

San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 5:00 pm~8:00 pm City Hall, Room 278 1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes ~ Draft

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

Vice Chair Cheung called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Commissioner Ty is not here and Commissioner Alioto-Pier is running late.

No public comment. Motion to excuse Commissioner Hylton and Commissioner Asfasw's absence, by Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Santos.

Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Motion to approve by Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. January 19, 2020 (Document A)

Commissioner Alioto-Pier arrived at 5:07pm. No public comment. Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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



Ellie Lerner, Urban School, Item No. 7b, OAC Youth Seat 1 Recommendation. Ellie gave a brief background of her qualifications for OAC youth seat 1. She is heavily involved in community and in school. Experience with budgets in role as editor of news and opinion column in school newspaper. Also worked with generation upwards that focuses on education advocacy. Will emphasize the importance of climate change and environmental activism.

Public comment is closed.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No.190418 [Administrative Code - Navigation Centers for the Homeless]

Sponsors: Supervisors Haney, Ronen, Mar, and Walton

Presenter: Courtney McDonald, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Haney

(Document B)

Courntey: How many have been to a NAV center before? I highly recommend and can coordinate a tour in D6. There are more than 8,000 people who experience homeless in San Francisco, more than 1,000 are TAY, 65% of those folks are living unsheltered. Every night, around 5,000 people are without a safe place to sleep. We think it's a tragedy and impacting every neighborhood of SF.

Shelter system serves more than 2800 people every night, and there are more living on the street. For every person who is moved out of homelessness, another 3 go unhoused. We need everyone to get housed. The City is investing heavily on PSH for youth, families, and adults. It is essential that we give folks a place to sleep. The City has operated 9 NAV centers, a high service/low barrier form of a shelter. Took pieces of old shelters, and amplified services that did work. The problem, while we have built 9, they have been concentrated in D6, D9, D10. Excited about TAY NAV center in Peskin's District 3. We have ambitious goals, but the process lacks transparency. HSH has not put forward a comprehensive plan to address the end of homelessness. This legislation asks for 3 things, primarily:

- Set a policy for Dept of Homelessnes to build a NAV center in every district
- 2. To create procedures to open NAV centers, really clear rules to engage with stakeholders
- 3. It strengthens the program.

This isn't to say that all NAV centers will be homogenous, but the process and procedures will be consistent.

Commissioner Hirji reads HLU's memo into the record.

Commissioner Nassiri: what was the intention in shifting language in section 106.2c from "shal"I to "may"?



Courtney: We are also very frustrated that the requirements in original legislation have not been met. Most of the requirements in that clause related to the requirement shall not have opened fewer than 6 NAV centers within 24 months since 2016. From HSH's perspective these requirements were met.

Second, as noted in the memo, we listed a few populations that we think should be served, again in our conversation with HSH + Mayor, their ask is to be as flexible as possible. They need flexibility to be able to meet this requirement. We want to see more beds for TAY, but again they wanted to grant a level of flexibility.

Commissioner Quick: As a member of HLU, our thought process in drafting the memo is that we recognize that there are other populations and we want this to open, our position is mainly that it's taken years to get a NAV center. The 888 Post St. location may fall through and will take more than a year to be opened. Our worry is that, going forward, if we remove this clause "shall", we'll end up down the road where there is no TAY NAV center. Flexibility is good when you have a lot of priorities, but when this impacts a lot of homeless youth, we don't feel comfortable with the "may" clauses. Our ask, is to maintain the existing language as referenced in section 1063.1.

Commissioner Versace: You said flexibility, what do you think is possible in 6 months?

Courtney: The embarcadero was proposed in March and opened in December. We have gotten a little better at it. Recognizing that 6 months is incredibly aggressive, we are open to the timing. At the same time, the impetus behind this legislation is that we were not finding a strong city-wide plan from HSH to address homelessness. We want to push hard to get people into beds. There is a section in the legislation that any NAV center that was opened since April 2019, will be counted toward this requirement.

Commissioner Nassiri: The language says that NAV centers that focused on the needs for 18-29 year olds, what are the requirements for this?

Courtney: this was adopted from an earlier ordinance in 2016. Trying to strike a line through flexibility and directions. This depends on the population's needed services. Gives providers from flexibility.

Commissioner Quick: The NAV center's services will depend on the population that it is serving.

Commissioner Cureton: any final questions or comments? I encourage us commissioners to ensure this promise gets met for TAY youth.

YCer Discussion:

Commissioner Hirji: We are the SF Youth Commission, we are here to advocate for historically underrepresented, it is our duty to make sure we are advocating for them. This legislation removes the legal requirement for a TAY NAV center, I feel like we are doing our constituents a disservice.



