



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Executive Committee**

MINUTES

**Wednesday, March 1st, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw, Astrid Utting.

Absent: Ewan Barker Plummer (excused), Gabrielle Listana (excused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Executive Committee met in-person with remote access for public comment, on March 1, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 4 present, 2 absent.

Raven Shaw present
Gabrielle Listana absent
Astrid Utting present
Steven Hum present
Emily Nguyen present
Ewan Barker Plummer absent



A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Officer Utting, seconded by Officer Hum, motioned to excuse the absences of Officer Listana and Vice Chair Barker Plummer. The motion carried by voice vote:

Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 2 absent.

Raven Shaw aye
Gabrielle Listana absent
Astrid Utting aye
Steven Hum aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer absent

Action: Vice Chair Barker Plummer's and Officer Listana's absences excused.

2. Communications

Joy Zhan, Youth Development Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Officer Utting, seconded by Officer Hum, motioned to approve the March 1, 2023 Executive Committee meeting agenda. The motion carried by voice vote:

Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 2 absent.

Raven Shaw aye
Gabrielle Listana absent
Astrid Utting aye
Steven Hum aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer absent

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)



a. February 15, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.

Officer Utting, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to approve the February 15, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried by voice vote:

Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 2 absent.

Raven Shaw aye
Gabrielle Listana absent
Astrid Utting aye
Steven Hum aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer absent

Action: Minutes Approved.

b. Discussion and Debrief of February 21, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting.

Chair Nguyen went over the presentations, actions, and the first overview of the BPPs. Nguyen also said that the timeliness of this full Youth Commission meeting was much better, but that it would be preferable if there were not too many presentations or legislation referred at every meeting. Officer Utting said that there's not much the YC can change since there's only two meetings per month, but thought the BPP (Budget and Policy Priorities) discussion went well. Staff gave insight into future meetings and how often the presentations would take place since they are time-consuming, but that they would be less common in future meetings after the next meeting. Chair Nguyen said that it would be more helpful if departments and organizations based their presentation around their ask from the Youth Commission, since it feels that it's hard to know what the next steps would be if it isn't directly relevant to the work of the YC. Officer Utting recommended that staff could put together a document that breaks down what both CBOs and city departments can request from the Commission. Officer Shaw said it was very helpful to hear everyone's thoughts on the BPPs.

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

No public comment.

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



a. Review Commission Attendance

Specialist Zhan said that Director Garcia is working on an up-to-date list of Commissioners' attendance, since the current list is from early February. There'll be a fully updated attendance roster by the next Executive Committee meeting. Specialist Ochoa also stated that absences will start to be eliminated, per the YC's attendance policy, by the March 20th full Youth Commission meeting and will go meeting by meeting, but that staff will update commissioners as it comes.

b. Updates on Commission Outreach and Communications

- i. Presenters: Gabrielle Listana & Astrid Utting, Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Utting said that they will be meeting on Friday, and will be having a few more posts on social media in the next week. Chair Nguyen asked if there could be a separate post for the March 6th full Youth Commission meeting, to which Utting said that would be fine.

c. Updates on Recent Youth-Related Board of Supervisors/Mayor Legislation

- i. Presenters: Steven Hum & Raven Shaw, Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Shaw said that she has been looking at BOS legislation that has been introduced, but that they have been in conversations with staff to distribute the Commission's resolutions. She also said that there's an email schedule sent for tomorrow regarding resolutions and legislation that commissioners are working on, in an effort to increase collaboration across the Commission.

d. Budget and Policy Priorities Recap

Chair Nguyen went over the remaining suggestions and edits that need to be completed by each respective committee, and Specialist Zhan said that the content that is there by Thursday at 11:59pm, will be the final edits. Chair Nguyen asked if the Executive Committee should step in and resolve the last few changes that need to be made, since she's worried that other commissioners might not finish the language in time. Officer Utting expressed her frustration if the feedback isn't addressed since it falls under the BPP authors' responsibility. Officers divvied out responsibilities in case other commissioners don't get to it, and they asked to see the design outline for the final BPP product.

e. Budget Presentation to BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee



