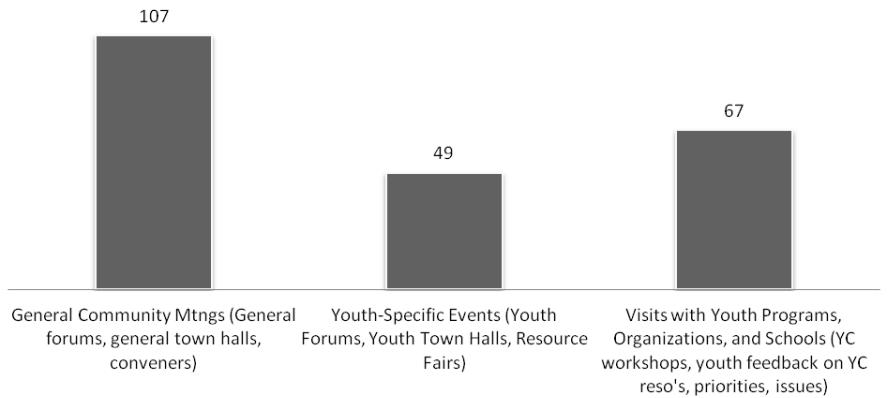
▶▶ EACH YOUTH COMMISSIONER SPENT AT LEAST 482.25 HRS ON THESE ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR.

▶▶ DURING THE YEAR, WE WERE ABLE TO ENGAGE ABOUT 4178 PEOPLE IN OUR YC WORK!

▶▶ THERE WERE 78 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND 19 FULL COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE TOTAL COMMISSIONER HOURS PUT INTO THESE MEETINGS IS 1254.75 HRS...

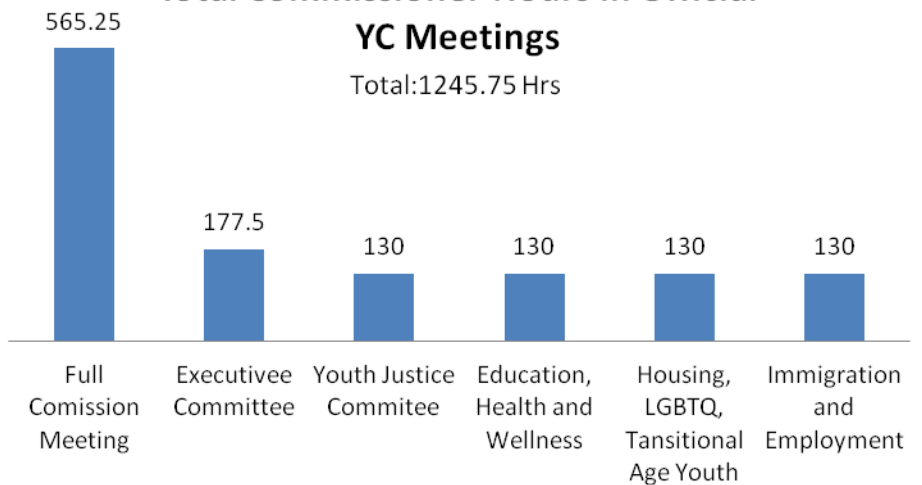
▶▶ WHICH TRANSLATES TO 75,765 MINUTES OR 4,545,900 SECONDS OF YC'ERS TIME DEDICATED TO SERVING THE PUBLIC VIA POLICY-ADVISING!

