

San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, July 19th, 2021 5:00pm-8:00pm

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Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen "Rocky" Versace

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)

Vice Chair Santos calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Commissioners Hylton, Jones, and Morris are absent.

Roll call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present Valentina Alioto-Pier, present Lillian Tang, present Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present Calvin Quick, present Gabrielle Listana, present Adrianna Zhang, present Gracie Veiga, not present Ariana Arana, present Rome Jones, absent Erika Morris, absent Arsema Asfaw, present Sarah Cheung, present Sarah Ginsburg, present Nora Hylton, absent Amara Santos, present Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)



Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, motions to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye** Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**

Lillian Tang, Aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Aye

Calvin Quick, Aye

Gabrielle Listana, Aye

Adrianna Zhang, Aye

Gracie Veiga, not present

Ariana Arana, Aye

Rome Jones, Absent

Erika Morris, Absent

Arsema Asfaw, Aye

Sarah Cheung, Aye

Sarah Ginsburg, Aye

Nora Hylton, **Absent**

Amara Santos, Aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. July 6th, 2021 (Document A)

Commissioner Chueng, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka, motions to approve the minutes. A roll call vote is taken. Motion passes.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, Aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier, Aye

Lillian Tang, Aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Aye

Calvin Quick, Aye

Gabrielle Listana, Aye

Adrianna Zhang, Aye

Gracie Veiga, not present

Ariana Arana, Ave

Rome Jones, **Absent**

Erika Morris, Absent

Arsema Asfaw, Aye

Sarah Cheung, Aye

Sarah Ginsburg, Aye

Nora Hylton, Absent

Amara Santos, Aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)



Josh Park - former Commissioner in 2015 for D4. Works with SF Rising on the issue of student debt cancellation. Phone Banking and canvassing and signing a petition to ask Nancy Pelosi to cancel student debt. President Biden hasn't done anything to do this so putting pressure on Nancy Pelosi to support this issue. Rally at City Hall steps and then walk to Nancy Pelosi's office and on leg side of things, tomorrow at the BOS meeting there is a resolution introduced and discussed and next week it will be voted on.

Support by giving public comment tomorrow and coming to the event on August 3rd.

Commissioner Veiga logged onto the meeting at 5:08pm.

5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Decision] File No. 210747 - [Hearing - COVID-Related Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Reports - FY 2019-2020 and Initial Six Months of FY 2020-2021] Sponsor: Supervisor Mandelman

Presenter: Tom Temprano, District 8 Legislative Staff and Pau Crego, Deputy Director - Policy and Programs Office of Transgender Initiatives

(Document B)

Tom: Nice to be here with the YC - here to talk about SOGI Data Reports. Pau and I

Background: LGBTQ people have been largelly ignored by all levels of government. This has left a gap and we are asking to collect data to address service inequities for this community. in 2016, then sup. weiner, legislated that SF begin to collect this data. required DPH, Mayor's Office, DCYF, HSH, contractors that receive over \$50,000, and 2 other depts. to collect and record demographic data for city government and identify the needs of lgtbq san franciscans to assess if the city is meeting these needs. Asking all departments to report COVID data.

Last hearing was April 2019 city departments were struggling to report/collect SOGI data. Hopefully that progress will have been made between now and the last hearing. Addressing underrepresentation is of the utmost importance.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick: I know the BOS has had a lot of hearings specifically related to COVID and the health crisis - and data that DPH has collected. Has SOGI data not been collected at all?

Tom: SOGI has not been the topic of either of those hearings or has been robustly reported on. The city has reported on a small amount as related to testing. I'd pass it to Pau.

Pau: on the data sf dashboard we have some data on people contracting data and deaths - we don't have data on testing or vaccination - and is not available to the public.

Commissioner Santos: Data that is already available or existed - what's the process for data collection? and heard you say that LGBTQ people being underserved would love to hear more about this.

Tom: SOGI hearing in 2019 to assess 2017/2018 SOGI data and at that time that was the first reporting that had occurred. Initial attempt to comply with the law. Departments were doing their best but running. As I remember, departments were doing their best but ran into technical



issues and as BOS said it had inadequate data. Pau and Trans Initiatives office has been working on making sure we have adequate data. It became clear across the board that if we didn't have a program that helped the LGBTQ+ community, then we'd be doing a disservice.

