



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

Monday, October 28, 2019

4:00-6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 270

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Valentina Alioto-Pier, Ariana Arana, Crystal Chan, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Arianna Nassiri, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm. Commissioners present: Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arianna Nassiri, Valentina Alioto-Pier. Commissioners tardy: Crystal Chan, Ariana Arana.

Staff present: Kiely. There was quorum.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier, moved to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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Commissioner Versace, seconded by Commissioner Cheung, moved to approve the minutes. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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 Commissioners engaged in a team building activity.



B. Review Group Agreements

Commissioners reviewed group agreements.

C. Mission Statement Activity

Staff led the Commissioners in an activity on mission statements. All other YC Committees are creating a mission statement and this helps us to come back to our values and what we are generally focused on and committed to.

Key words: young people, youth voice, democracy, representation, work collaboratively, inspire, enact positive change, respect, Vote16.

Draft statements:

- CEC inspires youth to participate in S.F.s democracy by enacting change via Vote16.
- CEC inspires youth to participate in S.F.s democracy by expanding youth representation.

The Committee will continue to finalize their mission statement at the next CEC meeting.

D. Vote16 Campaign

a. Building Power and Agency Training

Staff led Commissioners in a training focused on building power and agency.

Purpose

- To build awareness and political understanding of the movement to expand youth voting rights
- Center and prepare young people to lead on this issue in their community.

Outcomes

- Participants understand how vote at 16 efforts contributes to large youth power building movements
- Participants identify campaign strategies and tactics for local V16 movements
- Participants practice connecting their story and V16 messaging

Commissioners engaged in an activity called “I Am” and related it back to the Vote16 work they are embarking on. Commissioners then played a kahoot game focused on key terms and institutions and how they connect back to Vote16 work.

Takeaways:

- Even though SF is a city AND a county, it’s helpful for us to know how other cities work since people will ask us questions about the process
- We can only pass vote at 16 in charter cities
- Only the city council has the authority to add vote at 16 to a ballot
- Passing resolutions within school boards and county supervisors are tactics to put pressure on the city council
- The ultimate goal is to get 50% of the voters to approve the ballot measure
- Winning all of this will require us to develop a campaign plan that thinks about canvassing, op-eds and using polls to change the public's mind.



Next meeting we will focus on letters, 1:1's, and public comment.

b. Stakeholder Discussion + Brainstorm

Arianna led the group in a discussion and review of stakeholder meetings.

Questions that came up:

- How do we get more youth involved?
- How do we make it accessible and not overwhelming?

Goal: have a stakeholder meeting before the end of the year. December 9th seems to be best option. Commissioner Nassiri will work with Commissioner Alioto-Pier on outreach to community partners to hold this date and the time will be TBD.

A contact list needs to be created for outreach purposes

Possible ideas for next stakeholder meeting: bring a friend and receive a stipend for both, be intentional with marketing and outreach, buy in is needed to get youth to attend, the setting matters and we need to strive for a balance between formal and informal. How to keep it serious yet youth friendly at the same time.

E. CEC related news

Gavin Newsom supports expanding voting rights to 17 year olds.

6. Staff Report

- Two Commissioners don't get out of school in time to make 4pm. Group decision to move meetings to 4:30pm instead of 4pm
- Our regular November 11th meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th due to the holiday. The CEC chairs will figure out quorum and let staff know.
- stay safe with these fires!

7. Executive Committee Report

Rocky will report out and summarize what CEC did.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.