Officers discussed which commissioners should be presenting which committee's BPPs, when the time comes to present to the Board of Supervisors. Chair Nguyen facilitated divvying out slides to work on for the budget presentation. Officers decided on a template that they would use to start working on creating the structure of the BOS presentation.

f. Budget Town Hall

Specialist Ochoa reported back that staff is working on the payment for the space they're looking to reserve at the SF LGBT Community Center for the YC's Youth Budget Town Hall. Staff will update when everything is confirmed at the March 6th full Youth Commission meeting. Officer Utting said that the YC should look into giveaways to encourage people to attend, and partnering with a CBO might be a possibility. Staff also said they would work with the Communications and Outreach Officers to create a flyer and start distribution of information in the next week or two. Officers also discussed scheduling details about what the Town Hall should include throughout the event.

g. 23-24 Youth Commission Recruitment

Director Garcia went over the tentative plans that staff is putting together, which is likely to be approved in the coming weeks by the Executive Committee and full Youth Commission. Officer Utting said that both questions 3 and 4 on the new commissioner interview questions were repetitive, and it could be better if it was combined or changed. Officer Hum recommended that the word requirements be changed, and consensus resulted in recommending a 200 to 400 word range. Officers recommended clarifying some information that was confusing when they applied, and to include time expectations for the interviews. Staff will share the recruitment documents with officers for comments and recommendations.

Chair Nguyen handed the gavel to Officer Utting at 6:51pm. Officer Utting handed the gavel to Chair Nguyen at 6:55pm.

h. Approval of Full YC March 6, 2023 Agenda

Chair Nguyen asked for the AB 800 resolution to be added to the agenda, and the 29-Sunset Improvement Project under the Resolutions portion.

Officer Hum, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to approve the March 6, 2023 full Youth Commission agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:



Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 2 absent.

Raven Shaw aye
Gabrielle Listana absent
Astrid Utting aye
Steven Hum aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer absent

Action: Agenda approved.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Youth Commission's Executive Committee adjourned at 7:24pm.



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION**

AGENDA

**Monday, March 10, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

IN-PERSON MEETING

**City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

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Public Comment Call-In

1 (415) 655-0001 / Meeting ID: 2496 951 6663 # #

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(There will be public comment taken on each item on this agenda.)

Youth Commission membership includes:

Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Reese Terrell (D3), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyron S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

2. Communications



3. **Approval of Agenda** (Action Item)
4. **Swearing in of Commissioner Terrell, District 3**
 - a. Sworn-In by President of the Board of Supervisors Aaron Peskin
5. **Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)
 - a. March 6, 2023
6. **Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda** (2 minutes per comment)
7. **Presentations**
 - a. **Department of Recreation and Parks** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Presenter:
 - b. **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Presenter:
 - c. **Department of Elections**(Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Presenter:
 - d. **Coleman Advocates**(Discussion and Possible Action)
 - i. Presenter:
8. **Motions** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Lyric Resolution of Commendation
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer and Commissioner Utting
 - b. Prop G Survey
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Pimentel and Commissioner Colin
 - c. AB 800 Support Letter
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer and Commissioner Pimentel
9. **2023-2024 Recruitment Application** (Discussion and Possible Action)
10. **Sugary Soda Tax Application - Review** (Discussion Item)
11. **Legislation Referred** (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. BOS File No.
 - b. BOS File No.
12. **Committee Reports** (Discussion Item)
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers



- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers
- iii. General Committee Updates
- b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee
- c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee
- d. Transformative Justice Committee
- e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

13. Roll Call and Introductions (Discussion Item)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission related activities.