Pau: legislation was passed in 2016 and has taken a few years to get this data, because the first 2 years were preparing to collect the data and prepare tools, etc.

Commissioner Zhang: how does this data compare to other cities? Is it normal?

Pau: I can say that SOGI data collection is new and hasn't been happening a lot. Even in Ca its been a few years. it's a little piece meal and SF is the lead city doing this. The process of implementation is so challenging because our departments have different databases. We are leading, but it is a long process. A lot of states don't require this. At the federal level there are things in the works that are requiring these questions to be included in national data.

Commissioner Quick: has there been any sort of emphasis or angle on the youth data collection? Lots of issues that affect lgbtq community and are amplified in youth. Youth homelessness is very specific to LGBTQ youth community.

Pau: one of the departments that is required is DCYF. Any direct services and all of their grantees have to collect this info and have good data on lgbtq youth accessing their services. In recent years have been collecting data informally for youth under 16 and have great insights in their latest report on terms, identity, communities. Still work to be done so we can compare data to get more nuanced information. My hope is that within next year his office can work with the Dept of Tech to make SOGI data public and have it available to the public.

Commissioner Cheung: why is there inadequate SOGI data in the past? Has it been a lack of resources like funding or just inadequate collection?

Pau: different data systems that needed to be modified so data can be collected in a new way. When SOGI law was passed it required collection of data that wasn't being collected before so had to change way of questions, integrate them into their databases, and then train people asking those questions. Still a need for people getting comfortable asking questions of their participants. Educational piece, data collection/database piece, and probably hasn't been additional staff given to dept or orgs to manage this so also could be a capacity issue.

Commissioner Veiga: Thank you both for presenting! I am wondering about the SOGI TAY data you had mentioned that DCYF collects- is this specific to COVID-19 as well? If not, how can TAY be included in this specific request for COVID-19 SOGI data in order to provide specific resources for this vulnerable population?

Tom: DCYF data is not specific to COVID 19, they are legislatively required to collect data on their programs. No specific requirement on collecting SOGI data on COVID related programs and are hoping they will be presented on at the hearing.

Pau: we have covid related data, but if they haven't collected this data, then we're asking for any data they have when working with LGBTQ+ communities.

Commissioner Asfaw: Are you planning on consolidating the data across City Depts. into one database, so all city depts have access to this data?

Pau: yes, i am actually having conversations with data sf, the online dashboard, to have some public data and including this SOGI data for the public and departments. and compare the data



that different depts have, because right now it is all spread out. Hoping in the next year we can have this data public.

Commissioner Chueng: a potential question for the hearing - what are the additional resources needed to get the SOGI data together?

Tom: The hearing is in September and if you have any further questions, please email them to me. Thank you for your questions and feedback. My email is tom.temprano@sfgov.org.

Commissioner Santos: question for the hearing - worthwhile to collect data post covid19 - what are long term strategies that can be implemented to learn about LGBTQ people.

Pau: Thank you, Commissioners. Feel free to reach out to me as well at pau.crego@sfgov.org.

Questions to include at the hearing:

- 1) what are the additional resources needed to get the SOGI data together?
- 2) What are the long term strategies to be implemented to collect data to learn about the needs of LGBTQ+ people in SF?

Discussion: No discussion.

Public Comment: no public comment.

Motions: Commissioner Santos, seconded by Commissioner Quick, motions to support the hearing with the questions previously put in the chat. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye** Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**

Lillian Tang, Aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Aye

Calvin Quick, Aye

Gabrielle Listana, Aye

Adrianna Zhang, Aye

Gracie Veiga, Aye

Ariana Arana, Aye

Rome Jones, **Absent**

Erika Morris, Absent

Arsema Asfaw, Aye

Sarah Cheung, Aye

Sarah Ginsburg, Ave

Nora Hylton, Absent

Amara Santos, Aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

B. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210748 - [Hearing - De Facto Route Abandonment and Service Restoration for Muni Buses, Trains, and Cable Cars]

Sponsor: Supervisor Preston

Presenter: Preston Kilgore, District 5 Legislative Staff

(Document C)



Preston: Leg Aide for D5. July 23rd at 9am is the hearing during the GOA committee.

