

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
MEMORANDUM

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
Carolyn Goossen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Rules Committee Chair

FROM: 2018-2019 Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

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

20 In order to fulfill their duties outlined in the administrative code concerning recommendations for seat 6,
21 Youth Commissioners conducted an outreach and application process in which they reached out to
22 youth-serving community organizations across San Francisco to help identify youth interested in serving
23 on the SDDTAC. Youth Commissioners considered applications at their Wednesday, March 27, 2019
24 Executive Committee meeting. Youth Commissioners reviewed the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax
25 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.

Youth Commissioners are pleased to share their **recommendation of Aaron Kunz for appointment
consideration to seat 6 on the SDDTAC**. Youth Commissioners found that Aaron 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.

1 *The Youth Commission is nominating Aaron Kunz to the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory*
2 *Committee’s Youth Seat. Aaron Kunz will bring his living experiences to maximize the collective*
3 *community voice. Aaron brings a critical analytical lens to problem solve with the committee the ways in*
4 *which sugary drinks have impacted low – income people of color communities across San Francisco.*
5 *As the youth seat, the Youth Commission trusts that Aaron will move the committee to remain connected*
6 *with the community. He understands that there needs to be an equity lens to the work and the tax should*
7 *benefit the community. He believes that it is a necessity that the revenues of this tax be allocated to*
8 *programs that enhance the availability of healthy alternatives to communities historically impacted by*
9 *sugary drinks and invest in community health programs that reduce the harmful health effects of high*
10 *sugar consumption. With his research and community outreach experience through Community*
11 *Housing Partnership and interning at Senator Feinstein’s office, he is adept and able to work with*
12 *community on educating and uplifting their needs from grassroots to policy making level. And most*
13 *importantly, he is willing to commit the time and energy to be a vital voice for youths and families on the*
14 *SDTAC.*

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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.