



# **San Francisco Youth Commission**

Transformative Justice Committee

## **Special Agenda**

Monday, October 08th, 2020

5:00-7:00 PM

Public Comment Call-in:

+1 415-906-4659

United States, San Francisco (toll)

Conference ID: 300 514 790#

There will be public comment on each item.

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

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
  - A. September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**[\(Document A\)](#)**
- 4. Public Comment (Discussion Only)**
- 5. Youth Commission Business**
  - A. Relationship Building Activity**  
led by Chair Rome Jones
  - B. Power Mapping**  
led by Vice Chair Gracie Veiga and Staff Truong
  - C. Action Planning**



- i. Opportunities to Plug In
- ii. Calendar

**D. Local Reportback**

- 6. Staff Report**
- 7. Community Announcements**
- 8. Appreciations**
- 9. Adjournment**



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# San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes

**Monday, September 21st, 2020  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

## **Public Comment Call-in:**

[+1 415-906-4659](tel:+14159064659) United States, San Francisco (Toll)

Conference ID: 216 062 053#

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Nora Hylton, Rome Jones, Arsema Asfaw, Amara Santos, Gracie Veiga, Gabrielle Listana

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Acting Chair Hylton calls the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Commissioner Santos is absent. Quorum is met.

### **2. Approval of Agenda (ActionItem)**

There is no public comment. Commissioner Jones motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. By a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Nora Hylton, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Amara Santos, absent  
Gracie Veiga, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye

### **3. Approval of Minutes (ActionItem)**

#### **A. June 22nd, 2020 ([Document A](#))**

There is no public comment. Commissioner Asfaw motions to approve of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. By a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Nora Hylton, aye  
Rome Jones, aye  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Amara Santos, absent



Gracie Veiga, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye

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

No public comment.

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

##### **A. Check In (10 min~)**

Commissioners checked in with their names and pronouns and general sense of how they are doing.

##### **B. Relationship Builder: Life Playlist**

facilitated by Commissioner Santos.

Commissioner Asfaw explains the goal of life playlist on behalf of Commissioner Santos. Commissioner Asfaw: Anti album of Rihanna  
Commissioner Veiga: Aretha Now – Aretha Franklin  
Commissioner Listana: Indie Rock – Feel Good Playlist  
Commissioner Hylton: Marvin Gaye (dad), My Chemical Romance (Emo), Lemonade (Beyonce)  
Commissioner Jones: Meek Mill – Championships, Wins and Losses, Kevin Gaye last album, Rod Wade (relatable person)  
Staff Truong: Linkin Park, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston

##### **C. San Francisco Updates**

###### **i) City Hall Updates**

- (1) Rome Jones is no longer working at HRC
- (2) 2 New contractors charged with bribery in Nuru Scandal
- (3) San Francisco HR director claims 'rogue employee' forged settlement with Black worker who filed discrimination suit
- (4) Budget is to be approved 9/22

###### **ii) Community Updates**

###### **(1) NNSFJ Orientation**

- (a) Commissioner Asfaw and Veiga report back: The orientation went over the history of the coalition, the principles, objectives and abolitionist politics of the coalition as well as how the coalition is structured and different ways folks can get involved.
- (b) Opportunities included: Letter Writing Activities to Incarcerated People, joining Media (a media work group that's looking for graphic



designers 4 creating digital resources especially for social media and art in general) or Outreach Groups or legislative workgroup (to help with policy advocacy and they are trying to figure out their “what’s next?”

#### **D. Call for Introductions**

Nothing to report as of this moment.

#### **E. Introduction of the Prison Industrial Complex**

Staff Truong went over the Transformative Justice presentation with videos from Critical Resistance co-founders and partners such as Angela Davis, Ruth Wilson Gilmore, and Dylan Rodriguez.

#### **F. Goals of Transformative Justice**

##### **i) Mission Statement**

(1) Commissioners agreed to keep the current mission statement of *“The Transformative Justice Committee of the San Francisco Youth Commission is a determined and imaginative group of young people that are striving to build cooperative and compassionate relationships with the community to eliminate youth incarceration. We acknowledge that the current systems in place do not serve all of us and we hope to shift the conversations and dynamics to how people can live and thrive. It is part of our radical values that we can and should center humanity in the City’s budget and policy priorities.”*

##### **ii) Timeline**

(1) Commissioner Hylton went through the year timeline and a strong emphasis that “Keep in Mind that all of these campaigns and movements were made possible by community work and community organizing.” Wins include: The Jeff Adachi Youth Rights Ordinance, The end of the SFUSD-SFPD MOU, Close 850 Bryant, Closing Juvenile Hall, Youth Commission report in the Police commission. WIP include: Close 850 (ensuring no out-of-county transfers and lowering jail population), Close juvenile Hall, Defunding SFPD and Reinvesting in Community.