Background: SFMTA to reinstate precovid lines and service before december. 2 weeks ago this announcement included millions of extra dollars for SFMTA - once SFMTA 1.1 billion in COVID - even with all this money SFMTA still lacks behind services. Supervisors remain concerned by this. Car usage is increasing. No plans or metrics on when lines will return, especially in their District. Why do residents have to hold protests to get lines back? The process should be community involved and have them be a part of the decision. Riders are ready to ride and drivers are ready to drive. The Supervisor believes it's time to come back to pre pandemic service hours, transit first city, and want it in writing to bring back lines.

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: What type of accountability will be taken or established for SFMTA to use these funds in a responsible manner? TJ has concerns about their use of officers to enforce ticket fare.

Preston: Great question. Part of the interest in having the hearing. The agency has over a billion dollars in federal relief and other agencies across the country are establishing full service already. Ex: like BART is already doing this. Understanding how the SFMTA is spending this money and what their intentions are long term with billions + in federal relief.

Commissioner Quick:

- 1) Context: We have a resolution asking for increased service during school commute hours on school lines by mid August. It has been opaque, from our perspective, to get any info or proactive activity on what they are doing to make sure all school serving lines that are routinely crowded pre pandemic will not be even more so when public schools go back to in person instruction in mid August. SFMTA has been inadequate with communication and lacking in foresight with how they planned this. Earlier one of their releases re: slow streets that slow streets would be viable alternative,
 - a) Question: do you have any perspective on this lack of focus on specific impacts of non restoration of lines on youth and students?
- 2) You mentioned Free Muni for All Youth, and understand it's not the topic of the hearing, and just saw a flyer to promote Free Muni for All Youth, and are requesting any youth over 16 to provide and hold a government ID for proof of age. This is one of the issues that demonstrates a lack of listening to the Youth Commission and other advocates because it is about decreasing harmful and potentially dangerous interactions with transit police and fare inspectors especially for youth of color. Are you planning to dig into this at the hearing?
 - a) Question: why are you advertising that youth under 16 should hold government ID when the Youth Commission and other advocates have specifically said not to do this; specifically because of the impact on youth riders of color and the impact on undocumented youth who don't have access to government ID? This speaks to a larger issue around communication from key stakeholders.

Preston: Appreciate the question. Our office is thinking about this alot as schools reopen. This is part of the reason we want to raise the hearing - more generally, there is a lack of clarity around how these decisions are being made on the 31, there was a rally by TNDC, the initial announcement the 31 wasn't supposed to come back. With community organizing, YC pressure, and BOS pressure they've reopened some lines. We want to understand the metrics that are driving these decisions and are unclear to the public. Riders rely on planning and a



ritual, hard to plan this if this is released in late August. Preston is a strong supporter of transit, part of getting people excited about public transit is making it consistent. As we go into the 2022 ballot, the public will think about why departments get billions of dollars for slow services.

Preston: (question 2) again, appreciate the question. Not specifically at the hearing for this program, but what I will say - in the spirit of communication and collecting feedback, you are all a big piece of this - I think it falls inline with the lack of communication from the SFMTA on basic programs. Not just collecting feedback, but listening to key stakeholders. We want to encourage the next generation of transit riders. If you are a 16 year old person of color/low income and you don't have an ID you will have a bad experience and you may not want to get back on. It is a big deal and there are still a lot of growing pains for Free Muni for All Youth, let's celebrate and also keep in mind that everything is new.

Commissioner Santos: program is good, but may not take the anxiety that youth of color and undocumented youth may feel while riding muni.

Commissioner Quick: have a decision on SFMTA's attitude towards communicating with key stakeholders and making transit a welcoming space for marginalized communities, especially youth and youth of color.

Preston: I will definitely bring this up with Sup. Preston who I know will entertain this either in the hearing or in conversations with SFMTA.

Commissioner Santos: can we specify that undocumented youth can only have an ID thru the city dept, and they are not able to get a government ID right now.

Commissioner Cheung: Asking how will they prioritize what lines will reopen and how will they prioritise the lines in the neighborhoods with low income people and communities.

1) how will you prioritize what lines will reopen and how will they prioritize lines that serve communities of color?

Commissioner Santos:

1) Recommendation: We don't want that funding to go toward policing.

Commissioner Quick: I'm curious what the SFMTA has been spending federal relief on? How much do they track internally where that money is going and is the money going to cover the salaries of fare inspectors? DO you know if they have that detailed info?

