



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Jason Elliott, Director of Legislative & Government Affairs, Mayor's Office
Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Families & Children's Advisor
Derek Evans, Clerk, Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee

FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: December 4, 2013

RE: Youth Commission's support and statement on Board of Supervisors file no. 130983, Hearing to discuss and evaluate San Francisco's 10 Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness

At our regular meeting of December 2nd, 2013 the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support file no. 130983, a hearing to discuss and evaluate San Francisco's 10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness, which is due to sunset at the end of 2014.

During discussion on this item, the Youth Commission proposed and unanimously approved the following comment and recommendations regarding this hearing:

- We urge the Board of Supervisors to hold this hearing at a youth friendly time, which is typically after school hours, so that youth may participate. Given the alarming number of youth counted in the 2013 Human Services Agency's Unique Youth Count and Survey, which showed there were 1,902 unaccompanied children and transitional age youth, we feel that it is important to hold the hearing at a time where youth can come out and speak about their direct experiences should they wish to do so.
- Should there be a renewal of the 10-year plan to abolish chronic homelessness and 10-year planning council after the hearing, there should be youth representation and participation from youth with direct experiences with homelessness, the Youth Commission, and the SFUSD's Student Advisory

Council. We recommend that there be youth representation and participation in any ongoing public dialogue or future community meetings related to this hearing.

- Should there be a renewal of the 10-year plan to abolish chronic homelessness, we recommend an outreach plan which includes public town halls in the community where youth, service providers, city officials, and the public can engage in a larger conversation around how to abolish chronic homelessness.
- We also recommend a discussion at the hearing on laws which criminalizes homelessness, such as the Sit/Lie ordinance, and how this affects efforts to abolish chronic homelessness.

Please inform us of forward movement on this item and details about the hearing when it is scheduled.

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



Chair, Nicholas Persky
2013-2014 San Francisco Youth Commission