

1 [Motion supporting the students being falsely detained as suspects without due process and
2 urging the Board of Supervisors to conduct a hearing of the San Francisco Police
3 Department's actions in the August 30, 2018 Balboa High School gun incident]

4 Supplemental Information

5 On August 30, 2018, Balboa High school and all surrounding schools went into lockdown after
6 a gun was fired at Balboa high school. The following statements are taken from the official
7 press release:

8 "The community is left with many questions as to the way SFUSD leadership handled the
9 incident involving a gun at Balboa High School and the subsequent media coverage on
10 Thursday, August 30, 2018."

11 "Media outlets have portrayed the incident as though it involved an active shooter, scaring
12 hundreds of families in the process. While all efforts to keep our school community safe are
13 applauded, it is necessary to call out the wrongful criminalization of the young people taken
14 into police custody as witnesses for questioning."

15 "A gun was brought to school and accidentally discharged. The student who brought the gun
16 to campus later turned himself in with family."

17 "Balboa High School's principal failed to protect the students taken into police custody for
18 questioning."

19 "One such student was incorrectly portrayed across news media outlets as the student who
20 brought the gun to campus. That student was quickly criminalized and - in one day - went
21 from having the reputation of a proud football player to "the kid with a gun." This student has
22 participated in various community programs such as Boys and Girls club, the O'Connell
23 YMCA summer program, Precita Center, and the Horizons MYEEP summer youth
24 employment program. He is a member of the Balboa Varsity Football Team and has played
25 soccer for various teams over the last five years."

"The family respectfully requests that the circulation of images showing the face of the minor
be stopped IMMEDIATELY. An update should be issued stating that the students taken into
SFPD custody for questioning were all released on Thursday, August 30th with NO charges."

"On Friday, August 31st, a community response meeting was held to support the families of
those involved. Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Supervisor Hillary Ronen's staff, Board of Education
Commissioner Shamann Walton and Youth Commissioner Balham Javier Vigil were all in
attendance."

1 Youth Commission Media and Outreach Officer Grace Hoogerhyde attended a further
2 community meeting at Balboa High School on Thursday, September 13th. Tensions in the
3 community remain high, as the school and the police department remain closed to discussing
and putting their protocols in question.

4 A California law recently passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2017
5 (AB 395, Lara, Custodial interrogation: juveniles) required minors 15 years of age or younger
6 to have a consultation with legal counsel before they are interrogated by police. While those
7 youth detained for questioning in relation to the gun incident at Balboa High School were over
8 that age, the Youth Commission believes that the lack of provision of legal consultation was
an instance of undue overreach on the part of the police department, and of irresponsible
inaction on the part of the school.

9 The Youth Commission, in the wake of this unfortunate event, extends its support to the
10 families of students affected by the shooting and will also do everything in its power to ensure
11 that all student voices will be listened to concerning gun violence and this tragic shooting. The
Youth Commission also commits itself to holding a hearing whether joint with the Board of
Supervisors or by ourselves, on gun violence and the school shooting at Balboa High School.

12 The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to hold a joint hearing with the Youth
13 Commission on gun violence and more specifically on the Balboa shooting, and to conduct a
thorough investigation of SFPD's questioning of minors without a parent present.

14 Lastly, let it be known that the Youth Commission stands with the students who were falsely
15 detained as suspects without due process. The Youth Commission furthermore urges all
16 parties involved to respect the families' demand of respecting the students' privacy by
removing all the images of them.

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19 Bahlam Vigil, Chair, 2018-19 Youth Commission
20 Adopted on September 17, 2018