

1 [Motion adopting the Youth Commission’s recommendations for seat 6 on the Sugary Drinks
2 Distributors Tax Advisory Committee]

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

5 See attached memo

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YOUTH COMMISSION
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TO: Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee, Board of Supervisors
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, Board of Supervisors
Christina Goette, Program Manager Shape Up SF Coalition Backbone, San Francisco
Department of Public Health
Suhagey Sandoval, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Rules Committee Chair

FROM: 2018-2019 Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

RE: Youth Commission Recommendations for Seat 6 on the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax
Advisory Committee (SDDTAC)

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Pursuant to Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Article XXXIII, Sections 5.33-2, seat 6 on the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee is reserved for “[a person who is under 19 years old at the time of appointment and who may be a member of the Youth Commission, nominated by the Youth Commission and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. If the person is under legal voting age and unable to be an elector for that reason, the person may hold this seat, but upon reaching legal voting age, the person shall relinquish the seat unless he or she becomes an elector, in which case the person shall retain the seat]”

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In order to fulfill their duties outlined in the administrative code concerning recommendations for seat 6, Youth Commissioners conducted an outreach and application process in which they reached out to youth-serving community organizations across San Francisco to help identify youth interested in serving on the SDDTAC. Youth Commissioners considered applications at their Wednesday, October 31, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Youth Commissioners reviewed the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax legislation (BOS File No.160729), 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 SDDTAC.

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Youth Commissioners are pleased to share their **recommendation of Sofia Woo for appointment consideration to seat 6 on the SDDTAC**. Youth Commissioners found that Sofia is well positioned to bring unique and important insights to the work of the SDDTAC through their own experiences and challenges as a young San Franciscan, as well as their dedication to improving health outcomes for young people in our City. Their full application is attached for your review.

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Sofia Woo, 17, is a student at Lowell High School. Sofia Woo’s intellectual curiosity, passion for sharing knowledge, and experience in the community make her a strong applicant for the SDTAC youth seat. She is willing to learn and grow further in every space she’s been a part of and gain the experience necessary to advocate for her community. As an intern for District 4 Supervisor Tang, she has participated in community events, stakeholder meetings, and rallies that open her eyes to the different strategies and tools that folks use to advocate for their needs. As a tutor at 826 Valencia, she has learned compassion and patience when working with young children. These experiences have guided her to be a stronger advocate for the community by first listening with compassion to the community needs before providing solutions. This strength will be a great asset for SDTAC. She has taken a strong initiative in learning about public health policies issues and has contributed to the discussion by participating in the informative and insightful town hall at SF Main Library. Sofia demonstrates a strong understanding of the stakes of the public health crisis and its impact on youth and families. And most importantly, she is willing to commit the time and energy to be a vital voice for youths and families on the SDTAC.

Once again, Youth Commissioners would like to thank members of the Board for passing legislation providing for the inclusion of a youth seat on the SDDTAC, and look forward to continuing to support the process of confirming youth appointments to the committee. We hope you will inform our office if commissioners can be of further assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Truong at (415) 554-6446 or Caroline.Truong@sfgov.org if you have any questions. Thank you.