

1 **[Youth Commission Support and Sponsorship of Taking a Stand SF Event on April 5, 2014]**

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4 The Youth Commission supports and sponsors the Taking a Stand SF event that will be held on April
5 5th, 2014 at the Center for Political Education.

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10 Supplemental Information:

11 This first "Taking a Stand (SF)" project is an interactive, inter-generational response to injustices
12 witnessed and experienced in San Francisco. Sparked by an incident in which four young men were
13 controversially confronted and arrested by undercover police officers in the Valencia Garden's
14 community last November, the Valencia Garden's community organized a series of peaceful actions
15 as well as a strategic usage of media and social media to secure the release of the young men who
16 were arrested.

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19 San Francisco artist Nina Parks responded to the original call to action by collecting images of people
20 in her communities, including youth organizations, local entrepreneurs, and educators, holding a sign
21 that reads "I'm taking a stand for SF" to raise awareness about SFPD's Community Policing General
22 Order 1.08. She asked community members to take a pledge of standing against injustice and for
23 progress in modeling what *mutual respect* and *understanding* can look like in SF. This led to the
24 creation of the event that will take place on April 5th, 2014. This event will involve educational sessions,
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open dialog, and artistic expressions in hopes of uniting the voices of San Francisco and developing stronger communication between the police department and the general San Francisco population.



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