



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
LGBTQ+ Task Force**

MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Gabbie Listana (Chair, D6), Vanessa Pimentel (Vice Chair, D10), Ewan Barker Plummer (Member, Mayoral), Oz Rafer (Member, Non-Voting), Cole Tao (Member, Non-Voting).

Present: Gabbie Listana, Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Oz Rafer.

Absent: Cole Tao.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's LGBTQ+ Task Force met in-person with remote access for public comment, on June 13, 2023, with Chair Listana presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Listana called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 3 present.

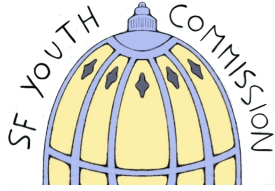
Vanessa Pimentel present

Ewan Barker Plummer present

Gabbie Listana present

A quorum of the LGBTQ+ Task Force membership was present.

2. Communications



Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Engagement Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Commissioner Barker Plummer, seconded by Vice Chair Pimentel, motioned to approve the June 13, 2023 LGBTQ+ Task Force meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes.

Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Gabbie Listana aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. May 23, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion, no public comment.

Vice Chair Pimentel, seconded by Commissioner Barker Plummer, motioned to approve the May 23, 2023 LGBTQ+ Task Force meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes.

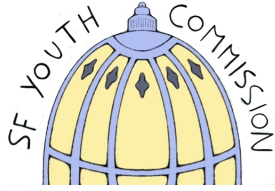
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Gabbie Listana aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (all items to follow are discussion & possible action)



a. TAY LGBTQ+ Shelter Conditions Resolution

Commissioner Barker Plummer introduced the resolution, and spoke about the feedback heard from the Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee that he attended yesterday. He said that the feedback included the ask to make the resolution more specific and organized, but that the remaining language was good.

Member Rafer said that the first resolved clauses can be broken into multiple clauses and asked for clarification regarding the generalization in the language, to which Commissioner Barker Plummer said that the first few clauses are often more general in resolutions.

Member Rafer said that additional resources should be included in the resolution language like mental health resources. Commissioner Barker Plummer also said that there should be a preferential system for shelter for young queer or trans youth, if that shelter has more accommodating services. Chair Listana said she would be willing to be a sponsor.

Commissioner Barker Plummer read the resolution into the record, and noted that there will be additional amendments added before it reaches the full Youth Commission.

Commissioner Barker Plummer, seconded by Chair Listana, motioned to approve the TAY LGBTQ+ Shelter Conditions Resolution, with amendments, and forward to the full Commission. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes.

Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Gabbie Listana aye

Action: TAY LGBTQ+ Shelter Conditions Resolution and forward to the full Commission Approved, and forwarded to the full Commission.

b. Motion to Support California ACA 5



Commissioner Barker Plummer introduced the motion to support California's ACA 5, which removes homophobic language from the CA State Constitution. Chair Listana and Vice Chair Pimentel agreed to be co-sponsors. Commissioner Barker Plummer read the language of the motion into the record.

Commissioner Barker Plummer, seconded by Vice Chair Pimentel, motioned to approve the Motion to Support California ACA 5, and forward to the full Commission. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes.

Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Gabbie Listana aye

Action: Motion to Support California ACA 5 and forward to the full Commission Approved, and forwarded to the full Commission.

7. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Chair Listana went over the Permanent Supportive Housing resolution that she and Member Rafer have been working on. Commissioner Barker Plummer and Member Rafer said the resolution needs a title. Commissioner Barker Plummer and Vice Chair Pimentel agreed to co-sponsor.

Commissioner Barker Plummer said that there's an opportunity to march in the 2023 San Francisco Pride March on Sunday, June 25th with the Supervisors Dorsey, Engardio, and Mandelman.

Member Oz said that the Trans March will be taking place on Friday, June 23rd.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the LGBTQ+ Task Force adjourned at 6:10pm.

