



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 5, 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), 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), Tyrone S. Hillman III (Mayoral), Safiyyah Mirza (Mayoral).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Reese Terrell, Maureen Loftus, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Yena Im, Tyrone S. Hillman III, Safiyyah Mirza.

Absent: Raven Shaw (unexcused), Hayden Miller (excused), Ann Anish (excused), Tyrone S. Hillman III (unexcused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on June 5, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 13 present, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present



Reese Terrell present
Maureen Loftus present
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin present
Vanessa Pimentel present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum present
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza present
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Officer Utting, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to excuse Commissioner Anish and Commissioner Miller. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye



Action: Commissioner Anish's and Commissioner Miller's absence 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 Commissioner Adair, motioned to approve the June 5, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. May 15, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.



Officer Utting, seconded by Officer Listana, motioned to approve the May 15, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

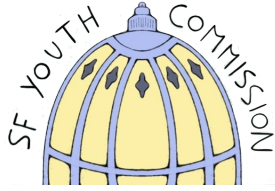
No public comment.

6. YPAR: Exploring Marketing's effects on Tenderloin Youth

- a. Presenters: Southeast Asian Development Center Youth Health Ambassadors

The presenters went over their presentation to the full Youth Commission, which was the effects of marketing for sugary drinks on the youth living throughout the Tenderloin neighborhood.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if they had specific recommendations for the Youth Commission, to which the presenters said they think it would be relevant to advocate and provide helpful information in SFUSD's wellness centers. Chair Nguyen agreed that that would be helpful, and thanked the presenters.



Commissioner Loftus asked if their poster on the presentation was the one they intend to distribute and asked for clarification about some of the statistics, to which the presenters said they understand where they're coming from.

Officer Listana asked if they could send their distributable flyers to Youth Commission staff, to which the presenters said they would send the various languages flyers.

~~7. Resolutions (Discussion and Possible Action)~~

- ~~a. [Gun Violence Prevention] Resolution advocating for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco to implement youth gun violence prevention, particularly in District 10 (First Reading and Possible Action Item)~~
 - ~~i. —Presenters: Commissioners Shaw and Hillman~~

Director Esquivel Garcia recommended tableing this item to the following full Youth Commission meeting due to the fact that neither of the presenting Commissioners are present at today's meeting.

Commissioner Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to table Item 7 to the next full Youth Commission meeting. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye



Action: Item 7 tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

8. Letters/Statements (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. SCA 2 Letter of Support
 - i. Presenter: Chair Nguyen and Vice Chair Barker Plummer

Chair Nguyen introduced their Letter of Support for SCA 2, which is a state constitutional amendment to lower the statewide voting age to 17, instead of 18. Vice Chair Barker Plummer agreed and added that they're hoping to work with the coalition to give youth a greater voice.

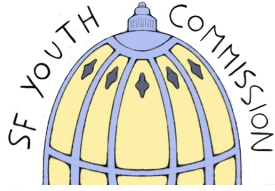
Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Terrell, motioned to approve the SCA 2 Letter of Support. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 12 ayes, 1 nay, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting nay
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: SCA 2 Letter of Support approved, with Officer Utting in dissent.

- b. AB 645 (Friedman)—Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program Letter of Support
 - i. Presenter: Chair Nguyen



Chair Nguyen briefly introduced the AB 645 Letter of Support. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that this support letter aligns with their previous concerns about the enforcement of traffic violations that often result in pedestrian injury or death.

Officer Utting, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the AB 645 Letter of Support. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

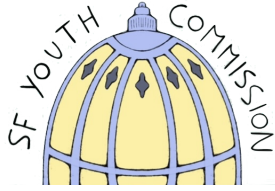
Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: AB 645 Letter of Support approved.

Chair Nguyen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Barker Plummer at 5:38pm. Vice Chair Barker Plummer handed the gavel to Chair Nguyen at 5:40pm.

- c. CASA Budget Letter of Support
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin

Commissioner Colin introduced the letter of support and the background information surrounding it.



Commissioner Terrell, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the CASA Budget Letter of Support. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: CASA Budget Letter of Support approved.

- d. Statement on Banko Brown
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Listana

Officer Listana introduced the statement on Banko Brown, and read the letter aloud into the record. Commissioner Colin thanked the LGBTQ+ Task Force for writing the letter. Officer Utting asked for clarification for city agencies to apologize, to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that many groups misgendered Banko Brown and said that city departments ensure they support the trans community in the language that they use. Vice Chair Barker Plummer thanked the members of the LGBTQ+ Task Force for working to create a strong letter.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Pimentel, motioned to approve the Statement on Banko Brown. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:



Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Statement on Banko Brown approved.

- e. Letter of Absence - Commissioner Shaw
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Shaw

Director Esquivel Garcia clarified that Officer Shaw is going to be starting college early at Howard University for a summer program required for all first-years.

Chair Nguyen, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve Officer Shaw's Letter of Absence. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye



Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Officer Shaw's Letter of Absence approved.

- f. Letter of Absence - Commissioner Hum
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Hum

Officer Hum clarified that he will be in training out-of-state for the remainder of his term and won't be able to attend in-person.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve Officer Hum's Letter of Absence. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent



Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Officer Shaw's Letter of Absence approved.

- g. Letter of Absence - Commissioner Im
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Im

Commissioner Im clarified that she won't be able to attend any remaining in-person meetings for the remainder of her term, due to a new position she has accepted.

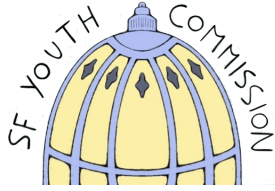
Public comment:

- Hayden Miller said that instead of multiple leaves of absence, some Commissioners should consider resigning because there are youth who are not being represented while these Commissioners are not present.

Commissioner Terrell, seconded by Commissioner Adair, motioned to approve Commissioner Im's Letter of Absence. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Voice vote: 9 ayes, 4 nays, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting nay
Yoselin Colin nay
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer nay
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen nay



Action: Commissioner Im's Letter of Absence approved, with Officer Utting, Commissioner Colin, Vice Chair Barker Plummer, and Chair Nguyen in dissent.

- h. Letter of Absence - Commissioner Colin
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin

Commissioner Colin said she would be traveling out of the state for a political conference and be busy for the next few weeks.

Commissioner Loftus, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve Commissioner Colin's Letter of Absence. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

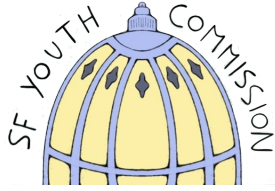
Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: approve Commissioner Colin's Letter of Absence.

9. Legislation Referred

- a. File No. 230026: Planning, Subdivision, and Administrative Codes and Zoning Map - Family Housing Opportunity Special Use District (Discussion and Possible Action Item)
 - i. Presenter: YC Staff/Legislative Aide



Specialist Ochoa explained that this legislation simply creates a new zoning district specifically for family housing zoning, which could increase housing stock in single-family home neighborhoods to have two or three units per lot. Director Garcia added that this legislation is the duplicated and slightly amended file from when the D7 office presented earlier in the year.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to support BOS File No. 230026. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: BOS File No. 230026 approved with a positive recommendation.

- ~~b. File No. 230519: Hearing – Homeless and Supporting Housing’s Strategic Plan
(Discussion and Possible Action Item)
i. Presenter: YC Staff/HRT~~

Staff and Commissioners couldn’t find the questions included in the response for this referred legislation from the HRT Committee. Staff recommended tabling the item until the next full Youth Commission meeting to ensure all of the questions that Commissioners have are sent to the BOS.



Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to table Item 9B. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice vote: 13 ayes, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Safiyyah Mirza aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Item 9B tabled.

10. Training (discussion and action item)

- a. Legistar
 - i. Presenter: YC Staff Joy Zhan

Specialist Zhan completed a training on Legistar, which is the system that tracks progress and updates on citywide legislation.

11. Committee Reports (discussion item)

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Hum congratulated Officer Shaw for going to college, but had no report or legislation to note, due to there being no Board of Supervisors meeting last week.

- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers



Officer Utting said they're working on more social media posts to highlight legislation referred, resolutions, and other YC-related posts. Officer Utting also added that they'll be sending out a Google Form to help future youth commissioners do their roles. Officer Listana said to let them know if they have any ideas for community events or outreach opportunities.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Barker Plummer reported some information about the last Executive Committee. Chair Nguyen added that they're planning to put together a fun end-of-the-year event, in collaboration with staff.

b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Anish were absent, but Chair Nguyen reported back on some of the updates. Commissioner Miller, through public comment on Webex, added that HSH gave a presentation on their youth housing assessment process and SFMTA gave a presentation on their fare enforcement strategy and its effects on youth. Some members are working on a resolution regarding fare enforcement and hope to present it in the coming weeks.

c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Loftus reported back brief updates from CEEC, including the conversation they had regarding the Youth Ambassador program with the SF Department of Elections.

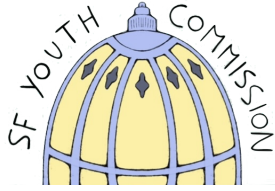
d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Colin reported back updates from TJ, which included a letter from Officer Listana, a resolution from Commissioners Shaw and Hillman, and among other agenda items.

e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Officer Listana said they finished the Statement on Banko Brown, and that they're working on safer shelters for youth resolution and improving the youth homeless assessment process resolution.

No public comment.



12. Roll Call and Introductions

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

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Im, Commissioner Wong, Commissioner Pimentel, Commissioner Hillman, Commissioner Listana, Commissioner Barker Plummer

Commissioner Colin is hoping to work on school disciplinary actions before she goes on vacation and asked for support on that resolution.

Commissioner Im wrote her formal letter of absence, and thanked everyone for the opportunity to learn and grow. She hopes that it can grow into a welcoming community in the future.

Commissioner Wong said she has been caught up with graduation and finals, but will be working on future items. She hopes to work on something regarding zoning and to increase the speed of housing construction. She also is thinking of shifting the focus from the 78 Haight housing project to something the Board of Supervisors can work on themselves.

Commissioner Pimentel said they met with their appointing officer about the BPPs, and have been advocating for traffic calming measures to keep pedestrians safer. They have also been attending LTF meetings and other community meetings.

Commissioner Hillman is absent.

Commissioner Listana said she worked on the Statement on Banko Brown, a resolution addressing the youth . She's hoping to work on and finish a resolution addressing language access before the end of the month.

Commissioner Barker Plummer said Happy Pride Month! He will be introducing two actions: one motion; one resolution. The motion includes supporting actions to remove homophobic

- b. Other Legislative Introductions

No new legislation introduced. No discussion. No public comment.

13. Staff Report (discussion item)



Specialist Zhan let Commissioners know that there are new guidelines for writing letters of support and to let her know what changes will be made. She added to reach out if any Commissioners need help to reach out on how to do public comment during budget season. She added that the safer schools sexual task force is beginning to move forward, and to reach out to her or the commissioners who helped support the creation of this task force.

Specialist Ochoa said to be kind to the Youth Commission staff since they are very busy with conducting interviews, but that they received 98 applications for the 2023-2024 Youth Commission. He said that this is both a great thing seeing as youth are interested in serving youth on the YC, but that now staff also have to do 98 interviews with the applicants.

Director Esquivel Garcia said there's likely only two or three more full Youth Commission meetings, but that the next FYC meeting will be moved from June 19th to June 26th due to staff being out of office and the Juneteenth federal holiday. She added that the July 3rd full Youth Commission meeting may have to be rescheduled due to Commissioners' schedules in the summer. She added that she's working on the annual report.

14. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Specialist Zhan said that Supervisor Mandelman will be hosting a youth art show in City Hall later this month, and will send out additional information. Director Garcia said that the Department of the Status of Women is having a dinner tomorrow from 6pm-8pm.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:46pm.

1 [Gun Violence Prevention]

2 **Resolution advocating for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San**
3 **Francisco to implement youth gun violence prevention, particularly in District 10.**

4 WHEREAS, Gun violence has increasingly become a prevalent and detrimental
5 issue within the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, In the first six months of 2022, there were over 300 mass shootings
7 throughout the nation, rising to 647 shootings by the end of the year; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on underserved
9 communities in America, with Black Americans experiencing 10 times the gun
10 homicides than White Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Justice, in fact, 'U.S. residents are
12 128 times more likely to be killed by everyday gun violence than by international
13 terrorism; Black people specifically are 500 times more likely to die this way'; and

14 WHEREAS, Youth and transitional-aged youth are especially more prone to
15 being exposed to this kind of violence as in 2020, firearms became the leading cause of
16 death among children aged nineteen and below; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to this issue and is a microcosm of the
18 national data, particularly District 10, which is composed of some of the following
19 communities: Bayview Hunters Point, Portola, Visitacion Valley, and parts of Mission;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, District 10 has the largest proportion of residents aged 0-17, with
22 over 2x its residents identifying as Black or African American and 3.5x identifying as
23 Native American or other Pacific Islander; and

1 WHEREAS, In District 10 from 2014-2023, there were 48 gun violence victims
2 from the ages of 0-17 and 218 gun violence victims within that same period from the
3 ages of 18 - 24; and

4 WHEREAS, The months of September, February, and May, all of which are
5 school months, all statistically had the highest number of gun violence victims; and

6 WHEREAS, 67% of the gun violence victims from these respective ages were
7 identified to have been African American; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has been in America for many years, and it is
9 understood that the best way to reduce gun violence is to make buying a gun like
10 buying a car leading to gun violence being significantly reduced in America; and

11 WHEREAS, Although gun violence has had a massive effect on communities,
12 the recommendations to try to reduce gun violence (as aforementioned) are increasingly
13 becoming harder to utilize due to a focus on political agendas and less on public safety;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Due to the prominence of gun violence within D10, it is pertinent that
16 San Francisco break this national trend and focus more on public—and youth—safety
17 by establishing ways to keep students safe during school and after school hours; and
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
20 City and County of San Francisco to explore and implement the following possibilities in
21 order to keep high-risk youth safe from gun violence; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission implores the
23 City and County of San Francisco to consider investing in the Protecting Our Students

1 program, which is an AI software dedicated to saving student lives by identifying the
2 vulnerable aspects that are on school campuses, interior and exterior, and providing
3 recommendations for better improvement; and therefore be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
5 SFUSD to create after-school programs focused on academic and social enrichment to
6 grant students more opportunities to be in school and away from potential harming
7 situations after school; and therefore be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
9 SFUSD to create more wellness and mental health support around gun violence; for
10 instance, training counselors to become more adept at supporting youth who have
11 directly or indirectly experienced gun violence; and therefore be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges San
13 Francisco to provide grants to local nonprofits and CBOs such as United Playaz and
14 Gun x Gun, who are doing the frontline work to utilize gun violence prevention and
15 youth development within local communities; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
17 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
18 Supervisor, and San Francisco Unified School District.

