

1 [Commending Nayad Abrahamian]

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3 **RESOLUTION COMMENDING NAYAD ABRAHAMIAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND**
4 **CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS OFFERED TO ENSURE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN SAN**
5 **FRANCISCO.**

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7 WHEREAS, Nayad Abrahamian has worked tirelessly as an advocate, program coordinator
8 and mentor to hundreds of youth in San Francisco through her years as staff of the Youth
9 Empowerment Fund; and

10 WHEREAS, Her commitment to youth has been evident in the indispensable expansion of the
11 Youth Warrior Award & Fellowship Program and her efforts to extend the magnitude of the Youth
12 Empowerment Fund in its guiding principles; and

13 WHEREAS, These guidelines include supporting the role and leadership of young people by
14 providing them with resources to define their own programming, practice leadership, and to bring
15 sustainable community change; and

16 WHEREAS, The Youth Empowerment Fund also believes that youth should be making
17 decisions that affect their own lives; possess the knowledge and ability to be leaders in their
18 communities; and should have access to resources to define their own programs and opportunities;
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20 WHEREAS, Through Nayad's leadership as the Youth Empowerment Fund Manager, youth
21 from all over San Francisco participating in the YEF programs have had opportunities to learn and
22 thrive, and to become their own leaders carrying out the guiding principles; and

23 WHEREAS, Nayad has provided an eloquent voice and shared powerful testimony through her
24 role as Youth Leadership and Advocacy Coordinator to the need for youth empowerment, civic
25 engagement and youth voice in the political climate; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth Advocacy Day is an all day event where San Francisco high school
2 students come together to City Hall to practice civic engagement through attending an introduction to
3 city government workshop, discussing issues that are important to their peers, and meeting directly
4 with elected and city officials to share what they care about as young people; and

5 WHEREAS, Nayad has been able to demonstrate her commitment to youth and civic
6 engagement via the successful coordination of Youth Advocacy Day for the past five years; and

7 WHEREAS, Her Passion is infectious, her energy is boundless, her exuberant personality
8 brightens the political and social climate and her love for the youth of San Francisco is unmatched;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 2013-2014 San Francisco Youth Commission does hereby honor, Nayad
11 Abrahamian for her outstanding efforts in ensuring youth empowerment through their personal and
12 professional development through programs and opportunities as an employee with the Youth
13 Empowerment Fund.

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