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Anish, Commissioner Utting, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Hum, Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Shaw, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Loftus
- b. Other Legislative Introductions

14. Staff Report (Discussion Item)

15. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

16. Adjournment



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 6

Full Name: Linda Ye

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code: 94116

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Occupation: N/A

Work Phone: 415-269-4372 Employer: N/A

Business Address: N/A Zip Code: N/A

Business Email: N/A Home Email: lye24@urbanschool.org

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Resident of San Francisco: Yes ☒ No ☐ If No, place of residence: _____

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes ☐ No ☒

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Covid-19 Vaccinated: Yes ☒ No ☐

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I am a high school junior (16.y.o.) born and raised in San Francisco. I grew up in the Outer Sunset, and my family identifies as low-income. I previously attended 4 SFUSD public schools from my early education to middle school years, before attending the Urban School of San Francisco, a small independent high school. I have a deep commitment to support our communities, especially in the city that I call home. I've worked to do this by volunteering and getting to know local organizations such as Nature in the City, Asian Women's Resource Center, United Playaz, Glide Memorial, Chinese Immersion School, Housing Rights Committee of SF, and more, to understand the diverse and unique ways that these communities are working to create a beautiful, brighter San Francisco. I use what I've learned to grow my compassion and awareness for others, and share the ways that we can all support one another. I acknowledge that everyone comes from different experiences and backgrounds, many of which are unlike my own, but I try to listen to and understand as many perspectives as I can. As I've spent time working with youth especially, I've noticed how big food corporations such as those of the soda industry have a large influence on the diets of youth. Much of this issue is intergenerational, but I believe it can be broken down with the right steps.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

I am a full-time student at the Urban School of San Francisco. I've interned for the Stop AAPI Hate Youth Campaign where my team and I were responsible for creating social media infographics, conducting interviews, developing curriculum, writing policy reports, and creating youth resources. I am a co-leader of the Asian Pacific-Islander affinity space at my school where I work to plan weekly meetings and organize school-wide events pertaining to the API identity. This includes celebrating API joy and creating a safe space for API-identifying students and faculty, while also fostering discussion about ongoing issues and working with local AAPI individuals and organizations. I've also worked as a counselor for youth camps at Dogpatch Paddle. I'm also a member of the Premier Ensemble of the San Francisco Girls Chorus, where my ensemble and I have worked with musicians and activists to spotlight and empower marginalized voices using classical and contemporary music throughout the Bay Area.

Civic Activities:

I tutored underprivileged youth to supplement the loss of learning during the pandemic through a student-led organization known as Virtual Tutoring SF. Also during the pandemic, I worked on the Finance and Logistics team of a student-organized online resource database known as The STORM SF, which was dedicated to providing SF youth with information about opportunities throughout the city. I also volunteered as a teacher assistant and counselor for 3rd-5th graders at Gum Moon Asian Women's Resource Center Summer Program. I helped advise and guide students who were on the Leadership Council of Chinese Immersion School. I helped my independent school walk out in solidarity with SFUSD public high schools against sexual violence at City Hall by negotiating with my school and collaborating with the students organizers of the event. I also worked with Nature in the City at White Crane Springs Community Gardens. Recently, I've also worked for Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco follow-up calls to clients to check in with ongoing issues tenants were facing.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes ☐ No ☐

An appearance before the Rules Committee may be required at a scheduled public hearing, prior to the Board of Supervisors considering the recommended appointment. Applications should be received ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Date: 01/22/2023 Applicant's Signature (required): Linda Ye
(Manually sign or type your complete name.
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are
hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Appointed to Seat #: _____ Term Expires: _____ Date Vacated: _____

Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC)

Supplemental Questionnaire

(Please include this questionnaire with application form)

1. Please describe the experience you have in public health programs related to diabetes, oral health, obesity, and sugary drink consumption.

I have no prior experience in working with public health programs. Most of my exposure to public health programs came from school who taught us about the relationship between sugary drink consumption and diet sensitive chronic illnesses. However, that was from when I was very young and I personally never fully understood it until I began to see the impacts of sugary drink consumption in my own community and I began to research it.

2. Please describe the ways in which sugary drinks impact diverse communities across San Francisco.

Sugary drinks are only a part of a larger concern of intergenerational health, class, and racial inequities in San Francisco. The soda industry disproportionately impacts BIPOC, low-income communities, and youth, many of whom often don't have access to resources to prioritize a healthy diet, raising the likelihood of these populations developing diet-sensitive chronic diseases. Youth are particularly vulnerable because habits and diets are established young, and without proper support, it becomes harder for these habits to change. Having come from public schools and now attending a private school, I've witnessed the evident disparities in nutrition and health education that students receive. Without making sure that everyone is able to receive adequate support and education, sugary drinks will continue to divide our communities.