1 [Bikes on Muni Metro]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)**
3 **to repeal its policy of prohibiting non-folding bicycles on Muni Metro light rail**
4 **services and allow full-sized bicycles to be transported on Muni Metro trains.**

5 WHEREAS, The SFMTA operates Muni, San Francisco's public transit service
6 which includes several light rail lines commonly known as "Muni Metro"; and

7 WHEREAS, Muni Metro provides fast and frequent service to many San
8 Francisco neighborhoods including service through tunnels under some of San
9 Francisco's steepest hills including Twin Peaks and Buena Vista Heights; and

10 WHEREAS, Bike network routes comparable to Muni Metro routes are highly
11 inadequate; for example, Portola Drive's bike lanes which parallel the Twin Peaks Metro
12 Tunnel are on a steep grade and offer no physical protection from 35-mile-per-hour
13 traffic, and Kirkham Slow Street which parallels the N Judah Metro route was removed
14 in late 2022; and

15 WHEREAS, Allowing bicycles on public transit has many benefits including
16 increasing public transit accessibility and ridership by providing a convenient way to get
17 to and from public transit, in addition to expanding access for cyclists who may not be
18 able to cycle for their entire trip due to distance or elevation; and

19 WHEREAS, Muni Metro currently only permits folding bicycles which severely
20 limits its accessibility to people biking; and

21 WHEREAS, Muni Metro's bike policy is an industry outlier with every other bay
22 area rail transit operator, including Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Sonoma Marin Area

1 Rail Transit (SMART), Capitol Corridor, Caltrain, and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE),
2 which all allow full-size bikes onboard; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, rail transit operators with similar
4 operating conditions including those underground stations such as Seattle Link Light
5 Rail, crowding such as the New York City Subway, and high floor trains such as Denver
6 RTD all have policies that allow full-size bikes onboard; and

7 WHEREAS, Calgary CTrain which operates the same model light rail vehicles as
8 Muni Metro allowed bikes on its trains at off-peak times, and as of May 2022 expanded
9 bicycle access to all hours of service even as ridership reached pre-pandemic levels;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Overcrowding is typically cited as a reason against allowing full-
12 sized bicycles on Muni Metro, however according to SFMTA director Jeffery Tumlin,
13 Muni Metro ridership recovery has lagged compared to bus ridership following the
14 COVID-19 pandemic with some lines such as the J Church seeing only 55% of pre-
15 pandemic ridership, freeing space for bicycles; now therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of
17 San Francisco calls on the SFMTA to repeal its policy of prohibiting full-size bicycles
18 from being brought on the Muni Metro system and allow full-sized bicycles on Muni
19 Metro trains when in the rider and operator's best judgment, there is sufficient space to
20 safely accommodate them.

[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 identity 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff is
23 instructed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of

- 1 Supervisors, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and the
- 2 Homelessness Oversight Commission.

1 [Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 Years of Age]

2 **Resolution requesting the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to place a Charter**
3 **Amendment to lower the legal voting age in San Francisco municipal and school**
4 **district elections on the November 2024 Election ballot.**

5 WHEREAS, Allowing 16 and 17 year-olds the right to vote would engage and
6 empower a whole new generation of people in the democratic process and instill the
7 value of civic engagement and voting in young people; and

8 WHEREAS, Allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to vote would demonstrate the value of
9 their voices, opinions, and lived experiences to the democratic process, and add a
10 greater diversity of voices to the electorate; and

11 WHEREAS, Teens, in San Francisco and across the country, have engaged in
12 political issues like climate action, gun safety policies, LGBTQ+ rights and protections,
13 safe street design, reproductive healthcare rights, and more through protests, social
14 media campaigns, lobbying elected officials, volunteering/working on political
15 campaigns, and serving on public bodies, showing there is major political engagement
16 and opinions from teens; and

17 WHEREAS, By age 16, youth have developed the intellectual maturity for
18 measured, non-rushed, and sufficient decision-making skills (i.e. "cold cognition")
19 needed for making responsible voting choices, according to research published by the
20 American Psychological Association; and

21 WHEREAS, According to the Pew Research Center, countries such as
22 Argentina, Austria, and Germany, that have (at least partial) voting rights for 16 and 17
23 year-olds, all outrank the United States in voter turnout; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth voter turnout in the United States hit historic highs in the
2 2018, 2020, and 2022 elections, with some of the highest participation rates for people
3 aged 18-29 since the voting age was lowered to 18, showing Generation Z is more
4 politically active and engaged than previous generations; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon turning 16 or 17, young people are legally able to drive, work,
6 pay taxes, be charged adult criminal charges, enlist in the military, and yet are denied
7 the right to vote; and

8 WHEREAS, Research shows that allowing young people to vote at earlier ages
9 increases voter turnout in future elections and further stimulate interest in getting more
10 involved in local government affairs; and,

11 WHEREAS, Research further shows that voting while still attending school
12 encourages making voting and electoral engagement to become a habit, and

13 WHEREAS, Vote16USA is a national campaign, organized by Generation
14 Citizen, that aims to support efforts to extend voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds on
15 the local level, help start new local campaigns, and elevate the issue's prominence on a
16 national level; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2005, resolutions adopted by both the San Francisco Youth
18 Commission (Resolution No. 0405-013) and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
19 (File No. 051215) supported expanding suffrage to citizens of 16 years and older in City
20 and County of San Francisco elections (Vote16); and

21 WHEREAS, Berkeley voters passed Measure Y1 in 2016, which lowered the
22 voting age to 16 for Berkeley Unified School District elections, showing support for
23 Vote16 in the Bay Area; and

1 WHEREAS, Takoma Park, Maryland became the first municipality in the United
2 States to reduce its legal voting age to 16 years of age in May 2013, and in the following
3 election voter turnout for newly enfranchised voters aged 16 and 17 was 44%, while
4 overall voter turnout was just 11%; and

5 WHEREAS, The Scottish Government allowed 16 and 17 year olds to vote in the
6 2014 Independence Referendum, as well as in Scottish Parliament elections, and this
7 resulted in over 90% of Scottish 16 and 17 year olds registering to vote in the
8 referendum; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution
10 No. 1617-AL-05 which supported California Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10,
11 proposing to reduce the minimum voting age in California elections to 17; and,

12 WHEREAS, On May 3, 2016, for the first time ever, the San Francisco Board of
13 Supervisors and the San Francisco Youth Commission held a joint Committee of the
14 Whole hearing on putting Vote16 on the ballot; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2016, 9 out of 11 San Francisco Supervisors voted to put Vote16
16 onto the ballot, which became Proposition F, but lost by the close margin of 2.1% in the
17 2016 election; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2019, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted Resolution
19 No. 1819-AL-1, urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to lower San Francisco's
20 legal voting age to 16 in municipal and school district elections, reaffirming the Youth
21 Commission's support for Vote16; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2020, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously voted
2 to put Vote16 on to the ballot, which became Proposition G, but lost by less than 1% in
3 the 2020 election; and

4 WHEREAS, Proposition G gathered support and endorsements from a wide
5 range of elected and appointed leaders, political organizations, and individuals,
6 including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, California Senator Scott Wiener, then-
7 Assemblymember David Chiu, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Mayor London Breed, all
8 then-Supervisors, all then-Board of Education Commissioners, the San Francisco
9 Democratic Party, the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, the United
10 Democratic Club, the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, the Harvey Milk LGBTQ
11 Democratic Club, the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club, the San Francisco
12 Young Democrats, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, San Francisco League of
13 Conservation Voters, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research
14 Association (SPUR), and newspapers the San Francisco Examiner and the Bay
15 Guardian; and

16 WHEREAS, According to Section 4.124 of the San Francisco Charter, the Youth
17 Commission is tasked with identifying and proposing solutions to address the unmet
18 needs and concerns of the youth of San Francisco, and

19 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission believes that young people's ability to
20 engage in electoral processes that directly impact their livelihood is a unmet need; and
21 so be it

1 RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission reaffirms its commitment in
2 advocating for the expansion of voting rights to youth aged 16-17 year olds in municipal
3 and school district elections, and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and
5 Board of Supervisors to prepare a charter amendment to relevant sections of the San
6 Francisco Charter allowing citizens of 16 years of age and older to vote and register in
7 municipal and school district elections held in the City and County of San Francisco.

