

1 [Motion of Intent to Refer SFUSD-Related Legislation]

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3 **Motion declaring the intent of the Youth Commission, its Officers, and its Staff to**  
4 **interpret Section 4.124 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco,**  
5 **authorizing and requiring Youth Commission comment and recommendation on any**  
6 **matter that primarily affects children and youth of the City and County, as**  
7 **encompassing legislation related to the City and County’s relationship with the San**  
8 **Francisco Unified School District.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is a Commission of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco (the “City”) that draws its authority from the City Charter; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 4.124 of the City Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to  
13 refer legislation on any matter that primarily affects children and youth in San Francisco  
14 (“youth-related legislation”) to the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation; and

15 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission regularly requests that the Clerk of the Board of  
16 Supervisors refer youth-related legislation to it under the aforementioned Section of the City  
17 Charter; and

18 WHEREAS, However, the Youth Commission has historically not requested youth-  
19 related legislation pertaining to the City’s relationship with the San Francisco Unified School  
20 District (“SFUSD”) to be referred, as SFUSD is a separate entity from the City and has its own  
21 youth advisory body, the Student Advisory Council; and

22 WHEREAS, Although the City and SFUSD are distinct jurisdictions, the City contributes  
23 annually to the Public Education Enrichment Fund which supports the SFUSD budget, the  
24 City has in recent years benefitted from access to excess Educational Revenue Augmentation  
25 Fund moneys, and both jurisdictions make further decisions that affect the other; and

1           WHEREAS, Legislation pertaining to the City’s relationship with SFUSD intrinsically  
2 affects SFUSD students, who form a subset of children and youth in San Francisco; and

3           WHEREAS, Accordingly, Youth Commission comment and recommendation should be  
4 given on legislation pertaining to the City’s relationship with SFUSD, so that the Board of  
5 Supervisors and Mayor may have the benefit of the Youth Commission’s advice when  
6 deciding how to conduct that relationship; now, therefore, be it

7           MOVED, That the Youth Commission hereby declares its intent to interpret Section  
8 4.124 of the City Charter as requiring the Board of Supervisors to refer legislation related to  
9 the City’s relationship with SFUSD to the Youth Commission for comment and  
10 recommendation, provided that such legislation also meets all existing criteria for Youth  
11 Commission referral, as defined by the City Charter and current practice; and, be it

12           FURTHER MOVED, That the Youth Commission directs its Officers and Staff to  
13 implement the contents of this Motion as promptly and fully as possible.

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17 Nora Hylton, Chair  
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