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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: John Carroll, Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 180922 – [Hearing on the juvenile justice system and strategies, including Juvenile Hall and the closure of Log Cabin Ranch, as well as community-based alternatives to detention; and requesting the Juvenile Probation Department to report]

At our **Monday, October 15, 2018, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 180922 – [Hearing on the juvenile justice system and strategies, including Juvenile Hall and the closure of Log Cabin Ranch, as well as community-based alternatives to detention; and requesting the Juvenile Probation Department to report].

Commissioners also approved the following comments and recommendations regarding this legislation:

- 1) Conversations should be conducted with youth who went absent without leave from Log Cabin Ranch to understand the underlying reasons of why they would unexpectedly depart.
- 2) With the intended commitment to create a Task Force to identify best practices for alternatives to detention, that youth seats be made available on said Task Force to better represent youth voices and experience.
- 3) A youth member of the public stated that the amount of money that goes towards Log Cabin Ranch is a large waste of tax payer’s money and could be better used for different services impacting the city.

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bahlam Vigil".

Bahlam Vigil, Chair
Adopted on October 15, 2018
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