Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the Mayor’s Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022, and urging Department of Elections, the Department of Children, Youth and their Families, the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation Department, the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of Police Accountability, the Public Defender’s Office, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the Board of Supervisors to request funding for such programs in the submission of their department budgets.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco operates on a two-year budget cycle, with the elaboration of department budgets beginning every year in December with the issuance of budget directions to departments by the Mayor’s Office and the Controller’s Office, and the final budget being signed in August; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to present a report on its Budget and Policy Priorities (“BPPs”) for youth to the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) every year for consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission’s BPPs consist of recommendations for consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and
WHEREAS, However, Youth Commissioners cannot advocate in their official capacity for youth-related programs and funding until they have formally endorsed them; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the budget has already gone through many iterations by the time the Youth Commission presents its BPPs to the BOS, leaving little room for significant changes based on recommendations made in the BPPs; and

WHEREAS, The needs of youth and their communities are therefore easily left out of the elaboration of department budgets and further review before they come before the BOS; and

WHEREAS, In order to represent the interests of youth throughout the entire budget process, this Resolution enumerates the youth-related programs that the Youth Commission wishes to see funded in FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, This Resolution enables the Youth Commission to advocate early on in the budget process for certain specific programs that fulfill the needs and requests of the Youth Commission’s constituency; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this Resolution allows for youth advocacy organizations to influence the budget process through the Youth Commission in a meaningful way from the very beginning of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, This Resolution has been considered by the three policy committees of the Youth Commission which, in conjunction with the Youth Commission’s Executive Committee, have heard from community members and organizations, as well as City departments, and have ensuingly formulated recommendations for various youth-related programs that they wish to see funded in the upcoming budget season; and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Civic Engagement Committee of the Youth Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and
WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Transformative Justice Committee of the Youth Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2019, the Housing and Land Use Committee of the Youth Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Elections to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to cover the costs of outreach and internal system reorganization should an initiative to expand the municipal voting age to 16 pass at the November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Adult Probation Department (“APD”) to increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for re-entry programs and services such as the Interrupt, Predict, and Organize for young adults, focusing on employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation services, and education support; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges APD to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for maintaining and expanding the Young Adult Court; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth and their Families (“DCYF”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for social services, health and mental health care, substance use support, or other wrap-around
services, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for justice programs that support leadership skill-building and workforce development, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Police Accountability to increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs to increase community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive housing for girl shelters to avoid out of county placements after contact with the juvenile justice system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Juvenile Probation Department to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive programming, employment resources, education support, mental health and counseling, after detention rehabilitation and healing support and services, and community-based programs for youth and families; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD”) to propose funds in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mandatory in-depth youth and Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”) rights training that incorporates youth brain development through an equity and trauma-informed lens; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFPD to propose funds in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the Know Your Rights trainings have community advisory workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback in the interest of fostering more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties will be aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Public Defender’s Office to increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for immigration relief programs, bail reform initiatives, services for children of incarcerated parents, and case management for reentry programs; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of permanent supportive housing for TAY; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs and services that target TAY experiencing homelessness proportionally to the size of the population of TAY within the larger population of individuals experiencing homelessness; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mental health and substance use treatment and counseling programs, particularly targeting TAY experiencing homelessness or living in supportive housing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid survival resources, and for increased support services for food, laundry, and transportation for that population; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training for TAY, and financial support for education resources for TAY; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for more accessible drop-in centers for TAY experiencing homelessness to enter a supportive system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to establish a strategy to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco youth and students; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to propose funding in their budgets for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to work collaboratively with the San Francisco Unified School District and City College of San Francisco, to make sure all students and youth are enrolled in the Free Muni for Youth program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to include funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to increase the Youth Commission budget, specifically raising the salary of all Youth Commission staff over 100% AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory, and allocating the Youth Commission an outreach and community events budget of $3,000 to cover the costs of organizing and hosting community outreach events key to maintaining close links with the various communities the Youth Commission is charged with serving; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the passage of a budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 that reflects the needs of the youth population in San Francisco.

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Josephine Cureton, Chair
Adopted on January 19, 2020
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