Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the Mayor's Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021, and urging the Department of Children, Youth and their Families, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Superior Court, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Department of Public Health, the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation Department, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to request funding for such programs in the submission of their department budgets.

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

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to present a report on its Budget and Policy Priorities (“BPPs”) for youth to the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) every year for consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission’s BPPs consist of recommendations for consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The needs of youth and their communities are therefore easily left out of
the elaboration of department budgets and further review before they come before the BOS;
and

WHEREAS, In order to represent the interests of youth throughout the entire budget
process, this Resolution enumerates the youth-related programs that the Youth Commission
wishes to see funded in FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Civic Engagement Committee of the Youth Commission has
determined the youth-related program it wishes to see funded, and has proposed
amendments to this Resolution that reflect that intent; and
WHEREAS, The Transformative Justice Committee of the Youth Commission has
determined the youth-related programs it wishes to see funded, and has proposed
amendments to this Resolution that reflect those priorities; and
WHEREAS, The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Youth Commission has
determined the youth-related programs it wishes to see funded, and has proposed
amendments to this Resolution that reflect those priorities; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor to propose funding for the
programs enumerated below in the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-
2021; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement
Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth and their
Families (“DCYF”) to propose the establishment and funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020
and FY 2020-2021 of a program to provide fee waivers to youth aged 16 through 18 inclusive
for the $30 fee for obtaining a California ID card from the California Department of Motor
Vehicles; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department
(“SFPD”) to fully fund in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 mandatory instruction
for law enforcement officers on youth cognitive development and on interactions with youth,
and to work with the Youth Commission, the Department of Police Accountability, and
community organizations such as Frisco CopWatch and Strategies for Youth to develop
curriculum on interactions with law enforcement to share with concerned communities, in the
interest of fostering more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in
which both parties will be aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Superior Court, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Department of Public Health (“DPH”), the Adult Probation Department (“ADP”), DCYF, and SFPD to work together and with community non-profits to secure funding in their budgets for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for maintaining and expanding the Young Adult Court in San Francisco, and for finding and pursuing alternatives to incarceration; and, be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF, DPH, SFPD, ADP, and JPD to work together to include funding in their budgets for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for rehabilitation and healing services for young people who have experienced police brutality and trauma from witnessing the systemic disregard of people of color in the judicial system, specifically investing in social workers at schools and in free and quality mental health resources for young people and their families; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of permanent supportive housing for Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”); and, be it

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training for TAY, and financial support for education resources for TAY; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 for more accessible drop-in centers providing an entry into the supportive system for TAY experiencing homelessness, including staff trained in youth development and trained to receive youth from marginalized communities, such as LGBTQ+ youth or youth of color, as well as multilingual access at all drop-in centers; and, be it FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the passage of a budget for FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 that reflects the needs of the youth population in San Francisco.

Bahlam Vigil, Chair, 2018-19 Youth Commission
Adopted on January 7, 2019