[Support for Increasing funding for Wellness Centers in San Francisco Public Schools]

Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the San Francisco Unified School District to increasing funding for wellness programs, resources, outreach, and education in San Francisco public schools, including more professional development for school staff on wellness practices and frameworks such as healing-centered care, and youth-anchored Peer-to-Peer Counseling

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Wellness Initiative was launched to improve the health and well-being of all San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students; and,

WHEREAS, Wellness centers were implemented in SFUSD schools to provide mental and physical health care services available to all SFUSD students, therefore enhancing students' feelings of safety and belonging; and,

WHEREAS, In the 2006-2007 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities Report, the Youth Commission advocated for the expansion and funding of SFUSD wellness centers to the city's middle and high schools, as well as the preservation of mental health programs and the use of add-backs to hire more wellness center staff in the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities Reports; and,

WHEREAS, A 2020 KidsData survey found that 30.2% of Black SFUSD students in grades 7, 9, and 11 experienced depression-related feelings, along with 29.7% of Hispanic/Latino students, and 22.4% of Asian students, compared to...; and,

1 WHEREAS, These disparities only increased with the COVID-19 pandemic in
2 2020; and,

3 WHEREAS, Pandemic school closures deprived students from seeing
4 classmates, and being a part of organizations, teams, and programs which offered them
5 joy and purpose; and,

6 WHEREAS, Following the pandemic, SFUSD publicly committed to supporting
7 students' mental health and wellness, as well as increasing access to health and
8 wellness services for middle school students; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission recognizes the need for a larger investment
10 in mental health services coming out of the pandemic; and,

11 WHEREAS, Many SFUSD students presently do not have access to wellness
12 centers for a variety of reasons, including a lack of diverse representation and a
13 disconnect between services and students, as students do not feel comfortable
14 accessing the wellness centers; and

15 WHEREAS, A 2020 survey published by K12 Dive reports that Black students
16 are the least likely to report having a trusted adult at school and the most likely to claim
17 that their school mental health professional cannot understand their situation due to
18 racial or ethnic differences; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey (of nearly 1000
20 SFUSD students) found that the SFUSD wellness centers currently do not meet the
21 cultural and linguistic needs of its students and families; and,

22 WHEREAS, According to the Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey,
23 students often do not want their parents to know they are meeting with a school

1 counselor, and are concerned that school staff will treat them differently or provide them
2 with fewer opportunities at school; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey showed that
4 36% of lesbian and gay students reported that concerns about family and friends finding
5 out about their mental health issues barred them from accessing the wellness centers,
6 and therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San
8 Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the San Francisco Unified
9 School District to increase existing funding for wellness programs, resources, outreach,
10 and education in San Francisco public schools, including professional development for
11 school staff on wellness practices and frameworks such as healing-centered care and
12 youth-anchored peer-to-peer counseling; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
14 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
15 Education to ensure a more culturally and linguistically appropriate wellness center staff
16 and services; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
18 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
19 Education to expand access to wellness centers to all SFUSD schools, including middle
20 and high schools; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
22 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of
23 Education to research the disparity between schools in access to wellness programs

1 and resources, with the goal of reducing inequity across San Francisco public schools;
2 and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Youth Commission staff are directed to transmit
4 copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Department of
5 Children, Youth, and Their Families, and the Board of Education.

[School Safety Investments and Memorandum of Understanding Between SFUSD and SFPD]

Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to urge the San Francisco Unified School District to release a timeline for the installation of critical school safety measures, provide funding for the installation of school safety measures, and support a new Memorandum of Understanding between SFUSD and the San Francisco Police Department.

WHEREAS, Schools have become a common target for gun violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 176 instances of gunfire at school sites in the United States with 57 people killed and 148 people injured; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 15 instances of gunfire at school sites in California with 3 people killed and 15 injuries; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) has responded 790 violent crime incidents at San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) school sites since 2013, averaging 77 instances per year, and when pandemic year outliers are removed, averaging 89 instances per year; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 3205, passed and signed into law in 2018, requires that any school modernization project using money from the state's school facility bond program include installing Security Locksets if they are not already present, building on 2010 legislation (AB 211) requiring these locks in all newly built schools; and

WHEREAS, While the installation of Security Locksets is covered by current bond funds, funding for other infrastructure such as updated public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras have not yet been allocated by SFUSD; and

WHEREAS, These safety measures are currently dependent on the passage of the next general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, Plans to install Security Locksets in all SFUSD schools have been repeatedly delayed; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission held a hearing on May 15, 2023 "to discuss and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure at SFUSD school sites", with SFUSD and SFPD reporting (hereunto referred to as the "May 2023 School Safety Hearing"), in which SFUSD confirmed that they did not have a complete timeline or adequate funding for the installation of updated working public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and

WHEREAS, In June 2020, the San Francisco Board of Education voted to not renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SFUSD and SFPD, severing formal and legally enforceable agreements between the San Francisco Unified School District and the SFPD; and

WHEREAS, This MOU included formally written agreements on issues related to cooperation between SFUSD and SFPD staff, SFPD community outreach, school staff procedure for requesting police assistance, SFUSD providing SFPD training on youth development, restorative justice practices, and understanding school culture, and SFPD providing SFUSD training on crisis response and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, In the Youth Commission's May 2023 School Safety Hearing SFUSD's Director of Planning, Preparedness, and Prevention Greg Markwith and SFPD Acting Commander Arran Pera confirmed that they hold weekly liaison meetings and "sometimes daily conversations" with other officers, but lack a formal written nor legally enforceable agreement on the relationship between SFUSD and SFPD; and

WHEREAS, the SFPD Acting Commander Arran Pera stated they believed it was better to have a written agreements; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD's Director of Planning, Preparedness, and Prevention Greg Markwith stated their greatest concern was making sure student rights were observed, and emphasized the role SFPD has played in ensuring that; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Board of Supervisors urge the San Francisco Unified School District to provide clear timelines on the installation of critical school safety measures in schools, including public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to work with the San Francisco Unified School District to secure funding for the installation of these critical school safety measures; and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests a new Memorandum of Understanding between the San Francisco Unified School District and the San Francisco Police Department to ensure that their current working relationship is upheld to ensure adequate safety measures and plans are in place and student rights are respected when police are involved, and that this new Memorandum of Understanding not include police presence at school sites as a matter of regular policy (not including community building events and emergency situations),

“Communicate on a “daily basis”-greg markwith
 Weekly liaison meetings
 “Sometimes daily conversations” With captain and other officers
 Greatest concern “making sure students rights are observed”

BPP PASTED BELOW:

-ADD MOU

-ADD MORE DETAILS BASED ON HEARING

-need mayor's office and bos to URGE

Ask

-mou

-timeline (specific schools don't need to be listed)

-budget, funding from city

Schools have become a common target for gun violence in the United States, and California is not an exception to this trend.

In 2022, there were at least 176 instances of gunfire at school sites in the United States with a total of 57 people killed and 148 people injured. California schools saw 15 of these shootings, 3 of these deaths, and 15 of these injuries.¹

Following a Request for Information to the San Francisco Police Department, the Youth Commission found that the Police Department had responded to 790

SF USD Part 1 Crimes	Column Labels												
Crime Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total	
ASSAULT	87	106	84	78	75	65	72	17	34	67	16	701	
Firearm		1		1						1		3	
Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	6	10	7	6	11	6	15	4	6	12	1	84	
Knife or Cutting Instrument	1	2		2	2	1	1	2			1	12	
Other Assaults (Misdemeanors)	75	85	73	67	59	51	51	10	28	52	13	564	
Other Dangerous Weapon	5	8	4	2	3	7	5	1		2	1	38	
HOMICIDE				1						1		2	
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter				1						1		2	
HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SEX ACT					1							1	
HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SEX ACT					1							1	
RAPE	1	2		2	4	8	7	4	1	2		31	
Assault to Rape (Attempt)					2	1	1	2				6	

¹ “The Long, Shameful List” February 22, 2023, <https://e>

violent crime incidents at San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) school sites since 2013, averaging 77 instances per year. When pandemic year outliers (most students were virtual for a majority of the year) are excluded, this average increases to 89 instances per year. This demonstrates that violence at SFUSD school sites is a current and persistent issue.

PHYSICAL SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

California has some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, and San Francisco has been at the forefront of the advocacy and implementation of these laws.²

California Assembly Bill 3205,³ passed and signed into law in 2018, requires that any school modernization project using money from the state's school facility bond program include installing Security Locksets if they are not already present, building on 2010 legislation⁴ requiring these locks in all newly built schools.