Preston: I can't answer accurately, but I do know SFMTA keeps information like that. I am writing this down and happy to get more information on where the federal money is going. SFMTA did have a structural deficit, but what I can say is the budget they presented in Feb 2020 (pre pandemic) included a deficit that has been halved since then. So a lot of that money has been used to cover the debt that had previously.

Discussion: No discussion.

Question and Recommendation Recap:

1) Question: do you have any perspective on this lack of focus on specific impacts of non restoration of lines on youth and students?



- 2) Question: why are you advertising that youth under 16 should hold government ID when the Youth Commission and other advocates have specifically said not to do this; specifically because of the impact on youth riders of color and the impact on undocumented youth who don't have access to government ID? This speaks to a larger issue around communication from key stakeholders.
- 3) Question: how will you prioritize what lines will reopen and how will they prioritize lines that serve communities of color?
- 4) Question: what has the SFMTA been spending federal relief on? How much do they track internally where that money is going and is the money going to cover the salaries of fare inspectors?
- 5) Recommendation: We don't want that funding to go toward policing.

Public Comment: no public comment

Motions: Commissioner Quick motions to support the hearing with the said questions and recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, Ave Valentina Alioto-Pier, Aye Lillian Tang, Aye Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Aye Calvin Quick, Aye Gabrielle Listana, Ave Adrianna Zhang, Ave Gracie Veiga, Aye Ariana Arana, Aye Rome Jones. Absent Erika Morris. Absent Arsema Asfaw, Aye Sarah Cheung, Ave Sarah Ginsburg, Aye Nora Hylton, Absent Amara Santos, Ave Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

Preston gives major shout outs to the Youth Commission on transit advocacy! If any questions or anything else comes up related to hearing before Friday, please feel free to send those my way. Thanks: Preston.Kilgore@sfgov.org

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Decision] Health Rights Campaign: Tobacco Minimum Pack Size Policies Presenter: Youth Policy Leaders (YPL) Youth Group (Document D)

<u>A short video is shown on minimum pack size.</u> Youth Policy Leaders: we advocate for youth and low income communities by supporting local policies in SF.



Issue: the sale of little cigars and cigarillos, focus on TL. Literature reviews, interviewed 4 experts in tobacco control, photovoice.

Findings: youth consumption of cigars and cigarillos is popular among youth. Facing big tobacco is challenging due to deep pockets, political power, and opposed restrictive policies. Impact on Youth: youth are price sensitive, youth initiation, nature of addiction, young people expert the product to be there, corner stores in TL have intentional product placement.

Policies: 6 cities in CA require a minimum pack size.

Asking you to do a 30 second survey by using the QR code and want an endorsement from the YC. Need to take steps to make harmful products less accessible to youth. They will be approaching Supervisor Haney about this issue.

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: thank you for presenting on this topic and how Sf has done this work. Always more to be done.

Commissioner Santos: what would this implementation look like vs. what is currently happening?

Nardos: met with SFDPH Environmental Health branch on implementation. They have a lot of policies they are tasked with enforcing and would work with DPH staff, community, and the BOS.

Commissioner Santos: To be transparent, I don't know myself or know folks who buy these things, I wonder how this policy prevents police interaction?

Nardos: these cigars and cigarillos would not be available in stores. Our goal is to not have this be present in corner stores or be encouraged to buy them because they are cheap.

Commissioner Asfaw: I enjoyed your presentation and hope that as YC we can support your work. Have y'all connected with the Stanford Youth Action Board? Amara can you put my email in the chat, because I got an email from them about nicotine and tobacco use amongst youth.

Commissioner Santos: what is your understanding of how the products are impacting BIPOC youth?

Gio: youth don't understand the nature of addiction and the impact of big tobacco on youth

Commissioner Listana: important topic, grew up in the TL, saw a lot of this; is D6 YCer and would like to bring this up to her Supervisor so what should I mention?

Nardos: thank you for bringing this up to Supervisor Haney, ultimate goal is to have him connect to a solution for this policy. In general - refer to their video or their educational packet that summarizes their findings and advocacy goals.

Discussion: No discussion.

Public Comment: No public comment.