Commissioner Nassiri: I may not be as familiar with the history NAV centers as HLU, but as someone who is a resident I have seen this issue my whole life. In my opinion it is counter productive to not support this legislation. It seems like there is no physical infrastructure changes between NAV and TAY NAV centers.

Commissioner Quick: To Commissioner Nassiri's point, HLU generally supports this. I think our perspective is that we would oppose unless amended. These amendments are very minimal, just one word to be changed. We can lobby Supervisors to make our concerns known.

Commissioner Jones: essentially, you all are asking for that one word to be changed so that one word can be changed for TAY NAV?

Commissioner Cureton: Yes.

Commissioner Alameri: There are efforts happening to reduce TAY homelessness, but this legislation is not making it mandatory. We need it to be mandatory in our city.

Commissioner Cureton: I'm sensing some opposition in the room so I will take this decision by a roll call vote.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick, motioned to oppose the legislation before us unless amended to reinstate existing section 106.2c of the administrative code that this legislation is proposing to remove, seconded by Commissioner Alameri.

Roll Call vote:

Cheung, I

Alioto-Pier, I

Dong, I

Cureton, I

Quick, I

Alameri, I

Chan. I

Arana, I

Jones, I

Santos, I

Nassiri, Nay

Versace, I

Hirji, I

Ginsburg, Nay

Motion passes with 12 I's and 2 naves from Commissioner Nassiri and Ginsburg.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)



A. [Inform + Decision] SFUSD Equity Task Force
Presenter: Jenny Lam, Education Advisor to Mayor Breed & Commissioner Alison Collins,
Board of Education

This item was tabled for next FYC meeting, Feb. 18th.

B. [Inform + Input] Transitional Aged Youth System of Care Advisory Committee Presenter: Kali Cheung, Associate Director, SF Department of Public Health (Document C)

Kali: Hello Commissioners, my name is Kali Chueng and I am with the Systems of Care under DPH. Thank you for having us.

Heather: Hello, I am Heather Weisbord, also an associate director with Behavioral Care Services of TAY Systems of Care.

Kali: We are here to present a new system we are launching at DPH, formally launched in 2017-2018. We would like to share what we've been doing and sharing information.

Kali and Heather present to the Youth Commission

Commissioner Santos: How do you ensure culturally competent care?

Kali: We do that through the first few columns, the threshold program. We remove barriers from providers, and let them use their unique strategies to engage with youth. Different things like drumming circles, aromatherapy, etc.

Commissioner Chan: In terms of therapy and counseling services, some youth may feel more comfy with therapists who look like them. What is the process of pairing?

Kali: It's about the program and the intake process. They have conversations before committing, building trust is a huge thing.

Commissioner Dong: does the system of care work with the coordinated entry system?

Heather: We work closely with HSH in general, we also have 5 out of 6 youth access points. So yes they do.

Commissioner Quick: in your sighting outreach in coordinated bodys, how do you do outreach for these programs?

Kali: for the services, we circulate through word of mouth, presentations, and engage with different partners. Leadership programs, we've been very intentional of what has happened across the city, and is an open invitation to all youth.



Commissioner Santos: after opening youth to youth program, is SSN a requirement?

Kali: No it is not a requirement, it is trying to offer funds to young people. It's been great.

Commissioner Chan: Is the deadline still open? Me and Amara can promote this on our social media.

Kali: They extended the deadline through the end of this week. They are definitely accepting applications.

Commissioner Cheung: Thank you for presenting today.

C. [Inform + Decision] South of Market Community Action Network's (SOMCAN) Transit Justice Campaign: #FREEMUNI4ALLSF

Presenter: Ramon Bonifacio, Community Services Worker, SOMCAN

PJ is presenting on behalf of Ramon.

PJ: We are here to call on the YC to change a shift in its priorities of SFMTA to equity, community engagement, and meaningfully invest in public transit, and stop fare increase. On January 28th, the SFMTA Board of Directors hearing, they proposed another fare increase on transit riders. This makes it hard for working class, low income folks to access public transit. SOMCAN collected 800 postcards from folks who take muni or public transit in general. People don't like it because of personal burden, MUNI is already expensive.

SOMCAN's asks of the YC:

- 1. Join the fight against MUNI fare increases
- 2. Invest in improving a more reliable and safe transit system by writing a letter to SFMTA
- 3. Attend Actions/Hearings
 - a. Next one: February 18th, SFMTA Board of Directors hearing
- 4. Be involved in holding community meetings in SF and find locations
- 5. Rosa Parks day is having an action at 5:45pm Civic Center Plaza.

PJ reads postcards of support. Some TAY here to speak:

- Elisa D. works at SOMCAN explains org mission, SFSU student, and SF portola resident.

