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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
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FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2013

RE: Three Youth Commission actions and requests: Support and statement on BOS file no. 130038 [SFUSD Budget Supplemental]; resolution regarding affordable supportive TAY housing; motions calling for BOS hearings on implementation of Administrative Code Chapter 12N and Police Department

At our regular meeting last night, the Youth Commission voted to support Board of Supervisors file no. 130038 [Appropriating \$1,500,000 for the San Francisco Unified School District – FY 2012-2013]. The Youth Commission issues the following statement on this proposed ordinance:

The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to commit to adequately funding services of the San Francisco Unified School District.

The Youth Commission commends the Mayor for mentioning in his recent State of the City address his intent to not pull the trigger on the Public Education Enrichment Fund for the next fiscal year.

The Youth Commission recognizes that the use of Rainy Day Fund dollars in this ordinance is *not* in fact supplemental funding for the school district and that the school district would receive this funding in the future regardless of this current appropriation, and while the Youth Commission supports this appropriation, we urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors in the future to prioritize funding that would not be going to the school district anyway (such as the General Fund) over funding that is already going to the school district (such as the Rainy Day Fund).

Last night, moreover, the Youth Commission adopted resolution 1213—AL07 *Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to fully fund the development, creation, and acquisition of affordable housing for Transitional Age Youth in light of the creation of the Housing Trust Fund, and urging the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Human Services Agency of San Francisco to continue to provide local operating subsidies and supportive services for Transitional Age Youth housing.*

This resolution (attached) celebrates the passage of the Housing Trust Fund, and calls on the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the City Family to take three actions regarding housing for disconnected transitional age youth (TAY): to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of the City-funded supportive housing for TAY that currently exists (and to do so in collaboration with young people who live in that housing); to assure that the City meets its longtime goal, initially set in 2008 by the Mayor's Office of Housing, of providing 400 new units of supportive TAY housing by 2015; and to redouble all efforts at providing more supportive TAY housing.

Finally, the Youth Commission adopted two motions (attached) last night calling on the Board of Supervisors to hold various hearings:

Motion 1213—01: *The Youth Commission calls on the Board of Supervisors to hold a timely hearing regarding various City departments' (including but not limited to the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; the Department of Public Health; the Human Services Agency; the Recreation and Parks Department; the Office of Economic and Workforce Development; the Juvenile Probation Department, the Department on the Status of Women; the Library and the Human Rights Commission) efforts to implement the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth sensitivity training requirements laid out in Chapter 12N of the City's Administrative Code.*

Motion 1213—02: *The Youth Commission calls on the Board of Supervisors to hold a timely hearing regarding the Police Department's progress on implementing the three policy recommendations that the Youth Commission provided to the Police Department on March 19, 2012, in the wake of the historic first-ever joint hearing of the Youth and Police Commissions of March 7, 2012, and which the Police Department agreed to implement on April 4, 2012.*

If you have any questions about these items or anything related to the Youth Commission, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446 or your Youth Commissioner.