However, much of SFUSD, one of the largest school districts in California, still lacks basic safety infrastructure. There has been consistent advocacy from students, parents, and teachers to implement and improve existing physical safety infrastructure in SFUSD schools.

The number one recommendation of the Sandy Hook Shooting Advisory Commission was to install Security Locksets which are door locks that can be locked from either side.⁵ With these locks, no active shooter in any school shooting has been able to breach a locked door,⁶ which has saved countless lives.



"The Uvalde massacre began after the 18-year-old gunman entered the school through a door that could only be locked from the outside then got inside a classroom that had a busted lock, experts testified Tuesday.

Securing doors has long been a focus of school safety drills, and the inability to do so during the May 24 attack that left 19 children and two teachers dead is raising alarms among experts and politicians.

When doors are not secure, "your first step, your first line of defense has now been eliminated," said Ken Trump, the president of the National

School Safety and Security Services."

² "Giffords Annual Gun Law Scorecard," *Giffords* (blog), accessed February 22, 2023, <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/resources/scorecard/>; "California," Everytown Research & Policy, accessed February 22, 2023, <https://research.everytown.org/rankings/state/california/>.

³ O'Donnell, "Bill Text - AB 3205 School Facilities: Modernization Projects: Door Locks.," California Legislative Information, September 2018, https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3205.

⁴ Mendoza, "California AB211 | 2009-2010 | Regular Session," LegiScan, February 2, 2009, <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB211/id/60611>.

⁵ Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, "FINAL REPORT OF THE SANDY HOOK ADVISORY COMMISSION, Presented to Governor Dannel P. Malloy, State of Connecticut," March 6, 2015, 32

⁶ Alyssa Keehan Esq., "Secure Classroom Doors to Stop Active Shooters," United Educators, August 5, 2021, <https://www.ue.org/risk-management/premises-safety/secure-classroom-doors-to-stop-active-shooters/>.

⁷ "2016 Bond Program | SFUSD," accessed February 22, 2023, <https://www.sfusd.edu/bond/programs/2016>.

In October 2021, the SFUSD Board of Education approved \$10 million of bond funds from Proposition A (2016)⁷ to fund security infrastructure, including Security Locksets.

Advocates including the SFUSD Student Advisory Council have been concerned about the installation of Security Locksets because as of 2023, multiple SFUSD school sites still lack

Security Locksets, and a greater proportion of SFUSD school sites also lack other infrastructure such as public announcement systems, security cameras, and remote door buzzer systems.

While the installation of Security Locksets is covered by current bond funds, funding for other infrastructure such as public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras have not yet been allocated by SFUSD. These safety measures are currently dependent on the passage of the next general obligation bond.

SAFE FIREARM STORAGE INFORMATION

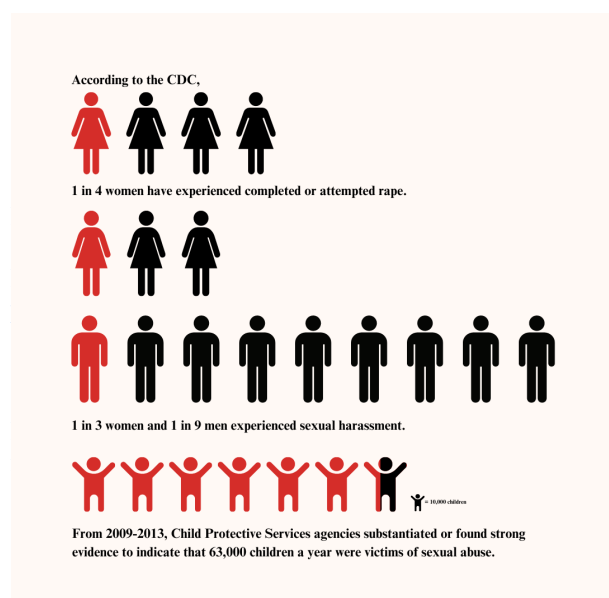
Both the San Francisco Police Code⁸ and California Penal Code⁹ require gun owners to store their firearms securely, so that minors cannot gain access to them. Most students who commit school shootings in the United States obtain their firearms from home or from the home of their close relative.¹⁰ Therefore, secure firearm storage is an essential component to preventing gun violence in schools.

In January 2022, the Youth Commission unanimously passed RESOLUTION NO. 2022-AL-06¹¹ which called on all San Francisco schools to send safe firearm storage information to students' families annually.

In August 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 452,¹² authored by Assemblymember Laura Friedman, which now requires public school districts and charter schools to send safe firearm storage home annually—including informing gun owners of their legal requirement to store their firearms securely so that minors cannot gain access to them.

Even with these requirements in place, there are still concerns that SFUSD is not sending this information home annually from every school site.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN SCHOOLS



Sexual assault and harassment, both between students and between adults and students, has been a consistent and pervasive issue in SFUSD

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[es/RESOLUTION%20NO.%202022-AL-06.pdf.](#)

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[https://leginfo.ca.gov/research/otherPublications.htm#url?bill_id=20210220AB452.](https://leginfo.ca.gov/research/otherPublications.htm#url?bill_id=20210220AB452)

schools, San Francisco charter schools, and San Francisco independent schools. Within the last 10 years, there have been 25 instances where the Police Department has responded to reports of Rape, and 6 times when the Police Department has responded to reports of Assault to Rape (attempt). This is in no way a new issue, and issues of sexual assault and harassment in SFUSD have been “swept under the rug” for years.¹³

In 2013 alone, colleges and universities reported over 5,000 forcible sex offenses in the United States. The Department of Education found that 41% percent of schools have not conducted a single investigation of a sexual assault complaint in the last five years, and only 10 to 25% of students found responsible for sexual assault were permanently expelled from campus. Approximately 80% of sexual assault crimes against undergraduate women go unreported to the police, and only 16% of student survivors of sexual assault received assistance from a victim services agency that provides aid in recovery, guidance through the criminal justice system, and/or assistance in obtaining restitution. A chronic lack of training in on-campus personnel hampers sexual assault investigations and disciplinary processes, often creating conditions that result in the retraumatization of survivors.

Regarding SFUSD, recent reporting from the San Francisco Chronicle¹⁴ and the San Francisco Standard¹⁵ shows allegations that an SFUSD athletic director at George Washington High School has been accused of sexual abuse, and despite law enforcement being contacted and an active lawsuit, he was permitted to “quietly resign.” Additionally, recent reporting from KQED shows that Lowell High School administration has neglected complaints and accusations made by colleagues and students accusing a teacher of sexual harassment who was able to continue to teach with only a verbal reprimand.¹⁶ These are only a few instances that highlight daily occurrences in our city’s educational institutions.

A California Public Records Act Request to SFUSD showed that only 5 out of 24 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints were investigated in 2022. In 2023, SFUSD received 6 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints filed, and all of these reports are still open as of January 30th, 2023. The lack of action and investigation further exemplifies the flaws of the reporting system and accountability throughout SFUSD.

¹³ Holly McDede, “Lowell Students Say #MeToo. Sexual Abuse Allegations Spark Reckoning at SF High School,” KQED, February 11, 2021, <https://www.kqed.org/news/11859164/lowell-students-say-metoo-sexual-abuse-allegations-spark-reckoning-at-sf-high-school>.

¹⁴ Bob Egelko, “S.F. High School Athletic Director Who Abused a Student Was Allowed to ‘Quietly Resign,’ Lawsuit Alleges,” San Francisco Chronicle, August 29, 2022, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/S-F-high-school-athletic-director-who-abused-a-17406113.php>.

¹⁵ Ida Mojada, “George Washington High Athletic Director Molested Student, Groomed Classmates for Years, Lawsuit Claims,” The San Francisco Standard, August 29, 2022, <https://sfstandard.com/education/george-washington-high-athletic-director-molested-student-groomed-classmates-for-years-lawsuit-claims/>.

¹⁶ Holly McDede, “Lowell Students Say #MeToo. Sexual Abuse Allegations Spark Reckoning at SF High School,” KQED, February 11, 2021, <https://www.kqed.org/news/11859164/lowell-students-say-metoo-sexual-abuse-allegations-spark-reckoning-at-sf-high-school>.

