

1 [Sponsoring an Immigrant Youth Summit]

2 **Declaring the Youth Commission's sponsorship of an Immigrant Youth Summit to help assess**
3 **the unmet needs of San Francisco's young immigrants.**

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5 WHEREAS, San Francisco has one of the highest populations of immigrants in this country,
6 with over a third of the city's population being immigrants and nearly half speaking a language other
7 than English at home; and

8 WHEREAS, Many immigrant youth face various challenges in this country, including, but not
9 limited to, language barriers, cultural and social differences, feelings of isolation, fear, or loneliness,
10 lack of support systems, lack of information, and disconnection from life in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Many immigrant youth in San Francisco also may not be aware of the City's rich
12 existing resources, such as language access services, legal services, after-school programs, career
13 development workshops, volunteer opportunities, and other general life guidance; and

14 WHEREAS, Various Youth Commissioners have been working on planning an Immigrant
15 Youth Summit, the purpose of which is to inform and engage immigrant youth in San Francisco and
16 raise awareness of the needs of immigrant youth among City officials, commissions and departments;
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18 WHEREAS, The goals of the Summit are to spark the interest of immigrant youth in San
19 Francisco; to allow them to articulate their voices and participate in the various opportunities in the city;
20 to demonstrate the official support of the City & County to inspire immigrant youth to develop their own
21 solutions to overcome challenges they face as immigrants; and to raise awareness of current issues
22 facing immigrant youth among City policymakers; and


23 WHEREAS, The Immigrant Youth Summit will be on October 28, October 2011 and will engage
24 immigrant youth in civic participation in San Francisco. The Summit will feature there will be guest
25 speakers, role models, breakout sessions, testimonies and resource fair; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission sponsors the Immigrant Youth
2 Summit; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Immigrant Right Commission to co-
4 sponsor the Immigrant Youth Summit; and be it finally

5 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the
6 Board of Education, the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families and other interested City
7 departments and community organizations to support and actively participate in the Immigrant Youth
8 Summit.

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