 Uses bus line M and 44. Doesn't have access to a car, helps me go to work, school, and buying personal amenities. Here to share experience and struggles of using muni services, and wants to express stance on why fares should not be included. It is important
- MJ, resident of SOMA, when I was in HS i wasn't worried about paying for the bus. But now as a City College student, I don't get a bus pass anymore. This is a burden as I ride it everyday. It is a burden to my family and myself. I have to work 2 jobs so that I can



contribute to paying bills at home. My mom pays for a bus pass, and doesn't qualify for any more free passes, because she works 3 jobs, just to make ends meet

Public comment was called.

Enrique Santos, SOMCAN organizer, shares testimony. CCSF student and can't afford muni. His money goes toward food, school, and books. Please write to SFMTA and come to the hearing.

Ramon Bonifacio, who lives in D6, urges YC to support the transit justice campaign. As a 1st year full time student and worker it is unfair to place this burden on the TAY population. My parents walk to work because they can't afford the bus fare. We know SF is expensive.

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: thank you for sharing your stories. I myself go to CCSF and understand it's hard to pay for bus fare. What does involvement look like for your 4th ask.

PJ: we are planning to have community meetings. You can help us find a space, co-host,

Commissioner Quick: What orgs are you working with?

PJ: Transit justice coalition that we are a part of. Few orgs. there and general members. SOMCAN is a found member of the coalition. We have CHP, taxi drivers. We are looking for more individuals

Commissioner Quick: what was SFMTA's rationale for this fare increase.

PJ: \$3.25 for adult fare. No change for youth fare. Rationale: cleanliness, faster routes, efficiency.

Commissioner Quick: why are they proposing this? Have you met with SFMTA staff in person?

PJ: every year they increase the fair on the basis of "more reliable" services. They make decisions without community and last time had a meeting at Uber where you needed an escort to get up.

Commissioner Quick: I agree with the campaign. But I do think it would be productive to know what SFMTA's argument is to support this fare increase? I would be interested in seeing those. I don't know if staff has access to that. But I support the campaign.

Commissioner Jones: When is the increase set to happen?

PJ: July this year or next?

Commissioner Quick: are they increasing the monthly one?



Commissioner Dong: Out of curiosity, have you looked into MTC? They provide a chunk of money from lifelong funds. They subsidize a lot of fares for low-income communities.

PJ: migrant families are scared to give out information to agencies.

Commissioner Versace: What is the issue?

PJ: not everyone has access to an app, or clipper card. Some people just use cash and they are being taxed for no reason.

Ramon: Clipper stops working at age of 18. They cut mine on the day of my birthday when I was going to school. This is not for youth, it's also for TAY. It's a big part of our monthly income.

Commissioner Cureton: Going back to clipper cards, have you all done work for youth CC or cash fare?

PJ: yes, we want this to be accessible to everyone.

Staff Kiely: I want to clarify, the YC changed it to it be cut off at 19. We will figure something out to remind SFMTA.

Commissioner Chueng: I was wondering if one of your asks for us to be at the hearing, what time is that?

PJ: they meet at 1pm.

Commissioner Chueng: Do you want a specific number?

Commissioner Cureton: who can commit? I know it's an untimely manner?

PJ: if not, we can also read a letter during public comment from the YC.

Commissioner Alameri can make it.

Commissioner Quick: Will write the letter on behalf of the YC. Send it to the staff and staff can share it with everyone.

Commissioner Chan: Commissioner Ginsburg and myself will like to help.

Commissioner Quick: timeline is short and can talk after the meeting.

Commissioner Jones: can help find a venue in District 10.

Commissioner Quick: I would not put that in the motion. Commissioners can do that in their individual capacity.



No public comment. Motion to support SOMCAN's Transit Justice Campaign including by Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Arana.

Vote by acclamation. Motion passes.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Input] [First Reading] HLU/TJ Resolution on youth still getting fined on Muni even with Free Muni for Youth

Sponsors: Commissioners Santos, Ty, and Asfaw (Document D)

Commissioner Santos reads the legislation into the record.

Commissioner Dong: Thank you for writing. I have a few clarifying questions: is there a specific age you will include for TAY? it wasn't clear in the draft.

Commissioner Santos: we want to include 18-24

Commissioner Dong: Curious about, 1.4 million dollars from?

Commissioner Santos: no, but can look it up

Commissioner Ginsburg: line 54-56, it might be unclear where the money is going. Maybe it will be more clear.

Commissioner Quick: line 51, page 4. Division 1.... of what? What is it? Admin?

Commissioner Santos: if you get a ticket, this is what you get. Passenger misconduct is another ticket. Pricing goes from \$80-\$150.

Commissioner Quick: My question is more, what are those divisions a part of? SF transportation code?

Commissioner Ginsburg: does the program not include all SFUSD students?

Commissioner Santos: no, the assumption is that youth will automatically be included if you have free and reduced lunch.