In 2005, the San Francisco Youth Commission, in collaboration with the SFUSD Student Advisory Council, produced a report on sexual assault and harassment in San Francisco schools entitled “*Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault and Harassment in San Francisco Schools*,” which showed the primary factor preventing students from receiving needed resources and support is the disconnection between service providers and San Francisco students.¹⁷ This report entailed a survey conducted by the Youth Commission, the Youth Leadership Institute, and the Student Advisory Council, which surveyed 6,000 high school students. The survey concluded that 48.4% of students are affected by sexual harassment on or off campus, exemplifying the urgent importance of this issue.

The 2005 report included specific recommendations to city agencies on policies for victims of sexual assault and harassment:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN	RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 implement a student-oriented public service announcement campaign2 facilitate the outreach and use of CBOs with San Francisco schools3 aid schools in training teachers on student-to-student sexual assault and harassment4 aid schools in enriching curricula for all grade levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 maintains or increases funding for student counseling2 that the department expands the Intimate Partner Violence Screening Protocol to all public and private health clinics and hospitals
	RECOMMENDATION TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 distribute information about preventing and responding to sexual assault and harassment, including information on how to identify sexual assault and harassment, how to report incidents of sexual assault and harassment, and how to access counseling services

Additionally, in April 2016, the Board of Supervisors passed, and then-Mayor Lee signed, legislation ([FILE NO. 150944, ORDINANCE NO. 89-16]) sponsored by Supervisor Jane Kim to create the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force and set out membership requirements for the ten seats. The Task Force made the overarching recommendations of 1) establishing an ongoing Task Force and staff to coordinate sexual assault prevention and response broadly, including on campus and in the broader community, and 2) fully implementing state and federal laws reflecting years of work to prevent sexual assault on campus and respond effectively when it occurs. The legislation made the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women responsible for providing administrative support and staffing the task force through a consultant who began in October 2016. A year later, the Department on the Status of Women put together

¹⁷ Peter Lauterborn, “San Francisco Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault and Harassment in San Francisco Schools,” ed. Eamon Doyle, April 2005, https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/ftp/uploadedfiles/youth_commission/Documents_and_Publications/FINALSA%26HReport041205.pdf.

the 71-page Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations,¹⁸ which did not include any specific recommendations for reducing sexual assault on all school campuses, failed to provide concrete recommendations and solutions, and interviewed only 18 of the 60,263 SFUSD students at the time.

Despite specific recommendations to city institutions, an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors in 2016, and resolutions by previous Youth Commissions, the issue of sexual assault and harassment runs rampant in San Francisco schools, affecting youth citywide. In 2021, hundreds of students from at least eight San Francisco high schools walked out to protest against SFUSD's handling of sexual assault and harassment reports. San Francisco youth leaders also wrote a public letter soon after the walkouts to the then-SFUSD Superintendent Vincent Matthews, SFUSD Board of Education Commissioners, and SFUSD administrators to support and amplify demands from student activists at Lowell High School and Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts, as well as numerous other San Francisco middle and high schools. This issue cycles year after year and must be taken seriously.¹⁹

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to:

Physical Safety Infrastructure

- 1) **Request a plan for school safety infrastructure upgrades** – a clear plan from SFUSD detailing school sites that need to be upgraded and a timely plan for those upgrades are needed to ensure student safety.
- 2) **Provide oversight on the implementation of this plan** – take any necessary actions (ex: holding a hearing) to ensure school site updates are implemented in accordance to SFUSD's timeline.
- 3) **Partner with SFUSD to determine and meet funding needs for school safety infrastructure installation** – work with SFUSD to determine funding gaps for safety infrastructure installation and determine funding sources, with source options including direct grants or loans from the City and County of San Francisco and/or State of California

Safe Firearm Storage Information

- 4) **Ensure SFUSD is sharing safe firearm storage information** – take any necessary actions to ensure that SFUSD shares safe firearm storage information to families at the beginning of every school year.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault in Schools

¹⁸ Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force, "Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations," December 2017, <https://sfgov.org/dosw/sites/default/files/Safer%20Schools%20Sexual%20Assault%20Task%20Force%20Report.pdf>

¹⁹ San Francisco Youth Commission and SFUSD Student Advisory Council, "Letter on Sexual Violence in SFUSD," San Francisco Youth Commission, March 13, 2023, <https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/MOTION%202022-MC-01.pdf>.

- 5) **Restart the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force** - including adequate youth voice and representation for middle and high school students (ages 10-18) and for college/higher education students (ages 18-24), as well as policymakers, volunteers, experts, parents, stakeholders, and survivors, and do so in consultation with the Youth Commission.
- 6) **The Board of Supervisors Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee work with SFUSD** - Adopt mandatory training for youth, education, and school site staff on the definitions of sexual harassment and assault, reporting procedures, supporting students, and identifying and preventing these incidents. These trainings should be conducted at least once per school year.
- 7) **Gather data on the current state of sexual harassment/assault and to measure the future effectiveness of the Task Force** - the San Francisco Department of Police Accountability should gather data regarding sexual harassment and/or assault in reports specifically for San Francisco Youth Aged 15-25.

Motion to endorse a letter calling for expanded public restrooms

Supplemental Information:

See attached document [Statement]

1 **[Motion to endorse a letter calling for expanded public restrooms]**

2 WHEREAS, Access to restrooms is a basic necessity; and

3 WHEREAS, The city provides public restrooms through a contract with JC
4 Decaux for self cleaning restrooms and various other facilities as part of the city's
5 pitstop restroom program; and

6 WHEREAS, These existing public restrooms are limited both in location and
7 operating hours, with some closing as early as 5 pm, failing to serve the 24 hour need
8 for restrooms, especially for homeless individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, Failing to provide adequate public restrooms denies people of
10 dignity and leads to public urination and defecation which harms all street users; now
11 therefore be it

12 MOVED, That the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San
13 Francisco signs onto a letter authored by Clarissa Ramos, a Jewish Contemporary
14 Museum teen anti-bias fellow, calling for expanded public restrooms, especially in the
15 Tenderloin neighborhood.



Dear Mayor London Breed and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Everyone needs a place to pee. Recent experience has also shown us the importance of having a safe place to wash your hands. Based on the last Point-in-Time count, there are 7,754 people in San Francisco who frequently go without having spaces that are and allow them to be clean. In addition, business owners frequently bear the brunt of people's restroom needs and they're not having it anymore. Starbucks is done being America's restroom, but the people of San Francisco still have human needs. An increase in public restrooms will benefit businesses and their customers while lending a hand to the unhoused people in our communities. Public restrooms are necessary for our city to thrive.

The first place on your priority list for public restroom installation should be the Tenderloin. While in most neighborhoods that already have public restrooms, the distribution is sufficient; due to the high density of unhoused people in the area, the public restroom currently in the Tenderloin isn't cutting it. In addition to installing more public restrooms, we need to ensure that every public restroom is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Human needs can only be held in for so long. Everyone deserves dignity, you can help make sure that all San Franciscans have some.

With hope,

1 **Motion supporting the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project**

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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[Motion supporting the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project]

WHEREAS, Geary is one of Muni's highest ridership corridor, serving over 36,000 riders everyday; and

WHEREAS, The Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, "the project", would extend the existing Transit Only Lane from 15th Avenue to 28th Avenue building on the 18% reduction in travel time achieved where transit lanes were already implemented; and

WHEREAS, The project would also provide pedestrian safety benefits through sidewalk bulb outs and through a resulting reduction in excessive speeding; and

WHEREAS; One in five riders of the 38 Geary is a youth under the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, The project supports the City's Transit First Policy, Climate Emergency Declaration, Vision Zero Goal, the Muni Equity Strategy, and the San Francisco Youth Commission's Budget and Policy Priorities of Achieving Vision Zero and Providing Accessible and Reliable Transportation; now therefore be it

MOVED; that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San Francisco supports the approval of the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project and directs the chair to send the attached letter of support to the SFMTA Board of Directors.