3. Please describe your experience in reaching out to community-based organizations that serve communities most impacted by sugary drinks.

I've never worked with organizations to specifically discuss sugary drinks, but I have worked to get to know organizations that serve vulnerable populations such as youth, BIPOC, and those who identify as low-income. I have no problem with doing outreach and being a resource for communities. I love to collaborate and learn from others.

4. Please describe your understanding of how businesses (soda industry, tobacco industry, etc.) impact chronic disease and community health.

Many businesses such as those of the soda industry sacrifice the well-being of consumers to sell and to profit. Sugary beverages have been a major contributor to chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cavities and more, due to its addictive high sugar content. Despite this scientific consensus, soda distributors have continued to push deep pocket advertising and marketing to mislead our communities and increase the consumption of sugary drinks. In the past, I've seen advertisements using athletes and celebrities to promote beverages as being "cool" and normalized, which only pressures consumers to buy more. However, the real price that our communities pay is decreased health as the distributors profit, which is why they must be held accountable for the damaging impacts they've had on our communities.

5. Please describe how your work or life experience will inform the work of the committee.

When I first heard about the SF Soda Tax in 2016, I didn't understand the tax's significance besides knowing from school that soda and high amounts of sugar were unhealthy. However, sugar was always a part of my family and community. It could always be used to cheer us up, like getting root beer floats if any of us were having a bad day or bringing Coca-Cola to a potluck. Like many, sugar and soda had become an integrated part of my life, but I saw many friends and family members suffer from the consequences such as cavities or hypertension. Additionally, when SFUSD's Student Nutrition Services reformed in 2013, I saw lunches go from cookies and soda to pre-plated Revolution Foods as I would be invited to hang out with my aunt at her work. It seemed to be a positive change, but I couldn't stop hearing my brother complain at the dinner table about how he wanted the soda and cookies back. He wasn't the only one who felt this way; at school I would also hear classmates groan before a meal landed in the trash with a thud. Looking back at it now, it made me realize how powerful food corporations have been to influence the diets of generations to normalize and prefer to eat food that could negatively impact them both physically and mentally. For me, it took body dysmorphia and an eating disorder to begin to prioritize a healthy and balanced diet, but no one, especially a child, should need to suffer to live healthier.

As I've grown to understand the complexities of systemic issues, it has only made me want to fight harder to advocate for others and myself. As I advocate for youth, I believe that we must invest more into providing thorough and up-to-date health and nutrition education in all schools, as well as increase accessibility to clean water, non-processed foods, and other necessities to support the public health of San Francisco. Even though I don't have the experience of working with public health programs, I care deeply about the well-being of my communities and am determined to do anything to stand for them. I wish for this to be an opportunity for me to work with a group of people who care about health equity as much as I do, and to also use this opportunity to introduce public health awareness to other youth and encourage their involvement in civic engagement.

MARCH 15

App/Flyer/Questions Process Approval Exec. Com.

MARCH 20

App/Flyer/Questions Process Approval Commission

MARCH 22

Policy communicated to BOS/MO - Staff led

APRIL 12

Finalize scorecard - Youth led, Staff finalize

EARLY MAY

IN PERSON Open House Info Session - Comm/Staff led

APRIL 3

Outreach blasts email, twitter, facebook, signal

APRIL 3

Plan Fliers drop off- Staff/Comm led (Recruitment and Application)

LATE APRIL

ZOOM Open House Info Session - Comm/Staff led

APRIL 10

Staff meet with the known non-returners

APRIL 1

Application Open (no extensions)

MAY 31

Application/Application by Video Due

Letters of Recommendation Due

JUNE 1

Application Review MQ's - Staff led

Commission Panel Interviews - Staff led

JUNE 27

Staff Confirm Selection based on score sheets DUE

JUNE 27
Send to BOS

JULY 7
Send to MO

JULY 7
BOS Confirmation

JULY 21
Mayor Confirmation

AUGUST 25-27
Fall Orientation

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-16
Inaugural Swearing-in

AUGUST 8
Social

SEPTEMBER 18
First YC Meeting

JANUARY 20-21
Mid Year Training Retreat



YC Interview Questions for New Applicants 2023 - 2024 Term

Interviewers:

Candidate Name:

Candidate District:

Candidate Pronouns:

Agenda

Welcome	5 minutes
Interview Questions	20 - 25 minutes
Closing	3 minutes
Ending Time	30 - 35 minutes

Welcome

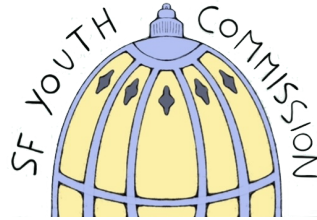
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- Roundtable introduction of names, pronouns, district / position, school, interests, and any other information staff should know.

Interview

20 - 25 mins

1. What knowledge do you have of the Youth Commission and our work? [2 mins]
2. What impact do you envision or hope for youth in San Francisco, especially those in your district and/or neighborhood? [2 mins]
3. What does social justice and community mean to you, and how do you envision addressing issues in your district or neighborhood? (Social Justice Definition: fair and equitable division of resources, opportunities, and privileges in society) [2 mins]
4. What does being a leader mean to you? [2 mins]
5. What skills and/or lived experiences do you already have that can uplift or expand the current work of the Youth Commission? [2 mins]
 - a. What experiences do you bring with you to prepare you for this position? [2 mins]
use if they gave a short answer, and didn't elaborate well enough



6. What does accountability mean to you and how do you feel about holding adults or elected officials accountable? (definition: accountability is the obligation to explain, justify, and take responsibility for one's actions) [3-4 mins]
7. Most of the YC work is done within your committee and also with your colleagues. Commissioners come from different backgrounds and communities. Please tell us about a time when you experienced a conflict whether it be how a project was going or an idea a peer shared. How did you approach the conflict and/or persons involved? [3-4 mins]
8. What are your strengths and areas for growth? [2 mins]
9. The Youth Commission has 3 issue-based committees: Civic Engagement & Education Committee; Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee; and Transformative Justice Committee. Now that you've heard what committees we have, do you have an idea which one you would want to learn more about and/or do work with? [2 mins]

Closing	3 mins
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1. Do you have any questions for us?



YC Interview Questions for Returning Candidates 2023 - 2024 Term

Interviewers:

Candidate Name:

Candidate District:

Candidate Pronouns:

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Welcome

5 mins

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Interview

20 - 25 mins

1. How has the idea of being a youth commissioner changed from when you first applied to now as a reapplying applicant? [3 mins]
2. The Youth Commission is a bridge between youth and government. How have you been a bridge builder for youth in your district and/or citywide and acted as a liaison with their needs to elected officials? [2 mins]
3. What lessons are you bringing into your next term if you are to be reappointed and how would you support incoming commissioners? [3-4 mins]
4. Describe your experience working on a collaborative project either within your committee or with your peers. What was your role in planning, implementing, & evaluating? [5 mins]
5. The energy of the Youth Commission goes in waves. What would you do next year to hold yourself and peers accountable to your roles and responsibilities during these periods? [3 mins]



6. What skills do you feel that you're well experienced in and what do you hope to nurture for 2022-2023? [3 mins]

Closing

3 mins

1. Do you have any questions for us?



Youth Commission 2023/2024 Application Timeline: 4/1/2023 - 5/31/2023

The Youth Commission is a diverse group of 17 young people between the ages of 12 and 23. We come from all across San Francisco to serve as the official youth voice in City Hall. We are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to ensure that young people have a role and a voice in the policy and budget decisions that impact the youth of San Francisco. The Youth Commission is not an after-school program, but a chartered commission, which means it is written into city law and requires that members follow through on certain responsibilities. To read more about what the charter states, check out our website.

Throughout the year-long term, Commissioners are offered policy and budget advocacy training, leadership development skills, and one-on-one support as they identify the unmet needs of young people, engage in community building, and create lasting change in their communities. Commissioners come from all different backgrounds, but they all share a common vision of a more progressive future and engage in different approaches to work on issues such as housing (Transitional Age Youth Navigation Center & the Grand Challenge), transformative justice (Close Juvenile Hall & Close 850 Bryant), voting rights (Vote16SF), and transportation (Free Muni For Youth).