Commissioner Chan: Line 73, add work with. remove just discuss.

Commissioner Quick: From a broader policy perspective, I think this resolution does a lot of things. I would add that when we talk about Muni fares, it seems to me that the simplest solution is that we ask SFMTA to just drop fares to 0. When we generate these programs we create more bureaucracy. It is something we should think about.



Commissioner Santos: Free MUNI for all is important, it is a matter of what is realistic. It is a compromise, but our thought is that it works toward.

Staff Kiely: Congratulations on drafting your first piece of legislation! Resolutions will need an action legislation number. Formatting is needed and Sponsors' name. There is confusion on the title, more so title number 1. It doesn't reflect fare evasion.

Also, you can include that on Feb. 3 YC voted in support for SOMCAN's MUNI4ALL campaign.

Commissioner Cureton: we will be hearing more about this at the next meeting. Thank you again Commissioners for spearheading this.

B. [Inform + Decision] DCYF OAC Youth Seat 2 Recommendation Sponsor: Executive Committee

Commissioner Quick: Seat 2 fell vacant, we did not reopen applications and instead went back to the reapplication pool. EXEC committee discussed and recommended, we recommend Michelle Li to Seat 2 on the DCYF OAC. Rationale:

- work in community
- dedicated to personal development
- is a sophomore and can stay at least 2 years
- Impressed with recommendation from CPA organization
- Has a lot of room to build professional skills.

This decision was unanimous.

Commissioner Cureton: Thank you for the Commissioners who gave feedback. Again, you all asked and we sent out applications.

Commissioner Versace: Is this the candidate that Santos recommended for 1st seat?

Commissioner Santos: Yes.

Public comment was called, there was none. Motion to approve recommendation of Seat 2, Michelle Li, by Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

C. [Inform + Decision] Youth Seat Recommendations Across Government Bodies Presenter: Austin Truong, Youth Commission Staff

Staff Truoung is out sick. Staff Hosmon will be presenting on their behalf. Staff hosmon presented on City Chartered Commissions.

Walks through the history of YC. The current seat recommendations the YC needs to make.



As you all are saying you want more transparency, there needs to be a champion to create a formalized process in the Bylaws.

Proposed process from EXEC:

- 1. Staff notifies EXEC and FYC
 - a. Staff tell FYC application deadline + information
 - b. Post on website, WI, socials
- 2. EXEC notifies review session date
 - a. send applications to FYC
 - b. invite Commissioners to speak during EC or send their comments to an EC member
- 3. EXEC determines top candidates
 - a. invite for next FYC meeting
 - b. tell applicants to to keep FYC date free
- 4. Once at FYC,
 - a. Each applicant will speak about themselves for x amount of time.
 - b. Commissioners will ask questions in 5 minutes
 - c. decision will be made during this meeting to recommend one person

Commissioner Quick: this came out of MYR conversation. I am working on a bylaw amendment for the next meeting. If you want to be a part of that contact me or any member of EXEC.

Staff Hosmon: transparent enough?

Commissioners: Yes.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO

Commissioner Quick: not much to report. BOS has been dormant. Only thing is that Sup. Fewer introduced a hearing to hear our BPP's on a tentative date of February 26th.

b. Comms

Commissioner Chan: almost done with YC profiles, YC end of the year social party, and presenting to CBO's.

Commissioner Santos: if you know of any cool CBO's

c. General Committee Updates

Accountability and transparency conversation re: Chair Training.

Commissioner Alameri: I expected 5 of us to be there, all of us were new Commissioners and would have liked more peer support. We talked about a possible monthly check-in with Chairs.

Commissioner Jones: I want to thank the staff for planning a training. Staff had a whole spread and it's important that we attend these training sessions that will support our work.



Commissioner Nassiri: A notification from CEC chairs that we had emergencies. Not that we haven't been active. We were also at NEN awards.

Commissioner Jones: In the event of absences, they are reported to staff. And ultimately, staff isn't your fellow Commissioner. We should know the baseline of why you are missing. There needs to be communication with everyone involved.

Commissioner Alameri: I think it relates to today as well. This conversation includes FYC meetings.

b. Civic Engagement

Commissioner Versace: Vote16 Town Hall, BLING Grant, Sup. Fewer is now a co-sponsor

c. Housing and Land Use

Commissioner Dong: At last meeting we worked on our Memo for NAV leg., went over updates on 29 projects, and discussed our workshops for the Grand Challenge team. Talked about presentations we want to prioritize for BPPs.

d. Transformative Justice

Just a lot of budget stuff. Not much to report.