Motions: Commissioner Zhang motions to endorse their project as the YC and to take their survey, seconded by Commissioner Arana. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye** Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**

Lillian Tang, Aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Aye

Calvin Quick, Aye

Gabrielle Listana, Aye

Adrianna Zhang, Aye

Gracie Veiga, Aye

Ariana Arana, Aye

Rome Jones, Absent

Erika Morris, **Absent**

Arsema Asfaw, Aye

Sarah Cheung, Aye

Sarah Ginsburg, Aye

Nora Hylton, Absent

Amara Santos, Aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Second Reading + Decision] File No. 2021-AL-16 [San Francisco Municipal

Transportation Agency - Transit Service Restoration]

Sponsor: Commissioner Quick Presenter: Commissioner Quick

(Document E)

Reminder: this is a seconded reading on the resolution urging SFMTA to commit to 100% pre pandemic services.

Commissioner Quick reviewed the content of the resolution and stated the new amendments into the record.

Discussion/Questions: None.

Public Comment: no public comment

Motions: Commissioner Cheung motions to pass this resolution, seconded by Commissioner Zhang . The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**Lillian Tang, **Aye**Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**Calvin Quick, **Aye**Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**Adrianna Zhang, **Aye**



Gracie Veiga, Aye
Ariana Arana, Aye
Rome Jones, Absent
Erika Morris, Absent
Arsema Asfaw, Aye
Sarah Cheung, Aye
Sarah Ginsburg, Aye
Nora Hylton, Absent
Amara Santos, Aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Aye

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - last LAO report: resolution that Preston referenced urging SFMTA to have muni lines back to pre pandemic levels and didn't think we needed to have it called due to similar YC resolution
 - ii. Budget updates that YC advocated for and were included in the upcoming budget:
 - 1. TJ recommended that APD increase funding for youth services and APD did included funding for a particular youth program
 - 2. APD is maintaining and expanding the young adult court
 - DPH Must Divest request replacing sheriff's funding to expand other holistic care - partially funded but didn't get everything requested (could get a presentation on what DPH ultimately adopted)
 - 4. HLU recommendations BOS passed budget that would finally allocate enough funding of 400 units of permanent supportive housing that is almost entirely on passage and approval of Pass C. Likely that city will finally fulfill the 2015 TAY Housing Plan, almost at this point it's a decade behind schedule
 - 5. Increase funding for mental health and treatment programs living in supportive housing. HLU could dig more into this
 - 6. urging SFMTA to work with SFUSD and CCSF to enroll all youth in Free Muni for Youth as now we have Free Muni for Youth for the year long pilot program (a big win for us)
 - 7. CART Compassionate Alternative Response Team got about half of the money they were asking for but have to do another action to get the funds released.
 - 8. SFMTA does plan to fund YTAB
 - b. Comms
 - talked about meeting with supervisors and doing monthly update on instare: Free Muni for Youth
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. none
- B. Civic Engagement
 - a. Didn't meet so nothing to report
- C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. Didn't meet so nothing to report
- D. Transformative Justice
 - a. disbanded



E. OCOF

a. nothing to report

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- SF African American Chamber of Commerce Conference
 - o panel for youth entrepreneurship 1 rep from YC
 - Invite from City Admin Carmen Chiu's office
 - upcoming conference for Black Business Month in August. The Chamber plans to dedicate one day of the conference, Friday August 27, to youth entrepreneurship and engagement.
 - They mentioned potentially wanting to invite a representative from the Youth Commission to participate, potentially as part of a panel.
 - YCers available: Rome (staff to reach out since not at the meeting)
- Youth-led townhall on Closure of Juvenile Hall
 - On Thursday, July 22nd between from 2:00pm to 3:30pm the Human Rights Commission and the My Brother's and Sister's Keeper initiative are hosting a youth-led townhall to discuss their ideas, concerns and recommendations on the efforts to Close Juvenile Hall.
 - Join Zoom Meeting
 - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82932549733?pwd=YkdhSHJlNnlSd1UwclBN S2tTT295QT09
 - Meeting ID: 829 3254 9733
 - Passcode: 355126
- Save the date: Aug. 3rd Cancel Student Debt Action SF Rising
 - San Francisco Rising organizing to cancel college student debt. Biden can accomplish this through the signing of executive action. We are putting pressure on Biden by putting pressure on Nancy Pelosi to support canceling student debt and putting pressure on BOS
 - August 3rd press conference/protest starting at a to be determined public space (probably outside of City Hall) and a walk to Nancy Pelosi's office to demand that she support the cancellation of student debt.
- YC Evaluation Fill out before you go
- YC End of the Year Reflection Activity

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Quick - the hearing on SFMTA route abandonment is this Friday @ 9am. Come speak in public comment or email it in: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.