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2 waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 16-18]

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5 **fee waivers for California IDs for Youth in San Francisco between the ages of 16-18 and to work**
6 **with the SF Youth Commission and the San Francisco Department of Elections on an**
7 **implementation strategy.**

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9 WHEREAS, the city and county of San Francisco has historically been supportive
10 of youth involvement in city services and policy; and

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12 WHEREAS, youth activists from the San Francisco Youth Commission pushed for
13 Proposition F, a voting reform that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in San
14 Francisco elections, to be on the 2016 ballot; and

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16 WHEREAS, following Prop F's tight loss with 49% of voters in support of the
17 amendment, the Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee continued in their dedication
18 to youth voter rights and dedicated resources to Voter Pre-registration of 16 and 17 year
19 olds in San Francisco; and

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21 WHEREAS, in the San Francisco Youth Commission's annually published Budget
22 and Policy Priorities "[Improving] Voter Turnout and Civic Engagement Through Pre-
23 Registration of 16 and 17 Year Olds" was named as Priority Number two in the 2017
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1 BPP¹; and

2 WHEREAS, during Pre-registration outreach 74 out of 200 youth in District 4, District 5,
3 District 6, and District 8 who expressed interest in pre-registering to vote did not have access
4 to a California ID card/social security number in order to pre register; and

5 WHEREAS, many of the youth interviewed stated that they faced economic barriers in
6 paying for the California ID fee of \$30; and

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8 WHEREAS, according to the San Francisco Census, an estimated 19,000 youth
9 between the ages of 16-18 live in San Francisco², and an estimated 2,000 youth need
10 financial assistance for California ID Cards; and

11 WHEREAS, for a lot of young people, a California ID will be one of their only forms of
12 identification; and

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14 WHEREAS, immigrant, LGBTQ, and youth of color often face the most amount of
15 economic barriers in paying for the ID card. As one young person from an organization in
16 District 6 said, "There are a lot of kids in the city who can't afford to pay for them, especially
17 kids in the [juvenile justice] system."

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19 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families named the
20 traits of identifying as LGBTQ, underhoused, or having exposure to violence, abuse, or trauma

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¹<http://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/Final%20YC%20Budget%20%26%20Policy%20Priorities%20for%20FYs%2017-18%20and%2018-19%20%2816-17%20Term%29.pdf>

24 ² <http://www.bayareacensus.ca.gov/counties/SanFranciscoCounty.htm> (Data as of 2016, taken from estimations and
25 population trends based on 2010 census)

1 as characteristics of increased need³; and

2 WHEREAS, the San Francisco organizations that the Civic Engagement and
3 Immigration Committee interviewed to determine the need for California IDs consisted
4 mainly of underhoused, LGBTQ, and juvenile justice-system involved youth; and

5 WHEREAS, several DCYF-Funded organizations such as Beacon, understand the
6 need for providing youth with opportunities to pay for California IDs either through
7 compensating employees who pay for youth or giving youth fee waivers and fee reductions
8 directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles; and

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10 WHEREAS, many organizations that receive funding from DCYF, such as Beacon,
11 Larkin Street Youth Services, and Bay Area Community Resources, already have supportive
12 services set-asides in their budget that oftentimes go towards paying the fee for California
13 IDs; and

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15 WHEREAS, DMV fee reductions and fee waivers are only available to youth through
16 organizations that the DMV provides with the fee reduction and fee waiver forms; and

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18 WHEREAS, there is a need for youth even within these organizations to get fee
19 waivers, as several organizations have decided that being youth-friendly involves opting out
20 of being part of the system that classifies youth based on their incomes. One Case Manager
21 from an organization in District 4 said, "We just don't want to be a part of the system asking
22 kids if they get EBT, because we already know a lot of the kids here are low-income". One
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25 ³ <http://www.dcyf.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4886>

1 17-year-old from District 5 also said, "It's like everyday people ask me how much my mom
2 makes. For school lunch, for textbooks, for SAT prep, for everything. After school when I
3 come in here I'm just me, no one asks me if I'm on Welfare. I think everybody should be able
4 to have a place like that."

5 WHEREAS, many young people not involved in organizations do not know how to
6 get access to the fee waivers, yet the fee remains a barrier to getting California IDs.

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8 WHEREAS, DCYF has previously shown interest in this proposal and recognizes the
9 benefit that giving youth access to direct fee-waivers would have for the young people in San
10 Francisco; and now therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF, in collaboration
12 with the City and County of San Francisco, to provide \$60,000 for fee waivers for 16-18 year
13 olds, irrespective of the young person's affiliation with community organizations; and be it
14 further
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16 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF to work with the
17 Department of Motor Vehicles to implement youth-friendly systems for young people to attain
18 ID Fee waivers; and be it finally

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20 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges DCYF, in collaboration
21 with representatives from the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor's office and the San
22 Francisco Department of Elections, to meet with members of the SF Youth Commission's
23 Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee to lay out a plan for action and implementation
24 regarding the fee waivers.
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