e. OCOF

Nothing to report.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Implicit Bias Training March 1st
 - o Nassiri, Versace, Hirji, Alioto-Pier
- Mid-Year 1-1's w Itzel in February
- SOTA Health Fair on 4/22 1pm
 - Santos, Nassiri
- BFC February 26th (in presentation)
 - Logistics + presentation: Calvin
 - o HLU: Khatab
 - o CEC: Rocky
 - o TJ: Rome/Josephine
 - o If people can't commit, they need to attend the presentation
 - Day 1: February 20
 - Day 2: February 25th
- Food issue from MYR
 - Waste of food/resources (financial)
 - o Trying to feed you all if you have preferences, let me know.
- Next Meeting: TUESDAY Feb. 18th, 2020 (Monday is a holiday)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- District 4 is hosting a lunar new year presentation, tabling opportunity Sat. February 22nd, 10am-12pm. Food is provided. at Jefferson Elementary
 - Commissioner Cheung and Cureton
 - Will send out flyer
- Jason Chen: organizing a youth core organizing team. Looking for YCers to be lead organizers
 - Nassiri, Alameri, Jones, Cheung, Arana, Santos, Ginsburg



- Youth Justice Comic Con at Lick-Wilmerding, Saturday, February 29th
 - would love to have Vote16
 - from Aptos HS

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm

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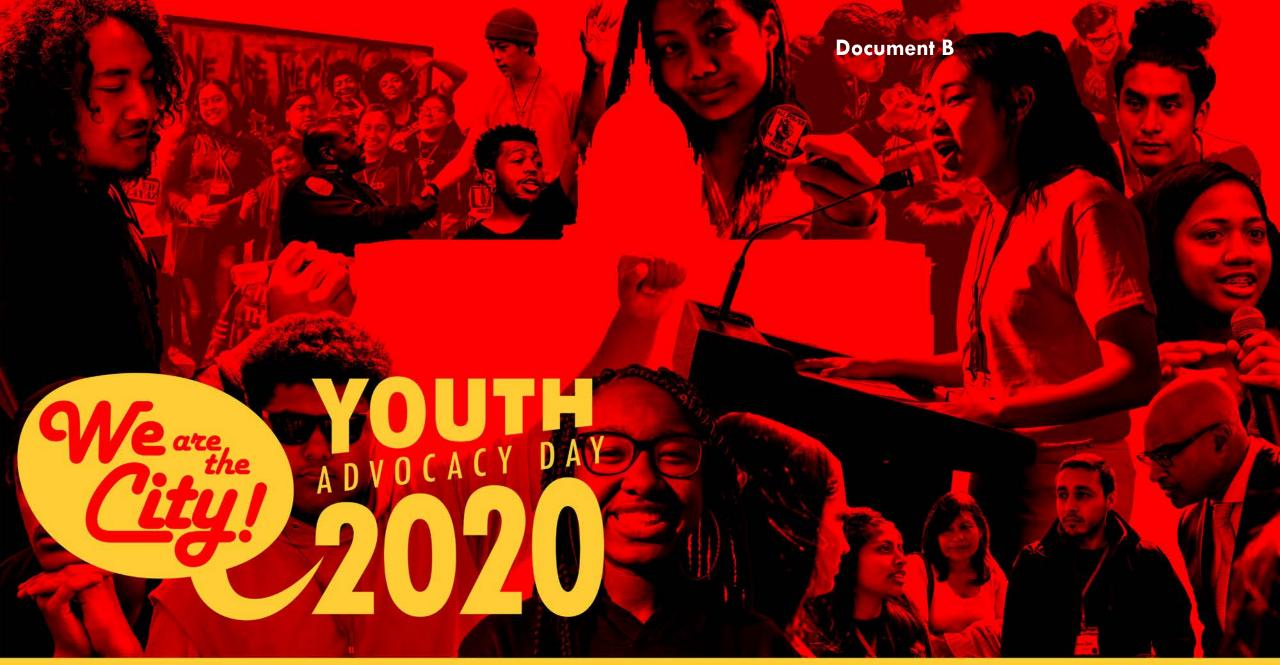
LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to help ensure availability. Contact Peggy Nevin at (415) 554-5184.

AVISO EN ESPAÑOL: La solicitud para un traductor debe recibirse antes de mediodía de el viernes anterior a la reunion. Llame a Derek Evans (415) 554-7702.

Paunawa: Ang mga kahilingan ay kailangang matanggap sa loob ng 48 oras bago mag miting upang matiyak na matutugunan ang mga hiling. Mangyaring tumawag kay Joy Lamug sa (415) 554-7712.

翻譯 必須在會議前最少四十八小時提出要求

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AGENDA

YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY 2020

- Goals
- Program Overview
- •Issue Areas & Guests
- Youth Leaders
- Questions





It's 2020,

and the theme of the year is political participation—through voting in the US Presidential Election. But without the vote, youth are left out of the conversation.



