

1 [Omnibus Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]  
2 **Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the**  
3 **Mayor’s Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2019-2020**  
4 **and FY 2020-2021, and urging the Department of Children, Youth and their Families, the**  
5 **San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Superior Court, the Office of the**  
6 **District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Department of Public Health,**  
7 **the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation Department, and the**  
8 **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to request funding for such**  
9 **programs in the submission of their department budgets.**

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11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco operates on a two-year budget  
12 cycle, with the elaboration of department budgets beginning every year in December with the  
13 issuance of budget directions to departments by the Mayor’s Office and the Controller’s  
14 Office, and the final budget being signed in August; and

15 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to present a report on its  
16 Budget and Policy Priorities (“BPPs”) for youth to the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) every year  
17 for consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May;  
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19 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission’s BPPs consist of recommendations for  
20 consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide  
21 range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the  
22 BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and

23 WHEREAS, However, Youth Commissioners cannot advocate in their official capacity  
24 for youth-related programs and funding until they have formally endorsed them; and

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1           WHEREAS, Currently, the budget has already gone through many iterations by the  
2 time the Youth Commission presents its BPPs to the BOS, leaving little room for significant  
3 changes based on recommendations made in the BPPs; and

4           WHEREAS, The needs of youth and their communities are therefore easily left out of  
5 the elaboration of department budgets and further review before they come before the BOS;  
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7           WHEREAS, In order to represent the interests of youth throughout the entire budget  
8 process, this Resolution enumerates the youth-related programs that the Youth Commission  
9 wishes to see funded in FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021; and

10          WHEREAS, This Resolution enables the Youth Commission to advocate early on in the  
11 budget process for certain specific programs that fulfill the needs and requests of the Youth  
12 Commission's constituency; and

13          WHEREAS, Furthermore, this Resolution allows for youth advocacy organizations to  
14 influence the budget process through the Youth Commission in a meaningful way from the  
15 very beginning of the budget process; and

16          WHEREAS, This Resolution has been considered by the three policy committees of the  
17 Youth Commission which, in conjunction with the Youth Commission's Executive Committee,  
18 have heard from community members and organizations, as well as City departments, and  
19 have ensuingly formulated recommendations for various youth-related programs that they  
20 wish to see funded in the upcoming budget season; and

21          WHEREAS, The Civic Engagement Committee of the Youth Commission has  
22 determined the youth-related program it wishes to see funded, and has proposed  
23 amendments to this Resolution that reflect that intent; and

1           WHEREAS, The Transformative Justice Committee of the Youth Commission has  
2 determined the youth-related programs it wishes to see funded, and has proposed  
3 amendments to this Resolution that reflect those priorities; and

4           WHEREAS, The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Youth Commission has  
5 determined the youth-related programs it wishes to see funded, and has proposed  
6 amendments to this Resolution that reflect those priorities; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor to propose funding for the  
8 programs enumerated below in the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-  
9 2021; and, be it

10          FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement  
11 Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth and their  
12 Families (“DCYF”) to propose the establishment and funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020  
13 and FY 2020-2021 of a program to provide fee waivers to youth aged 16 through 18 inclusive  
14 for the \$30 fee for obtaining a California ID card from the California Department of Motor  
15 Vehicles; and, be it

16          FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
17 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department  
18 (“SFPD”) to fully fund in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 mandatory instruction  
19 for law enforcement officers on youth cognitive development and on interactions with youth,  
20 and to work with the Youth Commission, the Department of Police Accountability, and  
21 community organizations such as Frisco CopWatch and Strategies for Youth to develop  
22 curriculum on interactions with law enforcement to share with concerned communities, in the  
23 interest of fostering more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in  
24 which both parties will be aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
2 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Superior Court, the Office  
3 of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Department of Public Health  
4 (“DPH”), the Adult Probation Department (“ADP”), DCYF, and SFPD to work together and with  
5 community non-profits to secure funding in their budgets for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021  
6 for maintaining and expanding the Young Adult Court in San Francisco, and for finding and  
7 pursuing alternatives to incarceration; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
9 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges ADP, DPH, DCYF, the Juvenile Probation  
10 Department (“JPD”), and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”)  
11 to include increased funding in their budgets for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for re-entry  
12 programs and services, focusing on livelihood, community, safety, education, housing, health,  
13 and healing, and specifically designating investment in job resources, ensuring consistent  
14 access to supportive housing, enabling social workers or community members to take on the  
15 role of probation officers, opening access to free credentialing or education, and developing  
16 and supporting programs that work to bring families and formerly incarcerated individuals  
17 together; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF, DPH, SFPD, ADP, and JPD to work  
20 together to include funding in their budgets for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for  
21 rehabilitation and healing services for young people who have experienced police brutality  
22 and trauma from witnessing the systemic disregard of people of color in the judicial system,  
23 specifically investing in social workers at schools and in free and quality mental health  
24 resources for young people and their families; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
3 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of  
4 permanent supportive housing for Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”); and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
6 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
7 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for programs and services that target TAY experiencing  
8 homelessness proportionally to the size of the population of TAY within the larger population  
9 of individuals experiencing homelessness; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
11 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
12 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for mental health and substance use treatment and counseling  
13 programs, particularly targeting TAY experiencing homelessness or living in supportive  
14 housing; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
16 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
17 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid  
18 survival resources, and for increased support services for food and laundry for that population;  
19 and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
21 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and  
22 community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY  
23 2020-2021 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training for TAY, and financial  
24 support for education resources for TAY; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
3 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for more accessible drop-in centers providing an entry into the  
4 supportive system for TAY experiencing homelessness, including staff trained in youth  
5 development and trained to receive youth from marginalized communities, such as LGBTQ+  
6 youth or youth of color, as well as multilingual access at all drop-in centers; and, be it

7 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the  
8 passage of a budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 that reflects the needs of the youth  
9 population in San Francisco.

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