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[Motion in support of thanking Governor Brown for Signing AB748 and SB1421]

Supplemental Information:

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November 19, 2018
Governor Jerry Brown
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Brown,

The San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes your signing of AB 748 (making certain peace officer records subject to disclosure under the California public records act) and SB 1421 (Peace officers: the release of records which increases police transparency and accountability via public access). This is an important step toward building connections between impacted communities and law enforcement; ensuring positive, safe interactions between the youth and police officers of San Francisco, and introducing a balance of accountability.

The Youth Commission is composed of seventeen youth representing the diverse communities of San Francisco. As the Youth Commission's committee of Transformative Justice, we have advocated for rehabilitative practices for decades. Adopting these practices would mean implementing intergenerational healing modalities and expansions of restorative justice training for officers, youth, and families. Introducing these types of methodologies will promote a higher degree of beneficial, secure interactions between youth and law enforcement. We want to recognize that the signing of this legislation is not implementing the fullest extent of police accountability. There is still much more work to be done on ensuring the adoption of rehabilitation practices and initial alternatives to incarceration. However, we appreciate this step forward to a better future.

On behalf of the youth of San Francisco, we thank you and look forward to seeing the effect these new laws will have on our communities. This newly signed legislation will aid us in spreading these restorative practices throughout our community; resulting in lower crime rates, improvement in relations between youth and law enforcement, and a safer social environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bahlam Vigil", written over a horizontal line.

Bahlam Vigil,
Chair, 2018-19 Youth Commission
Adopted on November 19, 2018