It's the same on the local level here in SF—more than not being able to vote, our City government is structurally inaccessible to young people.

But our youth have still found ways to make their voices heard.

Youth Advocacy Day: We are the City is an all-day event that celebrates, cultivates, and amplifies the power of San Francisco's youth to make change in our City. On Tuesday, May 12, we invite high school students to City Hall to build their civic engagement skills and put those skills into practice with the people who run their government. Understanding how these public officials influence different areas of their lives, they have the opportunity to directly share their thoughts, concerns, and questions about issues they care about as young people. Youth Advocacy Day is a unique educational experience for youth to take ownership over their civic lives and make their presence in San Francisco felt.

YAD2020 GOALS



- YAD2020 is a safe space for all attendees
- YAD2020 is an opportunity for youth organizers and advocates to highlight their past/current work
- YAD2020 is an opportunity to engage meaningfully with public officials
- YAD2020 is a fun experience for all youth, especially for those who have never been to City Hall before
- YAD2020 supports/honors existing campaigns while serving as an opportunity to engage youth who are new to the work



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Registration and Inspiration Stations	Civic Center Plaza
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony	City Hall Front Steps
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Youth Enter City Hall into Light Courts	City Hall Entrances
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Light Court Breakfast	North and South Light Courts
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Skill Building Workshops	North and South Light Courts
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch + Meet & Greet with Public Officials	Civic Center Plaza
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Hot Seat Discussion I	City Hall Conference Rooms
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Hot Seat Discussion II	City Hall Conference Rooms
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	After Party + Meet & Greet with Public Officials	Civic Center Plaza





HOT SEAT DISCUSSIONS



- Flipping the "panel" dynamic: 2-3 public officials in the "hot seat" listening to and answering questions from youth
- Leaders of departments related to 5 issue
 areas with different (sometimes conflicting) roles
- Community moderators will help guide discussion towards major problems youth face



ISSUE AREAS & GUESTS



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TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

Chesa Boudin

DA

Katy Miller JPD Jeff

Tumlin

SFMTA

Lateefah

Simon

BART

Jeff

Kositsky

HSH

Judson True

Mayor's Director of Housing Delivery

Adams **MOHCD**

Dan

POLICING & IMMIGRATION

Bill Scott
SFPD

Manohar Raju

Public

Defender

CULTURE & GENTRIFICATION

Joaquin Torres **OEWD** Shakirah
Simley
Office of
Racial Equity

Julia
Sabory
Cultural Districts
Manager, MOHCD

YOUTH LEADERS



- Youth leaders will facilitate the morning's small group skill-building workshops
- Recruiting 25 youth leaders from Youth Commission (hi!), DCYF University, past YAD participants, & DCYF programs
- Commit to 2 workshops/planning meetings, dress rehearsal, & day of participation



QUESTIONS?



FILE NO. MOTION NO. 1920-AL-08

1	[Motion to Support Letter for Valeria Thais Suarez Rojas, CIYJA Organizer from Deportation]
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3	Supplementary Information:
4	Letter of Support (attached)
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MOTION NO. 1920-AL-08

Department of Homeland Security Office of Chief Counsel 100 Montgomery Street Suite 200 San Francisco, CA 94104

February 12, 2020

Dear Office of Chief Counsel,

The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Department to exercise prosecutorial discretion in the case of Valeria Thais Suarez Rojas, A201-392-691. This is crucial to approve the discretion as not only the Youth Commission, but the City and County of San Francisco emphasizes and believes providing refuge for all people, particularly those who are targeted and marginalized.

The Youth Commission is composed of seventeen youth representing the diverse communities of San Francisco. As the Youth Commission's sub-committee of Transformative Justice, we have advocated for immigrant rights, sanctuary and liberation. Approving Valeria's prosecutorial discretion would mean helping a young gender non-conforming immigrant live in the country they've started and sustained a life in.

Valeria deserves our utmost support. Valeria is a 23-year-old student graduate and community leader who in January 2020 graduated from the University of California, Berkeley ("UC Berkeley"). Valeria is a valued member of their academic community and the broader San Francisco Bay Area.

Valeria has excelled at one of the country's leading universities. In January 2020, Valeria graduated from UC Berkeley, with a Bachelor's degree in Social Welfare and minor in Education. As a student leader, Valeria mentored youth on campus by participating in RISE from 2016 to 2018, Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education, where they advocated for education access for first generation students. Valeria's mentorship supported youth in navigating academia and community engagement programs at the university. Since October 2019, Valeria has been a Fellows Coordinator for the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigration Affairs for the City of San Francisco, where Valeria supports youth in deepening their engagement in civic and community driven opportunities.