We welcome you to City Hall – the people's building...YOUR building. Please join us as we use our voices and find our power! All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Due Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

To be eligible to serve on the San Francisco Youth Commission, you must be: between the ages of 12 and 23 years old, a resident of the City and County of San Francisco, and someone who has an understanding of the needs of young people in San Francisco, any experience with children and youth programs or youth organizations, or involvement with school or community activities.

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

When filling out this application, you will be asked to respond to multiple **essay questions**. You may want to think about and prepare your essay responses (on a separate document) before continuing this application. After you've submitted your application, you'll be asked to submit an **optional** letter of recommendation.

For New Youth Commissioners (200 - 400 words each question):

1. Why do you want to be a Youth Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve in the Commission?
2. What does public service mean to you? What kinds of programs and/or processes in local government would you like to learn more about, and why?
3. The Youth Commission is responsible, under SEC 4.124 of the City Charter, for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on "the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco." If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, what crucial issue would you talk to them about and advise them on?
4. Describe an experience where you have worked with a particular community to meet a shared goal or meet their unmet needs. Name the skills or practices you utilized to achieve the goal.
5. Is there any additional information you would like to share with us about yourself?

For Returning Youth Commissioners (200 - 400 words each question):



1. How have you demonstrated your leadership capacity this year? What goals do you have for yourself as a returning Commissioner?
2. Based on your experiences as a Commissioner and community member, how can the City and County of San Francisco improve the effectiveness of our city's processes, programs and/or services?
3. Please describe your experience in community outreach and engagement working directly with vulnerable communities. In your response, please speak to your advocacy and work on behalf of or with vulnerable communities, including but not limited to: people of color, LGBTQI communities, undocumented persons, workers, persons with disabilities, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons, unsheltered and marginally housed people, and indigenous/Native communities.
4. What goals did you set for yourself and your committee? And what did you do to meet those goals?
5. What challenges did you encounter this year on the Youth Commission, and what did you do to overcome them?
6. What additional information would you like to share with us about yourself and your experience as a Youth Commissioner?

You can edit your responses after you submit.

Letter of Recommendations can come from your teacher, program manager, employer, church leader, mentor, coworker and/or someone who is able to accurately speak to your drive, skills, and leadership experience. Please make submissions by Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

Personal Information

* Required

Name*

Email*

Pronouns:

Address*



Zip Code*

Supervisory District (look up here: <http://propertymap.sfplanning.org/>) * (Note: Applicants may apply to different districts if they attend school there and/or familiarity with the district.)

- District 1 - Supervisor Connie Chan
- District 2 - Supervisor Catherine Stefani
- District 3 - Supervisor Aaron Peskin
- District 4 - Supervisor Joel Engardio
- District 5 - Supervisor Dean Preston
- District 6 - Supervisor Matt Dorsey
- District 7 - Supervisor Myrna Melgar
- District 8 - Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
- District 9 - Supervisor Hillary Ronen
- District 10 - Supervisor Shamann Walton
- District 11 - Supervisor Ahsha Safai

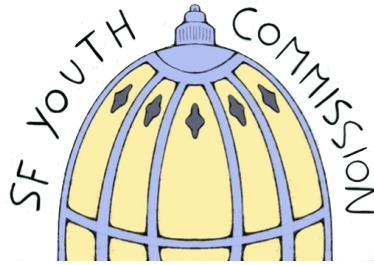
Email*

Best Number to contact you*

Birthday (MM/DD/YY)*

If you are or will be in school, what school will you be attending in the fall of 2022? *

Please list other schools you have attended (within the state of CA): *



The Youth Commission requires a minimum commitment of at least 15 - 20 hours a month. In order to truly make an impact, it is often necessary to go beyond that minimum commitment. Are you willing to make this a top priority and understand that you might have to let go of other priorities to follow through on your responsibilities as a commissioner? *

- Yes
- No

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the 15-20 hour time commitment, you are required to (1) attend a 2.5 day orientation training retreat on August 25-27, (2) attend the swearing-in ceremony week of September 10-16, (3) attend the inaugural meeting on September 18, and (4) attend all of the full two-day "Mid-Year" Training Retreat Saturday and Sunday January 20-21, 2024.

