

1 **[Motion to Support Designation of Funds for a TAY Navigation Center and to Urge the City to**
2 **Fund Homeless Youth Services Proportional to the Homeless Population]**

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4 In July 2016, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance (File No. 160278) requiring the City to
5 open six new navigation centers within twenty four months—three by July 2017 and an additional three
6 more by July 2018. The ordinance includes provisions for one of the navigation centers to be
7 dedicated to meeting the needs of transitional age young people who are experiencing
8 homelessness.¹

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10 In May 2017, the City celebrated the opening of the Dogpatch Navigation Center and Mayor Lee
11 announced plans to increase funding and add more beds for homeless residents as part of his
12 upcoming budget, including plans to open four more navigation centers in the next year. With the
13 opening of the Dogpatch center and those in the pipeline, the number of navigation center beds will
14 increase by 150% by the end of next fiscal year.²

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16 The Youth Commission urges Mayor Lee, the Board of Supervisors, and the Department of
17 Homelessness and Supportive Housing to prioritize the funds set aside for Navigation Center
18 construction towards expediting the siting and opening of a TAY Navigation Center in accordance with
19 the 2016 ordinance. As transitional age youth make up 21% of the City's homeless population but
20 accounted for only 6% of the City's expenditures on homeless services in 2016-17, Youth
21 Commissioners believe the prioritization of a TAY navigation center will contribute to greater balance
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24 ¹ Legislative Digest for BOS File No. 160278; Available at:

<https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=4509733&GUID=378BBDB1-D115-43E4-B7CA-41003EC3A178>

25 ² “Press Release: Mayor Lee Announces Plans to Increase Funding and Capacity for Navigation Centers and Shelters,”
Mayor's Press Office, May 24, 2017.

1 in the City's investments and make strides in addressing the needs of transitional age youth
2 experiencing homelessness.

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7 Madeleine Matz, Chair, 2016-17 Youth Commission
8 Adopted on June 19, 2017

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