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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Wednesday October 21, 2015
RE: Referral response to BOS Files No. 150951

At our Monday, October 19, 2015 meeting, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 150951 – Hearing on transgender youth issues, including areas of policy and budgetary need; and requesting the Department of Public Health and the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families to report.

Youth commissioners also approved the following comments regarding this legislation:

The Youth Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors explore opportunities for increasing the diversity of programs serving transgender youth in order to expand service options outside of the Castro and the Tenderloin.

The Youth Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors look at opportunities for the City to partner with SFUSD to improve wellbeing and outcomes for transgender students, and that the hearing be used as an opportunity to consider what type of support is currently offered to the parents and guardians of transgender youth.

Youth commissioners recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider opportunities for public engagement and awareness campaigns to prevent violence against transgender youth.

Youth commissioners recommend, and would be enthusiastic about supporting, the Board of Supervisors in considering and centering the voices of transgender youth during this process of inquiry, through the use of focus groups, or other means.

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luis Avalos-Nunez".

Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez
Adopted on October 19, 2015
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