



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement Committee  
Minutes ~ Draft**

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

**4:45-6:45 PM**

**City Hall, Room 270**

**1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Arianna Nassiri, Kaye Chin, Charley Obermeyer, Grace Hoogerhyde, Drew Min, Alysha Sadarangani, Felix Andam

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 pm. Commissioners present: Arianna Nassiri, Kaye Chin, Charley Obermeyer, Grace Hoogerhyde, Drew Min, Alysha Sadarangani, Felix Andam. Not present: Drew Min. Commissioner Min has switched to the Justice Committee and will not be a part of this committee moving forward.

Staff present: Kiely Hosmon. There was quorum.

There was no public comment.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Chin, moved to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

This item is to show what this will look like in the future.

There was no public comment.

**4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

There was no public comment.

**5. Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Team Building Activity



The Commissioner engaged in a team building activity.

B. Brainstorm Group Agreements

- One mic
- Arrive on time
- Clear communication
- Give advanced notice if missing a meeting (before Friday)
- Allow space
- Confidentiality
- Be ready to commit

C. Review of past YC work on civic engagement

Commissioner Nassiri led a presentation on the Commission's past work.

- **Jan. 2015: INTRODUCTION TO Vote16**
- **Early 2016: Vote16 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY**
  - created in association with Generation Citizen to allow other youth outside of the Youth Commission to participate in, and learn from, Vote16
  - held two skill-building retreats for new advocates of Vote16 in early 2016
  - organized youth to turn out to a Board of Education meeting, winning unanimous support for Vote16
- **May 3, 2016: JOINT YC BOS MEETING (VIDEO)**
  - organized because of the “great deal of work presenting to organizations and persuading others to get on board with the initiative” of CEI
  - Hundreds of youth came out to support and give public comment on why they wanted to vote on local issues before leaving high school.
  - Board voted 9-2 in support of a ballot measure, which later became Prop F; lost by only 3%
- **Jan. 2015: INTRODUCTION TO Vote16**
- **Late 2016: YOUNG AND FUTURE VOTER FORUMS**
  - goal of the event: to teach youth about the local propositions that affected youth in an impartial way so that youth could learn both sides of the issue and develop their own opinions
  - had over 50 youth and community allies and was facilitated by the Student Advisory Council (SAC) and the San Francisco Youth Commission
  - “What Now?”: second *Young and Future Voters Forum* and was **youth led**; planned by CEC
  - goal of the event: to help youth vent their feelings about the election of Trump and to learn about resources in the community that could help them fend off attacks from this administration, as well as give information on how to be involved to fight back and resist
  - 85 youths attended
- **September-December 2016: BLING GRANT VOTER PRE-REG**



- Roll-over project from previous year: goal was to educate/train other youths around voter pre-registration to pre-register as many youths as possible
  - Not extremely organized → not very efficient and/or organized; pre-registered 56 youths
- Research around California State ID Fee Waivers

Potential Goals:

Youth Involvement in Municipal Government->Youth Voter Awareness->Vote16

Possible Focuses for 2018-2019

- ❖ Vote16
- ❖ Midterm Activism
- ❖ Voter Pre-Registration
- ❖ CA ID Fee Waivers
- ❖ Legislation Writing
- ❖ Other....

#### D. Committee Priority Brainstorm Session

- a. Name of committee
- b. Issue areas to focus on

Members decided it would be inauthentic to have Immigration in the name if they don't actually focus specifically on that issue. Staff reminded them they should always be thinking about how undocumented folks are effected and/or can be engaged in different civic engagement ways.

