

1 [Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco  
2 Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of Understanding]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with**  
4 **the San Francisco Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of**  
5 **Understanding**

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7 WHEREAS, We hold the humanity and precious life of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor,  
8 Tony McDade, Alex Nieto, Mario Woods, Amilcar Lopez Perez, O’Shaine Evans, and all those  
9 victims of racist violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The system of policing in America, and its systemic targeting of and use of  
11 deadly and brutal force against people of color, particularly black people, stems from the long  
12 legacy of slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws, and the War On Drugs in the United States and  
13 has been perpetuated by violent and harmful law enforcement practices; and

14 WHEREAS, A system that enforces white supremacy, police brutality and the use of  
15 excessive force have inflicted intergenerational harm and trauma to families, and are  
16 intensifying our nation’s mental and spiritual health crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, Our city of San Francisco has a track record of police brutality,  
18 environmental racism, and gentrification, among many other injustices towards queer, trans,  
19 black, indigenous, people of color; and

20 WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ community members of color experience not only racism, but  
21 also homophobia and/or transphobia from SFPD officers; and

22 WHEREAS, The 2018 National Crime Victimization Survey shows that 58% of trans  
23 and gender nonconforming people reported mistreatment from the police including verbal  
24 harassment, physical or sexual assault, consistent misgendering or being forced to perform  
25 sexual acts in exchange for not being arrested; and

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WHEREAS, In the same survey, 50% of trans and gender nonconforming people reported feeling uncomfortable interacting with the police; and

WHEREAS, As found in a poll conducted by NPR, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard T.H. Chan School Of Public Health, LGBTQIA+ people of color are more than twice as likely as their white counterparts to say they've been discriminated against because they are LGBTQIA+ while interacting with police; and

WHEREAS, The same poll shows that 24% of LGBTQIA+ people of color feel discomfort and/or have faced discrimination when interacting with police, compared to 11% of white LGBTQIA+ people; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission, as the city's only chartered youth advisory body, are committed to advocating for the rights, needs, and voices of all San Francisco youth; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD") serves different communities all over San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD defines its core values as to "put students' needs first" and "stand with those most vulnerable in [their] community;" and

WHEREAS, All students in SFUSD should feel socially, emotionally, and physically comfortable at school, and should not feel targeted based on their racial identity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other core-identifier; and

WHEREAS, The current relationship between SFUSD and SFPD does not align with the values SFUSD's commitment to racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Black men received 39% of all instances of San Francisco Police Department's ("SFPD") reported use of force and Black youth comprised 63% of all juvenile arrests, despite the fact that African-American's only compromise of 3 – 4% of San Francisco's population; and

1           WHEREAS, According to a study by the Harvard University School of Sociology,  
2 students of color are more likely to be stopped and/or harassed by officers, whether at their  
3 school or in their communities; and

4           WHEREAS, The 2018 – 2019 SFUSD data showed that the count of students arrested,  
5 cited or detained has been on the decline in recent years, with 28 incidents reported in the  
6 2018 – 2019 school year compared to 79 in 2016 – 17; and

7           WHEREAS, The SFUSD's data showed that Black and Brown students continue to  
8 have the highest rates of police interactions; and

9           WHEREAS, It also referenced two incidents in 2019 in which elementary students were  
10 placed in police custody; and

11           WHEREAS, Having officers present on school campuses and SFUSD having an  
12 affiliation with SFPD can make students who come from overpoliced communities feel unsafe  
13 or uncomfortable in institutions that are meant to help them learn; and

14           WHEREAS, The system of policing upheld by the SFPD unjustly targets communities  
15 of color and low-income communities; and

16           WHEREAS, According to a study done by the University of California, Los Angeles,  
17 students who feel unsafe at school because of an increased police presence have lower rates  
18 of academic success; and

19           WHEREAS, According to SFUSD, African-American and Latinx students in SFUSD  
20 have the lowest rates of graduation, and only 13% of African-American students and 22% of  
21 Latinx students are considered proficient or above by grade level in mathematics, while 51%  
22 of SFUSD students as a whole are considered proficient or above by grade level in  
23 mathematics; and

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1           WHEREAS, School Resources Officers, nationally, set the stage for students of color  
2 to be criminalized at school sites, increases arrests and pipelines students into the criminal  
3 justice system, as the school to prison pipeline; and

4           WHEREAS, African-American and Latinx communities in San Francisco have been  
5 systemically disinvested in due to war on drugs policies that have increasingly resourced  
6 police departments over public schools; and

7           WHEREAS, The SFUSD-SFPD MOU was created to ensure the safety and wellbeing  
8 of SFUSD students; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission condemns all acts of police  
10 brutality and excessive use of force especially to youth of color; and, be it

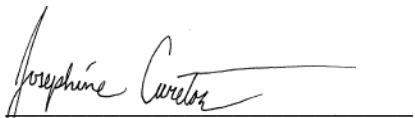
11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San  
12 Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco Police  
13 Department by ending the SFUSD/SFPD Memorandum of Understanding; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police Department budget should be  
15 redirected towards SFUSD to fund and increase culturally competent and trauma-informed  
16 learning curriculum, mental health services, art programs, and restorative justice programs, to  
17 help young people heal and grow.

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Josephine Cureton, Chair  
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