### Number of Activities Hosted or Participated in



### Total Commissioner Hours in Official YC Meetings

Total: 1245.75 Hrs





## PRESENTATIONS TO FULL YOUTH COMMISSION

DATE	PRESENTATIONS	ACTION
10/7/13	<b>Presentation on Project WHAT!</b> Presenters: Zoe Wilmott, Project WHAT! Coordinator; and PW participants	
10/7/13	<b>Proposed Record Retention Schedule for the Youth Commission</b> Presenter: Wilson Ng, Records Manager, Board of Supervisors	Approved
10/21/13	<b>The Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, Children's Amendment, Children's Fund, and Youth Empowerment Fund</b> Presenter: Prishni Murillo, Policy & Program Planner, YEF, DCYF	
10/21/13	<b>SF HRC's Equity Advisory Committee, Recruitment process</b> Presenter: Zoe Polk, Policy Coordinator, Policy & Social Justice	
11/4/13	<b>Bay Area Video Coalition's Next Gen Youth Programs</b> Presenter: Ingrid Dahl, Aisha Fukushima, BAVC	
11/18/13	<b>San Francisco Public Library Resources and Teen Services</b> Presenter: Catherine Cormier, Teen Center Manager, Main Library, SFPL	
12/2/13	<b>Overview of ACA, request for support and feedback on youth outreach strategies</b> Presenter: Lani Kent, Health Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office	Provided feedback
12/2/13	<b>Cleaner Bart Stations: Proposal from Generation Citizens, Paul Revere Middle</b> Presenter: Jessie Wray & Xiomara Zelava, Generation Citizens	Provided feedback
12/2/13	<b>Bayview Mobilizing for Adolescent Growth in our Communities</b> Presenter: Jeaneane Young, BMAGIC Community Outreach Coordinator	Provided feedback
12/16/13	<b>Request for Support with Project WHAT Youth Survey Outreach</b> Presenter: Zoe Wilmott & PW Youth Participants	Motion of support
12/16/13	<b>Overview on Shape Up San Francisco and its priorities with a focus on youth initiatives</b> Presenter: Christina Goette, DPH's Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch, Director of Shape Up SF	Provided feedback
12/16/13	<b>District Attorney Victim Services' Youth Focus Group Efforts</b> Presenter: Maria Bee, Chief of Victim Services	Provided feedback
3/3/14	<b>Request for Participation in the California Association of Human Relations Organizations Statewide Gathering April 24-25th, 2014</b> Presenter: Theresa Sparks, Executive Director, Human Rights Commission	Motion to support
3/3/14	<b>San Francisco Summer Jobs Plus Report</b> Presenter: Amy Thole, Program Specialist, Match bridge, United Way	Feedback given
3/17/14	<b>Children's Fund Community Coalition Recommendations</b> Presenter: Jessica Mele, Children's Fund Community Coalition	Feedback given
4/7/14	<b>Request for Support of Mission SF's New Era campaign</b> Presenter: Irene Cuellar, Raquel Cuellar, Marco Ponce, Gabriel Hernandez, Santiago Martinez, New ERA	Motion of support
4/7/14	<b>Overview of Policy Priorities for Transitional Age Youth Vision &amp; Goals 2014-16 Report</b> Presenter: Glenn Eagleson, Senior Planner & Policy Analyst/Citywide Lead for TAY services	Motion of support
5/5/14	<b>Request for support of TAY E.D. Network's recommendation to invest in new TAY Services in the coming budget year</b> Presenter: Jodi Schwartz and Sherilyn Adams, Transitional Age Youth E.D. network	<b>Motion of support</b>

7/17/14	<b>Overview and Request for support of Y-PLAN's 2014 Tomodachi Program</b> Presenter: Jessie Stewart, Research Specialist & National Y-PLAN Coordinator; Sean Cochrane, Y-PLAN Tomodachi Coordinator	Motion of Support
7/21/14	<b>Overview of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department's Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and Request for Support and Endorsement</b> Presenter Zoe Burton, Youth Volunteer and Education Coordinator; Charlotte Hill, SFCAN Steering Committee; SF Recreation and Park Department	Motion of Support
7/21/14	<b>Overview of the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs' Dream SF Fellowship Program and Introduction to Dream SF Fellows</b> Presenter Kraig Cook, Civic Engagement Coordinator/Dream SF Project Manager, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs	

## LEGISLATION REFERRED

We are very fortunate to have **Commissioner Joshua Cardenas** serve as our Legislative Affairs Officer this term. Commissioner Cardenas was truly committed to his officer role and spent many hours reviewing legislation. He regularly reviewed legislation introduced by the Board of Supervisors, kept watch on youth related items, pored over news articles and data, and kept regular offices hours to prepare and advise his colleagues of pending legislation for review. The following is the 2013-2014 legislation that the commissioner has reviewed on record this year.

DATE	LEGISLATION	ACTION
9/19/13	<a href="#">130764-Administrative Code – Due Process Ordinance on Immigration Detainers [Avalos]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation on 9/9/13
10/7/13	<a href="#">130864-Planning Code – Transfer of Proposed Child Care Facility Oversight from the DCYF to the OECE [Yee]</a>	Support 10/7/13
10/7/13	<a href="#">130946-Hearing – Impact of Sugar Sweetened Beverages to San Franciscan’s Health and Health Care Sector [Mar]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation. 10/7/13
10/7/13	<a href="#">130785-Request for Approval of the Youth Commission’s TAY, Housing, LGBT committee’s referral response to BOS file no. 130785 on family friendly workplace ordinance [Chiu]</a>	Support the ordinance, and corroborate the comment and recommendations made by the TAY
11/4/13	<a href="#">130968-Administrative, Planning Codes – Ellis Act Displaced Emergency Assistance [Chiu]</a>	Supported 11/4
11/4/13	<a href="#">131044-Hearing to Evaluate the Status of the San Francisco’s Afterschool for All Initiative and examine access to afterschool programs for all students in the SFUSD [Farrell]</a>	Support 11/4/13
12/2/13	<a href="#">130983-Hearing to discuss and evaluate SF’s 10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness, due to sunset at the end of 2014 [Farrell]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation 12/2/14
1/12/14	<a href="#">131212-Referral Response: Support of BOS File No. 131212 Accept and Expend Grant- San Francisco Youth Back on Treatment to Recovery Through Accountability, Collaboration, and Knowledge - \$250,000 [Breed]</a>	Supported 1/12/14
2/3/14	<a href="#">131192-Police, Administrative Codes- Considering Criminal History in Employment and Housing Decisions [Kim]</a>	Supported with comment and recommendation
2/3/14	<a href="#">140070-Resolution supporting Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth and Restorative Justice [Campos]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation 2/3/14
3/3/14	<a href="#">140098-Initiative Ordinance Introduced – Business and Tax Regulations Code – Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages to Fund Food and Health Programs [Mar, Wiener]</a>	Support 3/3/14
3/17/14	<a href="#">140120-Building Code – Earthquake Performance Evaluation of Private School Structures [Mayor]</a>	Support 3/17/14
3/17/14	<a href="#">140123-Resolution urging SCC Chancellor Brice Harris to restore voice of SF voters and public accountability back to CCSF by restoring the duly elected Board of Trustees [Campos]</a>	Support 3/17/14
3/17/14	<a href="#">131208- Ordinance Amending the Health Code to make a law changing the way electronic cigarettes are used and distributed [Mar]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation 3/17/14
4/7/14	<a href="#">140274-Hearing – Expanding Technology Sector Opportunities for Girls and Low-Income Youth [Mar]</a>	Support with comment and recommendation 4/7/14

