

1 [Youth Commission Support of Stopping the Closure of the Oakland Youth Commission]

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3 At its regular meeting of April 16, 2012, the San Francisco Youth Commission unanimously adopted
4 the following motion:

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6 The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the effort to stop the closure of the Oakland Youth
7 Commission.

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9 Supplemental Information:

10 Similar to the San Francisco Youth Commission, the Oakland Youth Commission serves as a liaison
11 between Oakland's youth and its city government. As the city of Oakland is also in a fiscally
12 challenging situation, it has made a decision to cut funding for the staff of the Oakland Youth
13 Commission. Youth Commissions can serve as a very powerful role in allowing youth empowerment
14 and civic engagement in their respective cities.

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16 Not only has the City of Oakland cut funding for staff of the Oakland Youth Commission, but it has now
17 also considered completely closing the Oakland Youth Commission. In an effort to stop this, members
18 of Oakland's Youth Commission have proposed that they continue to meet in a system led by one staff
19 person rather than two. If that is not fiscally feasible, members of the Oakland Youth Commission
20 would advocate for a commission permanently supervised by volunteers of the public. This will allow
21 the Oakland Youth Commission to continue to advise and meet with City Council members and civic
22 leaders to advocate for the needs of Oakland's youth.

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