##### **iii) Chair Elections**

(1) Commissioner Hylton nominates Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. Commissioner Jones accepts. Commissioner Jones “I was vice chair last year, second year in the youth commission, dedicated to tj, plays a huge role in my life, black man in America, keep trying to work hard and that our mission statement rings true for committee and commission. In the trenches doing work at street level.”

##### **(a) Questions:**

(i) How do you see we make the mission statement make true? Good



time to be imaginative - as a committee huge opportunity to advocating for different routes for young people and thirst for overall city and out themselves in positions to respond and doing everything.

- (ii) What is your vision for the committee in the next year? I'd like to do more resolutions, I envision this as my last time be aggressive, calling hearings to communicate we can do that, same as police chief but more folks, and take aggressive approach people in power and respond.
- (b) By a roll call vote, Commissioner Jones is Chair of the Transformative Justice Committee. Aye: 5 Absent: 1 (Santos)
- (2)** Commissioner Veiga self nominates for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Veiga accepts. Commissioner Veiga "has experience working on advocating on transformative justice and have relationships with formerly incarcerated in sf, is passionate about reentry resources, has worked on campaigns seeking funding for ppe for folks inside, connections with abolition, focused on at Quentin and bring in connections with people in the fight with us. And ready to be intentional with inside-outside outreach."
- (a) No questions. By a roll call vote, Commissioner Veiga is the Vice Chair of the Transformative Justice Committee. Aye: 5. Absent: 1 (Santos)

## **G. Action Planning**

- i) Department of Police Accountability Know Your Rights Feedback
  - (1) Language is not as Youth Friendly even though some sections have youth rights noted such as the Miranda Rights coverage for counsel and that youth can request to be pat searched by an officer of the same gender.
  - (2) Pat Search: Define a pat search first, what it is and what it isn't. Many officers use this as opportunity to violate the person in question, sexually or not.
  - (3) Consent: Define consent as well, i.e., what constitutes consent (verbal and nonverbal, if even possible and legal, in the eyes of police).
    - (a) Under consensual contact: Anyone can continuously ask whether they're free to leave and what reasons they're being held by the officers. It's not a one-time ask that the card makes it to be.
  - (4) Youth Right to Be Silent & Also that You have a write to not write or sign a statement should be included.
  - (5) Detention: Be specific on how long a period of detention could go to (max of 72 hours unless Charged).
  - (6) Needs to Have a Section for When you believe your Rights were violated
    - (a) Writing down everything you remember (officer badges, patrol car numbers), documenting injuries, and where to go for complaint (DPA & How)
  - (7) Bystander Rights: Be clear what a safe distance is (15 feet? 12 feet? 5 feet?) and to include that SFPD may not confiscate or demand evidence without a warrant.





- (8) ICE agent: not required to speak with agents; if choose to talk, only share name, not birth country, if born outside of US
- (9) Miranda Rights: Capitalize it throughout the document and be clear that youth have a right to be silent (because we know that self-incrimination does occur) and expand what Miranda Rights are.
- (10) The title for “what if you don’t speak English” should be rights to language access; “you have the right to talk with the police in the language you’re most comfortable with”; scratch the part “if you’re not comfortable speaking English” it’s a right in SF and it’s doesn’t matter if inconvenience the officer
  - (a) make sure there are accurate translations on all languages as required by the Language Access Ordinance
  - (b) include how much wait time a person might need when requesting for a language (is it an hour?) or also do they plan on using interpretators or language line

## **6. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

### **A. Weekly Internal (Shout Outs Request)**

Shoutouts to be submitted Thursday by Noon & EXEC meeting re: RBG on social media – Gabbie, Gracie (later part), Rome (maybe)

## **7. Announcements**

### **A. District 5 Tabling (1-4pm)**

## **8. Appreciations**

Commissioners and Staff do short affirmations.

Commissioner Arsema Asfaw - dedication

Commissioner Gracie Veiga – inspiration

Commissioner Nora Hylton – time

Commissioner Gabbie Listana – hardworking

Commissioner Rome Jones – progress and new members of tj,

Staff Austin Truong – each other

## **9. Adjournment**

Acting Chair Hylton adjourns the meeting at 7:33 pm.