



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
Alisa Miller, Clerk, Rules Committee

FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: Monday, March 3, 2014

RE: **Referral response to BOS File No. 140098**

At our regular meeting of Monday, March 3, 2014 the Youth Commission unanimously voted to support the following motion:

To support BOS file no. 140098, Initiative Ordinance-Business and Tax Regulations Code-Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages to Fund Food and Health Programs.

We would like to give you some context for the position expressed above.

The motion to support the proposed action by the Board of Supervisors came out of youth commissioners' discussion concerning:

- The financial and health burdens faced by low-income communities as a result of the dental and health issues caused by consumption of sugary beverages
- The need to ensure that the tax meets its stated goal of curbing consumption of sugary sweetened beverages
- The need to work to expand access to healthy beverage alternatives
- The need to consider subsequent efforts to curb consumption of prepared sugary drinks frequently purchased by young people, like boba and milk teas.

Please inform us of forward movement on this item.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas Persky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chair, Nicholas Persky
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