5/5/14	<b>140441</b> -Charter Amendment – Children and Youth Fund; Commission on Children, Youth, and Their Families [Avalos]	Support, with comment and recommendation
5/5/14	<b>140443</b> -Charter Amendment – Children and Families Council; San Francisco Children and Families Plan[Yee]	Support, with comment and recommendation
5/19/14	<b>140442</b> -Charter Amendment – Public Education Enrichment Fund [Kim]	Support with comment and recommendation 5/19/14
6/16/14	<b>140571-2</b> Amending the Boards Rule to establish scheduling procedures for hearing on matter referred to the youth commission	Support with comment and recommendation
7/7/14	<b>140687</b> Initiative Ordinance-Administrative Code-Minimum Wage	Support with comment and recommendation
7/17/14	<b>140687</b> Initiative Ordinance – Park Code – Children’s Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields	Supported 7/17/14



## YOUTH COMMISSION BUSINESS

DATE	ITEM NAME	ACTION
10/21/13	<b>1213-M-01</b> Motion to support and co-sponsor Youth Advocacy Day 2014	Approved upon first reading
11/18/13	Policy Research Tutorial	No action taken
12/16/13	Presentation and request for approval of COM &PR Work Plan for the YC	Approved on 12/16/14
12/16/13	Presentation and update on the YC's Housing, LGBTQ, and TAY committee's work on 12N ordinance	No action taken
1/6/14	Possible Revision to 2013-2014 YC Bylaws	Approved 12/16/14
1/6/14	<b>Resolution 1314-AL-01</b> Urging Support of the California Homeless Bill of Rights	Approved upon second reading, 1/6/14
1/6/14	<b>1314-M-02</b> Motion of support for <b>BOS File no. 131219</b> resolution supporting amendments to State Law to return local control over the Ellis Act to prevent the speculation and abuse of no-fault evictions	Approved 1/6/14
1/12/14	Review May 22, 2013 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Presentation to BOS's BFC	No action taken
2/3/14	Motion to support and Co-Sponsorship of a Youth Town Hall in District 8 on March 13th, 2014	Approved 2/3/14
3/3/14	<b>1314-AL-02</b> Resolution Urging Creation of a Youth Voice Policy	Adopted upon third reading 3/3/14
3/3/14	<b>1314-M-02</b> Motion for YC to Endorse the Our Children, Our City Stakeholder Council's Youth Town Hall Report	Adopted upon first reading 3/3/14
3/3/14	2014-2015 YC Application	Approved 3/3/14
3/17/14	<b>1314-M-03</b> Request for BOS hearing on services and solutions for youth with incarcerated parents	Adopted upon second reading 3/17/14
3/17/14	<b>1314-AL-06</b> Modifying MUNI's fare structure to make 18-year-olds eligible for youth discounts	Adopted upon second reading 3/17/14
3/17/14	<b>1314-M-04</b> Sponsoring the Take a Stand for San Francisco youth art event on April 5, 2014	Adopted upon first reading 3/17/14
4/7/14	<b>1314-AL-04</b> YC recommended policies and priorities for the Children's Fund	Adopted upon second reading 4/7/14
4/7/14	<b>1314-M-07</b> Request for YC Support and Sponsorship of Summer Learning Day 2014	Adopted upon first reading 4/7/14
4/7/14	<b>1314-M-08</b> Support SFCIPP's letter of support for DGO 7.04	Adopted upon first reading 4/7/14
4/7/14	<b>1314-M-09</b> Supporting Generation Citizens Civics Day	Adopted upon first reading 4/7/14
5/19/14	<b>1314-AL-07</b> Commendation for Nayad Abrahamian	Adopted upon first reading 5/19/14
5/19/14	<b>1314-AL-05</b> Employing Undocumented Youth in SF Public Sector Youth Workforce Programs	Adopted upon second reading 5/19/14
5/19/14	Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 14-15, 15-16	Adopted upon second reading 5/19/14
6/16/14	1314-06 Supporting the SFUSD disability awareness efforts	Adopted upon second reading 6/16/14
7/21/14	Youth Commission's Key to the City Youth Housing Town Hall Report and Request for Endorsement	Supported and Endorsed 7/21

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- Project WHAT! We are here and talking!
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- Success Center SF
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