Motion declaring solidarity with climate strikers demanding action in the face of the climate emergency.

WHEREAS, The planet is facing a human-engineered climate emergency of unprecedented scale; and

WHEREAS, Recent reports indicate that a global reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from human sources of 40 to 60 percent from 2010 levels is necessary by 2030 in order to keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrialized levels and avoid the most detrimental impacts of the climate emergency, such as wildfires, climate-induced mass migration, widespread lethal heat-stress, and damage to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Rising sea levels are already impacting communities within the Bay Area, particularly disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, Since August 2018, youth worldwide and in San Francisco have led climate strikes and protests to demand action to address the root causes of the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, September 20, 2019 marked a worldwide general strike to demand action on transformative and bold solutions to the climate emergency; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Youth Commission declares solidarity with climate strikers demanding action in the face of the climate emergency; and be it

MOVED, That the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to take steps to inform the Climate Strike movement of the Youth Commission’s solidarity and support.
Josephine Cureton, Chair
Adopted on September 23, 2019
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