

1 [Prioritize funding from the Housing Trust Fund for TAY]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to prioritize funding from the**
3 **Housing Trust Fund for the development, creation, and acquisition of affordable housing as**
4 **well as with supportive services and facilities for Transitional Age Youth .**

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6 WHEREAS, As of 2012, nationwide there are 38.9 million youth in the age group of 16-24, and
7 at least 6.7 million are currently recognized as opportunity youth, or known in San Francisco as
8 transitional age youth;¹ and

9 WHEREAS, As of 2006, in San Francisco, there are 80,000 transitional age youth living in San
10 Francisco, while many in this population will make a transition into adulthood while obtaining
11 employment and housing, 5-10% of this population-or between 5,000 and 8,000 young people-will not
12 and are at risk of becoming homeless, jobless or involved with the criminal justice system;² and

13 WHEREAS, The challenges facing this population of disconnected transitional age youth are
14 great: many will have recently cycled out of public systems (foster care, juvenile justice, criminal
15 justice, public housing, child support services or special education), have a special need or disability,
16 have not obtained a high school diploma, or are young parents themselves; and

17 WHEREAS, Transitional age youth are disproportionately the perpetrators and victims of crime
18 in San Francisco, and unless provided with assistance, will remain an economic and social challenge
19 without contributing to San Francisco's local economy; and

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24 ¹ Belfield, Levin, et al. "The Economic Value of Opportunity Youth." January 2012. (pp. 5)
http://www.civicenterprises.net/MediaLibrary/Docs/econ_value_opportunity_youth.pdf .

25 ² *Disconnected Youth in San Francisco: A Roadmap to Improve the Life Chances of San Francisco's Most Vulnerable Young Adults* (2007), Mayor's Transitional Youth Task Force, City & County of San Francisco (p 9).

1 WHEREAS, In 2005, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted a resolution urging the
2 Mayor to ordain a taskforce to study and make recommendations regarding the issues that face
3 transitional age youth;³ and

4 WHEREAS, Former Mayor Newsom did so, and in 2007—after a year of work by task force
5 committees that met over 60 times with City officials from a dozen departments, staff at representing
6 TAY service providers, a number of prominent academic institutions, and numerous TAY
7 themselves—the Transitional Youth Task Force released its report entitled *Disconnected Youth in San*
8 *Francisco: A Roadmap to Improve the Life Chances of San Francisco’s Most Vulnerable Young*
9 *Adults*, which contained sixteen recommendations for City policymakers, key among which was the
10 need for more accessible housing for disconnected TAY;⁴ and

11 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office of Housing took up this issue, and proposed a goal of
12 providing 400 new housing units for transitional age youth by the year 2015;⁵ and

13 WHEREAS, Although the Mayor’s Office of Housing, San Francisco Redevelopment Agency,
14 and Human Services Agency of San Francisco have identified, financed, and provided operational
15 needs for many housing units for TAY, there are over 187 units to be identified with three years left
16 before the proposed goal;⁶ and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is among the most expensive places in the region, state, and nation
18 to live, and the rising home prices and rent are a financial burden to many transitional age youth and
19 their families, especially those struggling to make ends meet;⁷ and

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21 ³ San Francisco Youth Commission Resolution 0405-AL005 “Resolution urging the Mayor to ordain a transitional
youth task force,” adopted March 21, 2005.

22 ⁴ *Disconnected Youth in San Francisco: A Roadmap to Improve the Life Chances of San Francisco’s Most*
Vulnerable Young Adults (2007). Mayor’s Transitional Youth Task Force, City & County of San Francisco. For
23 the section that focuses on housing, see “Recommendation #12: Expanding housing opportunities for homeless
or marginally housed youth,” (pp50-51).

24 ⁵ *Housing for Transitional Age Youth (TAY): Workplan and Recommendations 2007-2012* (2007). Transitional
Age Youth Housing Work Group, City of San Francisco (p1).

25 ⁶ Documents from Mayor’s Office of Housing, June 2011.

⁷ Jeff Buckley, Mayor’s Office of Housing. Power point presentation to the Full Youth Commission of July 16th,
2012. <http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=42252> (p 2).

1 WHEREAS, According to the Planning Department's 2011 *Housing Inventory* report 218 new
2 units of affordable housing were constructed in 2011, which, despite representing 52% of new units
3 added to the City housing stock, also constitutes a 63% decline over the previous years;⁸ and

4 WHEREAS, Not only is this number among the lowest seen in years, but *no* new housing units
5 were constructed for the portion of the population labeled "Extremely Low Income" – a group which
6 youth transitioning out of the foster care system would most likely fall into; and

7 WHEREAS, In June 2011, the San Francisco Youth Commission adopted a resolution urging
8 the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to prioritize and continue providing more affordable housing for
9 transitional aged youth;⁹ and

10 WHEREAS, Unlike other types of affordable housing, TAY housing requires on-site supportive
11 services and assistance-such as substance abuse counseling and healthcare-and such is a major
12 financial challenge in the development thereof; and

13 WHEREAS, The State Supreme Court issued a ruling December 28, 2011 in *California*
14 *Redevelopment et al., v. Ana Matosantos et al.* that effectively eliminated redevelopment agencies,
15 including the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency which provided the vast majority of local
16 affordable housing funding for the City;¹⁰ and

17 WHEREAS, State funding from the last affordable housing bond, Proposition 1C passed in
18 2006 has been almost fully depleted, and federal funding for affordable housing in San Francisco has
19 declined by over 40% since 2007;¹¹ and

20 WHEREAS, Qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco voted on the November
21 6, 2012 general election to pass Proposition C, the Housing Trust Fund, which will set aside general
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⁸ *San Francisco Housing Inventory 2011* (May 2012), San Francisco Planning Department (p 2).

24 ⁹ San Francisco Youth Commission Resolution 1011—AL09 "Housing for TAY Youth," adopted June 20, 2011

25 ¹⁰ Jeff Buckley, Mayor's Office of Housing. Power point presentation to the Full Youth Commission meeting of
July 16th, 2012. <http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=42252> (p 3).

¹¹ *Ibid.* (p 3).

1 fund revenues to create, acquire, and rehabilitate affordable housing and create greater housing
2 options over the next 30 years;¹² and

3 WHEREAS, the Housing Trust Fund is designated to address the housing need for the
4 residents of the City and County of San Francisco, including the City’s TAY population as well; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission strongly commends the Mayor’s
7 Office of Housing, Human Service Agency of San Francisco, and San Francisco Redevelopment
8 Agency for the initiative they have taken in implementing the housing recommendations of the
9 Transitional Youth Task Force; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission calls on the Mayor and the Board of
11 Supervisors to prioritize the use of the Housing Trust Fund to complete the goal of providing 400
12 additional units of transitional age youth housing by 2015; and be it finally

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of
14 Supervisors to strengthen their efforts in prioritizing more affordable housing for transitional age youth.

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25 ¹² Jeff Buckley, Mayor’s Office of Housing. Power point presentation to the Full Youth Commission meeting of July 16th, 2012. <http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=42252> “Legislative Digest.” (p 1).