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YOUTH COMMISSION
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TO: Honorable Mayor London Breed
Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Mayor's Liaison to Boards and Commissions
Kanishka Karunaratne, Mayor's Liaison to Boards and Commissions

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee, Board of Supervisors

FROM: 2018-19 Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

RE: Youth Commission Recommendation for Seat 1 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

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Pursuant to Administrative Code Sec. 2A.233, seats 1 and 2 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) are reserved for "[a] youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment for the term, recommended to the Mayor by the Youth Commission."

Seat 1 was held by Carmen Sosa, who began serving on the OAC in 2015, and who has decided to not reapply. This now leaves Seat 1 open and vacant.

Following an outreach and application process to fill seat 1 in which Youth Commissioners reached out to youth-serving community organizations across San Francisco, Youth Commissioners considered applications at their Wednesday, October 31, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Youth Commissioners reviewed the OAC legislation (BOS File No. 141215), working carefully to select youth who they believe can provide valuable insight on the diverse experiences and challenges of young people in San Francisco, as well as bring a systems-informed and solution-oriented lens to the work of the OAC.

Youth Commissioners are pleased to share their **recommendation of Yingwei (Audrey) Xu for appointment consideration for Seat 1 on the OAC**. Youth Commissioners found that Yingwei is well positioned to bring unique and important insights to the work of the OAC through their own experiences and challenges as young San Franciscans, as well as their involvement in and dedication toward community programs that serve young people in our City. Yingwei's full application is attached for your review.

Yingwei (Audrey) Xu, 17, is a student at Balboa High School. As a first-generation low-income person of color, she recognizes the challenges of navigating institutions that aren't set up for marginalized communities. She is deeply invested in advocating for immigrant, low-income, and minority youths in San Francisco. As a youth advocate, she recognizes that her role is to serve with youth and build access to resources to the community. In her application and experiences, she demonstrates her

1 *investment and commitment to advocating for resources and change for marginalized communities.*
2 *She has been a part in many different roles through MYEEP, SAC and YouthWorks. Her*
3 *understanding of the many programs and services will aid her in her position on the OAC. Given her*
4 *experience in DCYF Youth Advisory Board, she will be able to build bridges with the community on*
5 *DCYF resources and has the public speaking experiences to back her up on community outreach. As*
6 *a youth on a primarily adult-dominated board, there is a potentially steep learning curve but given her*
7 *passion and experiences with community outreach, the commissioners believe that she will be show*
8 *up as a strong and reliable advocate for youths and families.*

9 Youth Commissioners look forward to continuing to support the process of confirming youth
10 appointments to the committee. We hope you will inform our office if commissioners can be of further
11 assistance.

12 Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 554-6464 or kiely.hosmon@sfgov.org if you have any
13 questions. Thank you.

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