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YOUTH COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 190389 – [Administrative Code - Castro Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural District]

At our **Monday, May 20, 2019, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 190389 – [Administrative Code - Castro Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural District]

Comments/Recommendations:

- 1) The Youth Commission voted to recommend naming and identifying youth as a specific target population to outreach to in Sec.107B.2.(a)(3) under Community Outreach and Engagement.
- 2) The Youth Commission voted to add in a comment from District 8 Youth Commissioner JoJo Ty:

“The Castro Cultural District will help further preserve, recognize, and celebrate a community that has been historically been forgotten and left out of the narrative. Queer and trans youth flock to the Castro to learn about our queerstory and trancestors that came before us. It's the place where we learn the meaning of community and find our chosen family. From my experience, the Castro isn't the most youth-friendly space for young people - there are not many places where we can convene and business owners aren't that fond of us. For queer and trans youth, it's important for them to feel welcome in a space to live their best authentic lives and to continue to sustain the culture of the LGBTQ community. Youth contribute a lot to the community and I hope that we will be able to be part of the planning and decision-making process of the Castro Cultural District.”

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 blue ink, appearing to be "JoJo Ty".

Bahlam Vigil, Chair
Adopted on May 20, 2019
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