The Committee would like to continue focused on

- CA ID fee waivers
- Voter pre-registration work (how to centralize)
  - SFUSD push
  - Potential to apply for YEF + BLING funds to push work
- Commissioner Obermeyer is figuring out ways to plug in civic engagement efforts with their supervisor in D1. All Commissioners should be thinking about opportunities their appointing officer can provide for them with this work
- A ready to go PPT presentation on voter pre-registration and always having access to it
  - Could do these at community based organizations and/or schools
  - Lots of community based connections with these Commissioners
- Connecting marginalized communities, especially with young people, to demystify the process of legislation and getting youth out to public comment
- Bring in other youth leaders who are doing civic engagement and/or voter pre-registration work to see where mobilization and direct pressure can result
- Think short term and long term strategies, varying tactics, plus what is low hanging fruit



## E. Committee Officer Elections

### Chair

Commissioner Andam nominated Commissioner Chin, before a second could come forward, Commissioner Chin declined the nomination.

Commissioner Chin, seconded by Commissioner Andam, nominates Commissioner Nassiri. Commissioner Nassiri accepts the nomination. Commissioner Nassiri shared why she would be a good chair: the same reasons apply when she ran for chair of full YC, she wants to create a focused and productive committee, and will be diligent in her role, will be a fierce advocate for the committee to push the work forward, will keep the committee organized, and wants to uphold the values the full YC does in this issue based committee.

### Questions:

Commissioner Obermeyer-how would you build up a fun, yet productive, committee.  
Commissioner Nassiri would want to create opportunities for more intimate gatherings that have depth, such as a subcommittee dinner night to build relationships.

Commissioner Andam-would you roller skate with us? Commissioner Nassiri is accident prone but yes.

### Roll call vote:

Andam-aye  
Chin-aye  
Obermeyer-aye  
Hoogerhyde -aye  
Sadarangani-aye  
Nassiri-aye

Commissioner Nassiri is elected Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee with unanimous 6 of 6 votes.

### Vice Chair

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominated Commissioner Hoogerhyde to serve as Committee Vice Chair. Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer, nominated Commissioner Sadarangani to serve as Committee Vice Chair. Commissioner Obermeyer, seconded by Commissioner Andam, nominated Commissioner Chin to serve as Committee Vice Chair.

Commissioner Sadarangani rejected the nomination while Commissioners Chin and Hoogerhyde accept theirs.

Commissioner Hoogerhyde declines nomination at this point.

Commissioner Chin shared why she would be a good vice chair: she would do her best to aid Arianna, being a YC'er means a lot and is committed to it, she has a lot of experience doing voter pre-registration in the Asian American Community. Thinks it's important to have representation in civic engagement and voting matters, youth should have the opportunity to be involved and engaged civically.

### Questions:



Commissioner Obermeyer-what lessons have you learned doing work in the Asian American community doing voter registration?

Commissioner Chin-she did a lot of work in Chinatown and found that representation matters. Found that the work is haven't relied on the community who needs it versus those who say they will do it (from the govt side). Wants to bridge the gap and doesn't want anyone to be looked over.

Roll call vote:

Andam-aye

Chin-aye

Obermeyer-aye

Hoogerhyde -aye

Sadarangani-aye

Nassiri-aye

Commissioner Chin is elected Vice Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee with unanimous 6 of 6 votes.

## **6. Staff Report**

-The Board of Education Candidate Forum, led by Coleman Advocates and co-sponsored by the Youth Commission, is taking place this Thursday at 5:30pm. Please attend if you can, and reach out to Caroline. If you do plan to go, please brainstorm questions you might like to ask the candidates, especially on youth related or student related issues.

-The next CEC meeting is on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday on October 8<sup>th</sup>

-There is a group of folks who are proposing there be a hard push at SFUSD regarding voter pre-registration. It's in the very early stages, but putting it out there.

-Reminder that the Youth Commission can't say they support something until there is a vote on it at a full YC meeting

### *Next Steps:*

-Staff find Board of Education resolution from Vote16 2016 time regarding civic engagement and voter pre registration in SFUSD and send to CEC

-Remind chairs to meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 4pm to go over draft agendas and identify structure of meetings

-send joint BOS + YC meeting video to CEC

-connect Felix and Charley to Anabel from Coleman Advocates regarding the minor age about SFPD interaction

-put group agreements on poster paper

## **7. Executive Committee Report**

Commissioner Chin will take lead on this portion at the next full YC meeting. Commissioner gave an example of what it could look like.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.