June 12th, 2023

The Honorable Amanda Eaken, Chair; Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair; and Members
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors

One South Van Ness Ave., 7th Floor,

San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Support for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project

Dear SFMTA Board of Directors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, I express our support for the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project. The project adds a Bus and Taxi only lane to Geary Boulevard from 15th Avenue to 28th Avenue and other transit speed and pedestrian safety improvements.

The Youth Commission is composed of seventeen youth, between the ages of 12 to 23, who represent the diverse communities of San Francisco. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Youth Commission advises the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission also provides comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.



The Youth Commission supports the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project because of the transformative effect it will have on the 36,000+ current daily riders of the 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid Muni routes. Similar improvements already in place on Geary east of the proposed project saw an 18% decrease in transit travel time and an 81% reduction in excessive speeding. The proposed project will expand these benefits where they're needed most, the Geary Corridor is Muni's busiest corridor and this section of Geary Boulevard is part of the city's High Injury Network. Improvements in this segment will benefit riders across the entire route through increased service, reliability, and travel time reductions which allow resources to be allocated towards more frequent service.

Reliable transportation and street safety is critical for young San Franciscans. 58% of SFUSD high school students rely on Muni to get to school according to an SFUSD survey and 1 in 5 38 Geary Riders are under the age of 25. Additionally, traffic Violence is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth 18 and under.

The 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid are Muni Equity Strategy routes serving the Tenderloin, and Western Addition neighborhoods and it is part of the Citywide Accessibility routes, 12 Muni routes that disproportionately serve people with disabilities.



This project supports the City's Transit First Policy, Climate Emergency Declaration, Vision Zero Goal, the Muni Equity Strategy, and the San Francisco Youth Commission's Budget and Policy Priorities of Achieving Vision Zero and Providing Accessible and Reliable Transportation. The Youth Commission urges your "Aye" vote.

Emily Nguyen, Chair

[Motion to Support ACA 5 - Marriage Equality]

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the right to equal marriage; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 16% of Generation Z identify as LGBTQ+, and deserve equal rights and protections; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, California voters narrowly passed a homophobic California Constitutional Amendment (Proposition 8) defining marriage as between one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, This amendment was overturned in court, allowing for same sex marriage in California, but this language remains in the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, California Assemblymember Low, with principle coauthors Assemblymembers Cervantes, Jackson, Lee, Ward, Zbur, and Senators Atkins, Eggman, Laird, Menjivar, Padilla, and Wiener, and with coauthors Assemblymembers Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Arambula, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Calderon, Connolly, Mike Fong, Friedman, Gabriel, Haney, Hart, Irwin, Jones-Sawyer, Lowenthal, Maienschein, McCarty, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Stephanie Nguyen, Ortega, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Luz Rivas, Robert Rivas, Blanca Rubio, Santiago, Ting, Wallis, Weber, Wicks, Wilson, Wood, and Senators Allen, Archuleta, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dodd, Durazo, Glazer, Gonzalez, Hurtado, Limón, McGuire, Min, Newman, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Umberg, and Wahab, introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 to express the intent of the Legislature to remove the aforementioned language defining

Commissioner Barker Plummer; Listana, Pimentel

marriage as between one man and one woman and guarantee the right to equal marriage; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5, if passed, will go before California voters for approval; and therefore be it

MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5; and be it

MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission Chair and staff shall send a Letter of Support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 (attached) to Assemblymember Low and members of the California Assembly and California Senate.

Supplemental information:

See attached document.

Re: Support for ACA 5 (Low) - Marriage Equality

Dear Assemblymember Low,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, I am writing in support of ACA 5 (Low), which will, if approved by voters, remove homophobic language from the California Constitution and amend it to guarantee the fundamental right to equal marriage.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

In 2008, California voters narrowly approved Proposition 8, adding language to the California Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman. While this was overturned in court, the language remains a part of the California Constitution.

The Youth Commission is proud to support and advocate for equal rights for all people. Approximately 16% of Generation Z identify as LGBTQ+, and they all are entitled to equal rights and protections. We feel this amendment to our California Constitution is not only a statement of California's support for the LGBTQ+ community, but also necessary to continue to protect the right to equal marriage, particularly as new efforts are underway nationwide to undo the progress made on equal marriage rights.

We thank you for your work on this important issue, and we are proud to support ACA 5.

Sincerely,

Emily Nguyen, Chair

Adopted //

2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission

FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

DATE: May 10, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following, which at the request of the Youth Commission is being referred as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File: 230519

Hearing on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Strategic Plan, to understand how the department prepares its approach to homelessness as far as available beds in the system whether permanent or temporary, the number of available openings on the waitlist for each program, how the department maintains its coordinated entry system with the number of individuals awaiting for housing and those who do not qualify for housing, and how the impact of the strategic plan's implementation will have on street conditions over the next five years; and requesting the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to report.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Stephanie Cabrera, Assistant Clerk, Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.** at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or email me at: Stephanie.Cabrera@sfgov.org.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION **Date:** _____

_____ **No Comment**

_____ **Recommendation Attached**

Chairperson, Youth Commission

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☒ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Ronen; Mandelman

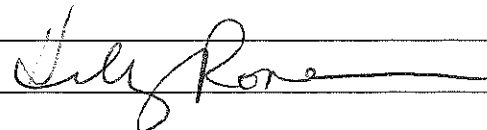
Subject:

HSH Strategic Plan

Long Title or text listed:

Hearing on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Strategic Plan, specifically to hear how the department describes it's approach to homelessness and the impact that the strategic plan's implementation will have on street conditions over the next five years, and calling for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to report. Please catalogue and map all beds in the system, both temporary and permanent with number of openings or waitlist for each program. Also provide a detailed description of the coordinated entry system. How many people are waiting for housing in the system and how many do not qualify for permanent housing?

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



Home By the Bay

An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and
End Homelessness in San Francisco

2023 - 2028



City and County
of San Francisco



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



PART I: Executive Summary



San Francisco is a city known for its innovation, resilience, and compassion. Today, we stand united in our resolve to address the greatest humanitarian crisis and social challenge facing society today – homelessness. This is an American crisis that is playing out in cities across the country, and most significantly all along the West Coast. Homelessness in San Francisco is unacceptable. It requires a citywide effort spanning the public, nonprofit, and private sectors and partnerships at all levels of government.

We must act swiftly and decisively together to help the thousands of adults, families, and youth who are struggling without housing. We need to build on what works and hold ourselves accountable to ensure our efforts are making a difference and that our investments are making an impact. We need to do everything we can to support those who are struggling with homelessness. And we need to be responsive to those in our city who see the impacts in our neighborhoods every day and are calling for action.

Today, our collective efforts keep 15,000 people sheltered and housed every night. We are proud that our homelessness response system provides shelter and supports to thousands of people experiencing homelessness each year and keeps countless others from entering the system through prevention measures and safety net programs. We are grateful to our nonprofit partners who work tirelessly to help people still living on our streets and for the state and federal resources that we do receive.

But our job is not done. We must do more. While tens of thousands of people are no longer unhoused due to their determination and our collective efforts, thousands more continue to suffer. This need requires more from the City, more from our non-profit partners, and more from the state and federal government.

Today, we launch *Home by the Bay*, our citywide five-year Strategic Plan. The Plan is founded on a commitment to work towards achieving racial equity and housing justice and ending homelessness so that everyone in our community has the housing, support, and opportunities they need to thrive.

The Strategic Plan's vision is built upon the three core values of equity, quality, and innovation. This plan outlines mission-critical goals for the next five years, driving towards bold accomplishments and a transformational and cultural shift in how we work collectively. Building on measurable achievements of the last five years, including a recent 15% reduction in unsheltered homelessness, the plan affirms our commitment to prevention, shelter, affordable housing, and services that end homelessness and treat people with the dignity they deserve. Because racism is woven into the structure of the systems that have produced housing instability and homelessness, racial equity is the common thread in every solution. The Strategic Plan sets the foundation for us to hold ourselves accountable for impact.

