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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Erica Major, Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

FROM: Youth Commission

**DATE:** Thursday, February 4, 2016

RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 151179

At our **Monday, February 1, 2016 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to unanimously support the following motion:

**To support BOS File No.** 151179—Ordinance amending the Health Code to prohibit tobacco retailers from selling tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes, to persons aged 18, 19, or 20.

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## During discussion on this item, youth commissioners voted to submit the following comments regarding this legislation:

The Youth Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider opportunities for creating a youth outreach effort to inform youth people about the ordinance.

The Youth Commission recommends that the City make efforts to advise 18-20 year olds of their rights and responsibilities under the ordinance and to clarify for young people that the new ordinance does not criminalize tobacco use or possession for 18-20 year olds.

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

Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez

Adopted on February 1, 2016

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