Valeria's contact with immigration authorities on June 6, 2019, at the San Juan Airport in Puerto Rico should not result in their deportation. Valeria was traveling domestically after celebrating their birthday and upcoming graduation from UC Berkeley. Domestic travel by a student at a leading university should not have resulted in the Department placing Valeria in removal proceedings. We hope that the Department will reconsider.

Valeria's life is here in the United States. Valeria was brought to this country on a visa when they were a minor. Since then Valeria has built deep roots in this country. Their closest

family members are here, including their mother and brother who are both U.S. lawful permanent residents. Here, Valeria dreams of pursuing a Masters in Counseling and mentoring LGBTQ youth who like them have struggled with issues relating to gender and sexual expression. Valeria recently came out as Queer and identifies as gender nonconforming. In Peru, LGBTQ people like Valeria are still persecuted and same-sex relationships are not recognized by law.

Because of Valeria's deep contributions to our communities and the danger Valeria would face in Peru, we respectfully urge you to exercise your authority to terminate Valeria's removal proceedings. Valeria is not someone who the Department should spend its resources trying to deport to a country where their life would be in danger. We hope that Valeria is given the opportunity to continue their aspirations for higher education here in the United States where they will be safe from persecution.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Commissioner Santos
Commissioner Asfaw
Commissioner Chan
The San Francisco Youth Commission
Transformative Justice Committee

Document D

Proposed bylaw amendments // agenda item submission for the February 18, 2020 FYC // to be submitted to Executive Committee by preceding Wednesday noon

Proposed amendment 1:

On page 8, delete "Youth Advisory Council;" from the title of Article VI Section (D).

Proposed amendment 2:

On page 8, delete the following text: "The Commission's Executive Committee, by simple majority vote, shall designate which two Youth Commissioners will serve on the City's Youth Advisory Council (when in operation), which serves as the youth advisory body to the City's Department of Children, Youth and their Families. (It is recommended that the two Commissioners serving as the Commission's representatives on the Youth Advisory Council not simultaneously serve as Executive Officers or as the elected officers of any other Commission Committee.)"

Proposed amendment 3:

On page 8, replace "Youth Justice Committee" with "Transformative Justice Committee"

Proposed amendment 4:

Add Section (E) to Article VI entitled "Recommendation Process for Youth Appointments to Other City Bodies"

"For those bodies for which the Youth Commission reviews applications and makes recommendations on appointments for youth seats, the following process shall be observed. This does not apply in the case of internal appointments and elections of sitting Youth Commissioners to represent the Youth Commission on other bodies.

- (a) When Youth Commission staff are informed of a vacancy for a seat regarding which the Youth Commission is tasked with making an appointment recommendation, staff will notify Executive Committee.
- (b) When an application for the seat has been released, staff will inform both Executive Committee and the full Youth Commission of the application deadline and any other relevant information related to the application process during a formal meeting of each of those bodies. This information will also be posted on the Commission's website and in internal communications.
- (c) In consultation with staff, Executive Committee will schedule a review session in a regular Executive Committee meeting, during which the Executive Committee and any other Commissioners present will review applications for the seat. Applications for the seat must close no later than the date of the last full Youth Commission before the review session in Executive Committee. At the last full Youth Commission before the review session, Executive Committee and staff will inform the full Commission of the date set for the review session. Once applications have closed, staff will forward all applications to all Commissioners for review, and will inform

- all applicants that, should they be recommended by Executive Committee, they will be asked to be present at the following full Youth Commission meeting.
- (d) At the review session, Executive Committee shall consider all applications, as well as any comments forwarded to it by other Commissioners. Executive Committee shall recommend between one (1) and three (3) applicants. Should Executive Committee fail to make any recommendations, this process will start all over again from subsection (b).
- (e) All recommended applicants will be asked to appear at the next full Youth Commission meeting, and shall be informed of this by staff directly following their recommendation by Executive Committee. The applications of applicants recommended by Executive Committee, as well as any further materials and reports produced by Executive Committee, shall be included in the agenda packet for the full Youth Commission agenda on which they appear.
- (f) At full Youth Commission, each applicant will be ask to speak on their application for three (3) minutes, followed by five (5) minutes of Commission questions, to be extended at the discretion of the Chair. The Commission will then vote to recommend one (1) applicant to the appointing authority by absolute majority of sworn Commissioners.
- (g) Should the full Commission fail to make a recommendation, a full supplementary review session must be scheduled for the next regular full Youth Commission meeting, during which the full Commission will review all applications received for the seat and recommend one (1) applicant to the appointing authority by absolute majority of sworn Commissioners. Applicants will not be asked to appear at this meeting, unless the full Youth Commission votes to the contrary by simple majority of Commissioners present after failing to make a recommendation at the preceding meeting.
- (h) Should the full Commission fail to make a recommendation after the supplementary review session in full Commission, this process will start all over again from subsection (b). Alternatively, at any point in this process once applications have closed, the full Commission may vote by absolute majority to affirmatively not make any recommendation for the seat. Should this happen, staff will immediately inform the appointing authority.
- (i) Staff will at all times maintain communication with applicants to make sure they understand this process."