As a city, we are ending homelessness for people every day. We know what works. Success is within reach, but it will require that multiple city departments align their efforts, embrace accountability, empower our community partners, and work in partnership with people experiencing homelessness. It will require partnership from public and private funders, non-profit providers, advocates, community groups, volunteers, the business community, and elected officials at all levels of government.

Every San Franciscan has a role to play. Now is the time to act. Please join us in reaching the bold goals of this plan over the next five years.



Mayor London Breed
Mayor of the
City and County of San Francisco



Shireen McSpadden
Executive Director of the Department
of Homelessness and Supportive Housing



Vision

The City and County of San Francisco is committed to advancing racial equity and housing justice in our community, ensuring that no one experiences homelessness and that everyone has the housing, supports, community, and opportunities they need to thrive.

We envision a more just future that ensures housing stability for all people in San Francisco. Achieving this bold vision of the future of our community requires us to lead with racial equity for people experiencing homelessness to ensure that those who continue to be systematically impacted by racism and those whose health and lives are threatened by being unsheltered are at the center of all solutions.

This vision acknowledges that homelessness is primarily caused by structural factors. The decades of policy decisions that have resulted in a severe lack of affordable housing, skyrocketing housing costs, and stagnant wages are causing an increasing number of people to experience homelessness. There are also deep racial inequities in who experiences homelessness in San Francisco due to a long history of structural racism and inequitable treatment that has blocked access to housing and other wealth-building domains for communities of color. Our work must redress these racial inequities in access to housing and center the communities that are most marginalized so we may create a more just society.

This vision embraces that how we work together in community with each other is as important as doing the work itself. In order to heal and to strengthen our collective response to homelessness, we must acknowledge the aspects of our collective culture - privilege, power, race, inequality - that have caused past harm, and intentionally focus on the increased inclusion and well-being of people who have been excluded. We must create an environment where abundant resources and transformational, innovative change are possible.

This vision requires the City and County of San Francisco (the City) to recognize that cooperation and strength will build through trust in the collective wisdom of community and people with lived expertise and experience of homelessness. We must fully embrace strategic collaboration and the importance of relational work in how we address homelessness and housing insecurity, as well as require the commitment of all partners to work together across traditional divides, collaborate in new ways, and redress long-standing challenges and obstacles.

Success depends upon the City engaging in trusting partnerships, building the strength of non-profit and faith-based organizations active within our community, and supporting their provision of equitable, coordinated, innovative, and high-quality services and housing options for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Success also depends on the commitment and collaboration of public and private partners to align on strategy and make new investments in housing and services solutions at the scale needed.

The *Home by the Bay* Plan and the Plan's 5 Goals

To drive progress toward this vision, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has led the development of the *Home by the Bay* plan (the Plan) and is charged with leading its implementation from July 2023 through June 2028. The *Home by the Bay* plan strategically aligns the roles and activities of City departments and offices in collaboration with community service providers that respond to homelessness to enhance coordination and collaboration and increase impact in pursuit of the Plan's vision on racial equity and shared citywide goals.

Home by the Bay sets the following Goals to be achieved by June 2028:



GOAL #1

Decreasing Homelessness: Reduce the number of people who are *unsheltered* by 50% and reduce the *total* number of people experiencing homelessness by 15%.



GOAL #2

Reducing Racial Inequities and Other Disparities: Demonstrate measurable reductions in racial inequities and other disparities in the experience of homelessness and the outcomes of City programs for preventing and ending homelessness.¹



GOAL #3

Increasing Number of People Exiting Homelessness: Actively support at least 30,000 people to move from homelessness into permanent housing.



GOAL #4

Supporting People to Succeed in Housing: Ensure that at least 85% of people who exit homelessness do not experience it again.



GOAL #5

Preventing Homelessness: Provide prevention services to at least 18,000 people at risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless.

To achieve these Goals, the City will:

Expand housing and services options within the homelessness response system and
Strengthen operations and outcomes across the entire system.

¹While specific reduction targets for Goal #1 are not being set at the time of the issuance of this Plan, through partnership and collaborative decision-making with impacted communities, the City will establish baseline data by January 2024 and may set targets for specific reductions in inequities in future years, beginning in FY 24-25.

Expanding the Homelessness Response System

The *Home by the Bay* plan's Goals were developed through comprehensive system modeling analyses and projections. This system modeling used local data both to assess what the current homelessness response system is accomplishing *and* to project impacts on the number of people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, if additional resources and programs are added to the system and if other changes and improvements are made.

To achieve the Plan's Goals, the City must expand the homelessness response system with the following additional interventions between July 2023 and June 2028.

 Prevention Services	 Shelter Beds	 Permanent Housing
Prevention services for 4,300 additional households	1,075 new shelter beds	3,250 new units of permanent housing

System modeling has also made it possible to project the costs of expanding the homelessness response system with these additional resources and services. The City estimates that this expansion will require:

- More than \$607 million in additional funding during the five-year timeframe of this Plan; and
- More than \$217 million in additional funding annually, thereafter, increasing with inflation over time, to sustain the new investments

These financial resources are not yet secured. Marshalling resources at this scale will require:

- Increased and ongoing funding commitments at the local level
- Aggressive advocacy for and leveraging of new state and federal funding
- Strategic and coordinated philanthropic investment
- Accountability to ensure that all dollars are effectively deployed to achieve the desired outcomes.

Strengthening Operations and Outcomes

The City will also implement a comprehensive array of activities to strengthen operations and outcomes across every element of the homelessness response system, leading with a focus on racial equity and housing justice, across five strategic Action Areas:

Action Area	Focus of Activities
Advancing Racial Equity and Housing Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity- and justice- focused data and analyses • Collaborative partnerships and decision-making • Internal and external equity-focused capacity-building and nonprofit sustainability activities • Empowering the leadership of impacted communities and people with lived expertise
Enhancing System Performance and Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and supporting nonprofit provider capacity and sustainability • Enhancing performance management and accountability • Implementing a redesigned Coordinated Entry system • Strengthening the quality, diversity, and utilization of data • Improving alignment of citywide strategies and resources
Strengthening Response to Unsheltered Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding 1,075 new shelter beds • Embedding expanded services and resources within outreach efforts, crisis interventions, shelters, and transitional housing. • Addressing the health, behavioral health, and services needs of people who are unsheltered • Connecting people who are unsheltered directly to permanent housing • Addressing community impacts and neighborhood concerns
Increasing Successful and Stable Entries into Permanent Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding 3,250 new units of permanent housing in the homelessness response system, including site-based and scattered-site permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and shallow subsidies. • Improving access to a full array of permanent housing options, including housing outside the homelessness response system • Enhancing services to better support people's housing stability • Implementing new models to address people's complex care needs • Expanding efforts to support people to move from permanent supportive housing to other housing they can afford
Preventing People from Experiencing Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding prevention services to serve 4,300 additional households • Strengthening current homelessness prevention and eviction prevention strategies and targeting • Enhancing housing problem solving services for people at the very cusp of homelessness • Creating an expanded supply of affordable housing units that can prevent households from experiencing housing instability and crises • Developing upstream prevention strategies that better prevent people from experiencing housing crises and risks of homelessness

For each of these Action Areas, the *Home by the Bay* plan further identifies:

- The **Goals** that will be most impacted by efforts within the Action Area.
- Relevant input and **recommendations provided by people with lived expertise and experiences of homelessness**.
- **Objectives** that express the intended improvements, changes, and impacts that City departments and offices and service providers will be pursuing through their collaborative efforts within the Action Area.
- **Prioritized Strategies and Activities**, representing specific actions and efforts that are already underway or are being planned for the early stages of the implementation of this Plan.
- **Future Areas of Focus**, representing actions and efforts, or **innovations**, that are expected to receive greater emphasis from City departments and offices in future stages of the implementation of this Plan and which may be further refined or adjusted over the course of the implementation of this Plan.





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