

1 [Shall the Youth Commission Support and Co-sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Advocacy Day in March  
2 2014?]

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4 Supplemental information

5 Youth Advocacy Day is held each spring at City Hall and is a daylong event where San Francisco high  
6 school students come together to practice civic engagement. This civic engagement comes through  
7 attending an introduction to city government workshop, discussing issues that are important to their  
8 peers, and meeting directly with elected and city officials to share what they care about as young  
9 people. For many students, it is their first time at City Hall, and first introduction to government. The  
10 event is lead by the Youth Warriors, a group of young leaders nominated by community based  
11 organizations to plan, prepare, and lead on Youth Advocacy Day. In the past, the Youth Warriors have  
12 partnered with other youth leaders on the Student Advisory Council, the SF Youth Works program, and  
13 the SF Youth Commission.

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15 Youth Advocacy Day 2014 will involve guest speakers from the school district and City and County of  
16 San Francisco to kick off the event, a panel of educators and students to engage a youth audience, a  
17 workshop to prepare for meetings, and opportunities to meet with officials throughout the day. The day  
18 will conclude with motivational speeches from youth leaders highlighting their experiences.

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20 The Youth Commission's mission is to bridge the gap between youth and city government. The Youth  
21 Advocacy Day event is a perfect opportunity for commissioners to exercise their role and work directly  
22 with other youth to advocate for the issues they care about. The Youth Commission has sponsored  
23 this event in the past. If approved, the Youth Commission will be actively involved in being youth  
24 leaders, attend trainings, and help with planning and promoting the event.

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