[Homelessness Services for LGBTQ+ Youth]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to make permanent supportive housing more accessible to LGBTQ+ youth

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately impacted by homelessness and insecure housing issues, and

WHEREAS, According to the SF LGBT Center, in order to qualify as homeless a person has to be living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide a temporary living arrangement, or a with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground for more than seven days; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth experience specific needs when experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, like family conflict caused by their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, unsafe and/or unaffirming supportive housing, lack of resources dedicated to serving LGBTQ+ youth, and more; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 Point-In-Time count from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing reported that 38% of unaccompanied youth under the age of 25 in San Francisco are LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2022 Point-In-Time count by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, people of color, especially Black/African American/African and Hispanic/Latinx people experience homelessness at disproportionate rate compared to their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, A report by Chapin Hall of the University of Chicago in April 2018 reported that LGBTQ+ transitional aged youth are 120% times more likely to experience homelessness compared to straight, cisgender transitional aged youth; and

WHEREAS, According to the same 2018 study by the University of Chicago, LGBTQ+ homeless youth have twice the death rate of their non-LGBTQ+ peers; and

WHEREAS, A report by the Applied Survey Research firm in January, 2022 reported that 38% of homeless in San Francisco identify as LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS, In order for youth to be eligible permanent supportive housing, youth must take Adult Primary Assessment, where each question has an assigned score, and the overall score decides whether an unhoused person is prioritized for placement in permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, The range that youth have to be in to qualify for prioritization is between 123 points, and 160 points, the same range used for adults; and

WHEREAS, Many questions on the assessment are targeted towards adults who have a long history of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco LGBT Center, the vast majority of youth who come to them for assistance have often been housed for less than a week; and

WHEREAS, Young people by definition are less likely to have a history of homelessness, reducing their need score and limiting access to supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, On September 30th, 2022, Gavin Newsom officially declared the state of California a state of refuge for queer people fleeing the states of Texas, Idaho, Louisiana, and other states; and

WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco is known across the country, and the world as a sanctuary for queer people; and

WHEREAS, Many refugees coming to San Francisco have also only been homeless for a short period of time, therefore not qualifying for permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, Due to young people not having extensive experience with homelessness even though they are primarily being assessed on their homeless on the same level as adults, they often don't qualify for permanent housing and remain homeless/in shelters or other supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, The Adult Primary Assessment also does not have any demographic questions such as questions regarding gender identity, sexuality, racial/ethnic identity, etc; and

WHEREAS, Due to this, the Adult Primary Assessment lacks LGBTQ+ cultural competency by failing to consider the disproportionate amount of queer people, especially young people, who are homeless due to being LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Primary Assessment also fails to consider to the inequities that TAY people of color face that leads to a disproportionate amount of homeless POC youth; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is responsible for establishing a secure and welcoming environment for all residents, including individuals that belong to the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a strong history of advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and has made remarkable progress in safeguarding and uplifting the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring the availability of permanent supportive housing options specifically designed for LGBTQ+ TAY is crucial for their overall well-being, mental health, and smooth transition into adulthood; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and County of San Francisco to create a housing placement assessment specifically for youth; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and County of San Francisco to change the questions on the Adult Primary Assessment to shift focus from tracking individuals extensive history of homelessness to measuring the recent experiences of those who are assessed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and County of San Francisco to add demographic questions on the current Adult Primary Assessment regarding gender identity, sexual orientation, racial/ethnic identity; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to include youth input and feedback, and to do so in collaboration with the Youth Commission during the decision-making process; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff is instructed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and the Homelessness Oversight Commission.

queer/trans youth at special risk on the street/being homeless (maybe mention like statistics such as queer/trans homeless youth -> sex worker pipeline)

Adult Primary Assessment (still relevant)

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Questions about identity

point out how the questions aren't identity based, make it so unless u haven't been homeless for awhile and/or experienced violence harder to get permanent housing

Identified issue:	Identified solution:
<p>Intake form for supportive housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Does not separate TAY from adult, including same "crisis index" minimum2) Immediate intake form with little time to build relationship between youth and social worker <p>WHEREAS, If a young person is deemed as "legally homeless", they are forced to take the intake form immediately, with little time to build relationship between</p>	<p>Youth primary assessment (18-24)</p> <p>Add questions about demographic info</p> <p>Make questions less based on experiences with homelessness(?)</p> <p>Housing safety prior(?)</p>