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-09

FILE NO.

1	[Fare Evasions – Inclusivity and Accessibility – Muni Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program]
2	· regram,
3	Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to adopt
4	reforms to the Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program for qualified low-income
5	youth, including Transitional Age Youth, in addition related to citations for fare evasion
6	by youth.
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8	WHEREAS, Everyone in San Francisco deserves access to equitable, reliable low cost
9	fare, particularly marginalized low income communities such as Black, Brown, LGBTQ+,
10	people experiencing homelessness; and
11	WHEREAS, Although Free Muni has benefited many people in San Francisco,
12	Transitional Age Youth (TAY) are not included in this program; and
13	WHEREAS, Youth, specifically low-income youth of color, deserve the right to be
14	educated on programs they qualify for; and
15	WHEREAS, A City and County of San Francisco survey shows as of 2018 10% of San
16	Francisco residents were considered to be in poverty; and
17	WHEREAS, A City and County of San Francisco survey shows Black or African
18	American residents experiencing poverty at three times the average rate; and
19	WHEREAS, Students living in households with incomes at or below 130% of the
20	poverty line (\$28,665 a year for a family of four) qualify for free lunch; and
21	WHEREAS, A majority of San Francisco's public school students depend on Muni to
22	travel between their homes and schools; and
23	WHEREAS, A significant portion of San Francisco's public school students are low-
24	income; and
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1	WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed BOS File No. 100408 on
2	April 6, 2010 urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to create a
3	Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program, also known as Free Muni for Youth, for qualified
4	low-income youth, and the SFMTA subsequently worked in conjunction with SFUSD to
5	implement the program; and
6	WHEREAS, SFUSD has faced several challenges to implementing the distribution of
7	these passes, including making sales of the discounted pass accessible to students across
8	the city, ensuring that cash payments can be made in a secure manner, and identifying
9	adequate staffing to administer the program; and
10	WHEREAS, The cost of public transportation continues to be a major concern for youth
11	in San Francisco; and
12	WHEREAS, The Fall 2008 YouthVote Student Survey found that, of the 8,256 San
13	Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) high school students surveyed, nearly seventy
14	percent (69.3%) used some form of public transportation to get to school, and over forty
15	percent (44.2%) of respondents took more than one train or bus to get to school; and
16	WHEREAS, In the 2018-2019 school year, 30,426 students or 54.4% of the student
17	population qualified for free or reduced lunch; and
18	WHEREAS, As of September 2019, the SFMTA had approved a total of 155,217
19	applications for the Youth Lifeline Pass; and
20	WHEREAS, However, despite having 62,129 applications approved only 36,000 Muni
21	cards are registered for Free Muni; and
22	WHEREAS, The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that the unemployment rate in
23	San Francisco increased from 2.7 percent in July 2019, when the fare price increased from
24	\$2.50 to \$3.00, to 2.9 percent in August 2019; and

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1	WHEREAS, The San Francisco Transportation Code Division I Sections 7.2.103 and
2	7.2.104 enact fare evasion and passenger misconduct as separate offenses with no specific
3	guidelines as to what differentiates the two thus leading to discrimination against marginalized
4	youth such as youth of color; now, therefore, be it
5	WHEREAS, As fare evasion is a non-violent act, it is unnecessary for SFPD officers to
6	give fare evasion citations and SFPD officer time can be better spent elsewhere; and
7	RESOLVED, Providing the Youth Lifeline Pass free-of-charge to qualifying youth would
8	allow SFUSD to distribute the passes just once through existing distribution channels; and
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to make clear
10	guidelines for what qualifies as a passenger ticket, and must hold all SFMTA officers
11	accountable for all citations given must inform passenger the reason of ticketing; and, be it
12	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges that citations should solely
13	be given through SFMTA officers as their main concern is transportation and they are the
14	most qualified to do so; and, be it
15	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to improve
16	their Muni app by creating an online application for the Youth Lifeline Pass available in
17	different languages to improve accessibility; and, be it
18	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges that when SFMTA officers
19	encounter a youth fare evader, instead of handing out a ticket, SFMTA officers must give
20	them a flier that includes information about the Free Muni for Youth program; and, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Education to
22	implement the Free Muni for Youth program for all SFUSD students who qualify for the free or
23	reduced lunch program; and, be it
24	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Department of
25	Homelessness and Supportive Housing to work with existing TAY homelessness

1	organizations and TAY specific programs on how to implement applications for free/reduced
2	Muni fare and clipper in an accessible and equitable manner.
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