



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Youth Commission

FROM: Members, Executive Committee, Youth Commission (Commissioners Persky, Shackelford, Monge-Rodriguez, Brodwin, and Warri)

DATE: November 5, 2012

RE: Tentative Forward Calendar for 2012-2013 Full Youth Commission Presentations

Dear Colleagues,

When you chose us five commissioners to be on the Executive Committee, you received a promise that we would consistently be held accountable for maintaining constant and clear communication with the entire Youth Commission.

You may remember a number of weeks ago, when Commissioner Persky distributed feedback suggestion forms, we asked you to list which issues you wanted to hear about the most, and from which CBO's or city departments you would like to hear from as well. The Summer Jobs+ presentation tonight was largely due to the high amount of responses for that issue on the aforementioned surveys.

From other feedback on the forms, the Executive Committee has created the following tentative calendar for presentations to the full Youth Commission. These are by no means set in stone, but we hope to give you an idea of what we are going to hear about this upcoming year!

11/5 – Summer Jobs+ and Youth Workforce Programs
DCYF & United Way

12/3 – District Attorney Re: Youth Initiatives
DCYF Prishni Murillo Re: Youth Reviewers for RFPs (*Request for Proposal*)

12/17 – Youth Immigration and Undocumented Youth Issues
CBOs to possibly invite: Carecen, E4FC (*Educators for Fair Consideration*)

1/7/13 - Environmental Justice and Racism Issues

CBOs to possibly invite: PODER

1/12 and 1/13/2013 – Mid-Year Retreat

2/4/12 – Mental Health Services for Youth

Possible Invites: Department of Public Health, Center for Excellence

2/19/13 – Youth LGBTQ Issues

Possible Invites: LGBT Center, API Wellness, City of Refuge, Trans Thrive, Lyric

3/4/13 – Affordable Housing Issues

Possible Invites: Chinatown Community Development Center, Tenderloin Housing Clinic

To be clear, this is all subject to change, but we do want to update you on what we will be hearing about. Please talk to any of us if you would like to add more issues or suggest CBO's or city departments to add to this list.

In conclusion, we hope that you will learn from all of these presentations. Listening to people talk usually isn't how you advocate and make change for youth in San Francisco, but it is the knowledge we gain from these presentations and subsequent conversations that allow us to fulfill our chartered duties (see Section 4.124).

The purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco. Before the Board of Supervisors takes final action on any matter that primarily affects children and youth of the City and County, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall refer the matter to the Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission shall provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days of the date the Board of Supervisors referred the matter to the Commission. After the 12 day period has elapsed, the Board of Supervisors may act on the matter whether or not the Board has received a response. This referral requirement shall not apply to any matter where immediate action by the Board of Supervisors is necessary to protect the public interest. The Commission shall have the following duties and functions:

- (a)** Identify the concerns and needs of the children and youth of San Francisco; examine existing social, economic, educational, and recreational programs for children and youth; develop and propose plans that support or improve such programs; and make recommendations thereon to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.
- (b)** Identify the unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth through personal contact with these young people, school officials, church leaders, and others; and hold public forums in which both youth and adults are encouraged to participate.
- (c)** Elicit the interest, support, and mutual cooperation of private groups (such as fraternal orders, service clubs, associations, churches, businesses, and youth organizations) and City-wide neighborhood planning collaborative efforts for children, youth and families that initiate and sponsor recommendations that address the social, economic, educational, and recreational needs of children and youth in San Francisco. Advise the Board of Supervisors and Mayor about how such recommendations could be coordinated in the community to eliminate duplication in cost and effort.
- (d)** Advise about available sources of governmental and private funding for youth programs.
- (e)** Submit recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors about juvenile crime prevention, job opportunities for youth, recreational activities for teenagers, opportunities for effective participation by youth in the governmental process, and changes in City and County regulations that are necessary to improve the social, economic, educational, and recreational advantages of children and youth.
- (f)** Respond to requests for comment and recommendation on matters referred to the Commission by officers, departments, agencies, boards, commissions and advisory committees of the City and County.
- (g)** Report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year, effective July 1, 1997.