- Yes, I can hold these dates
- No, I cannot hold these days

How did you learn about the Youth Commission? *

- Friend
- Supervisor
- Mayor
- Parent/Adult
- School
- Social Media
- Community Event
- Info Session
- Other: _____

Demographic Information

- White
- Black or African-American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Multiracial
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

Ethnicity:

Home Language: Check the box corresponding to the main languages spoken at your home. *

- English



- Arabic
 - Cantonese
 - Japanese
 - Khmer/Cambodian
 - Korean
 - Mandarin/Putonghua
 - Pilipino/Tagalog
 - Russian
 - Spanish
 - Taishanese
 - Vietnamese
 - Other: _____
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Sexual Orientation:

- Straight
- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Asexual
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

Gender:

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Nonbinary
- 2Spirit
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

Access needs:

Our application process provides access to all and is open to people of all abilities. Will you need reasonable accommodations or support to participate? For example, modified tasks, specialized equipment, interpreter services. This information will help us best support you. We will contact you to discuss this if needed.

Please specify what access needs you might have for us to make it possible for you to apply.

Please let us know if you plan on answering the questions via video submission. *



If you plan on answering the questions via video submission. Please email the video in mp4 format to youthcom@sfgov.org by Thursday June 1, 2022, 11:59 PM.

- Okay, I understand

Returning Commissioners Only (Required for Returners)

First off, we are so grateful for your willingness to reapply. As you know, the appointing prerogative is on the hands of the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Please answer all the questions. There is a 350 - 600-word limit to each question. It might be helpful to write this down or take a screenshot. Thank you!

1. How have you demonstrated your leadership capacity this year? What goals do you have for yourself as a returning Commissioner?
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4. What goals did you set for yourself and your committee? And what did you do to meet those goals?
5. What challenges did you encounter this year on the Youth Commission, and what did you do to overcome them?
6. What additional information would you like to share with us about yourself and your experience as a Youth Commissioner?

New Applicant Essay Questions (Required for all new applicants)

First off, we are so grateful for your willingness to apply. As you know, the appointing prerogative is on the hands of the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Please answer all the following questions. Please note that there is a 350 - 600-word limit for each question. It might be helpful to write this down or take a screenshot. Thank you!

1. Why do you want to be a Youth Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve in the Commission?
2. What does public service mean to you? What kinds of programs and/or processes in local government would you like to learn more about, and why?
3. The Youth Commission is responsible, under SEC 4.124 of the City Charter, for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on "the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco." If you had a meeting with the Mayor or a member of the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, what crucial issue would you talk to them about and advise them on?
4. Describe an experience where you have worked with a particular community to meet a shared goal or meet their unmet needs. Name the skills or practices you utilized to achieve the goal.



5. Is there any additional information you would like to share with us about yourself?

Letter of Recommendation

Please provide a letter of recommendation--a few paragraphs are sufficient--from someone not in your family. Any of the following may qualify: a teacher, counselor, probation officer, program manager, employer, church leader, mentor, coworker and/or someone who is able to accurately speak to your skills and leadership experience. This is optional and letters should be submitted separately and addressed to Youth Commission Staff.

Those submitting a letter of recommendation can email the Youth Commission directly at; Youthcom@sfgov.org; PDF format only. Once submitted, the recommender will receive an email confirming that it has been received.

Please make submissions by Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

Thank You!

Depending on your written responses, you may or may not be invited for an interview with Youth Commission staff and youth commissioners via email. Please make sure your email address is accurate, because this is how we will contact you. Exact dates and times will be announced after you turn in your application.

The Youth Commission makes recommendations of who to appoint to the commission to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office. Ultimately, the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor choose who to appoint to the Youth Commission.

For more information: <https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/>

Questions or Concerns?

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Fax: (415) 554.6140
Email: youthcom@sfgov.org

If you'd like to connect with the current Commissioners, you can find their contact info here:
<https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/commissioners>