



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement Committee  
Draft - Minutes  
Monday, December 14, 2020  
4:30-6:30 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:**

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*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Valentina Alioto-Pier, Arianna Arana, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg,  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Adrianna Zhang

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:33

Quorum is met with all Commissioners present along with Staff Hosmon.

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

Commissioner Alioto-Pier seconded by Commissioner Zhang motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passes. No public comment.

Roll call:

Valentina Alioto-Pier- Aye

Arianna Arana- Aye

Sarah Cheung- Aye

Sarah Ginsburg - Aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace -Aye

Adrianna Zhang- Aye

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

**A. November 23, 2020**

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Commissioner Cheung seconded by Commissioner Arana motioned to approve the agenda. Motions passed. No public comment.



Roll call:

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye

Arianna Arana - aye

Sarah Cheung -aye

Sarah Ginsburg - aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

Adrianna Zhang -aye

#### **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 committee engaged in a team building activity.

##### **B. Presentation + Discussion: Child and Youth Friendly City Youth Leadership Story Gathering**

Presenter: Veronica Chew, Senior Analyst, Our Children Our Families Council

Veronica Chew, senior analyst for OCOF, started working for the city the same week that shelter-in-place was implemented.

OCOF has kicked off Child and Youth Friendly Initiative and working in collaboration with UNICEF. A CYF City is a government committee to the rights of the child. It states that children's \*18 and under\* rights are human rights and focuses 54 articles on what these rights are. A ratified treaty but U.S. is only country to not have this ratified. SF is one of the first pilot series to do this in the U.S.: Houston, Minneapolis, Prince George are others.

5 Pillars: Safety and inclusion, children participation, equitable social services, safe living environments, play and leisure. Think Children's Participation is most connected to the work that SFYC does.

UNICEF partnership: offers a framework and guidance on strategies that work around the world. 40 countries have done this successfully.

SF adaptation: COVID threw it sideways and had to adapt the process of developing a local plan of action (emergency response and recovery plan). Start with data and info gathering, government and community assessment (situational analyses) that paints a landscape picture, from these findings a local plan of action is developed and focuses on areas that they hear from youth that are critically important, then implementation of local plan. UNICEF looks at how the actions are achieved and then approves the city as a child and youth friendly city.

Action plan/what they have been focusing on: asset mapping, situational analysis, child rights education and community assessment, community level response in the TL, youth advocacy, CFCI movement and partnership building.

Requests: looking for committee support!



-facilitating community assessments for children/youth in your communities (strategic and representative) January 7 training by UNICEF

-Taskforce participation and input: child rights education, child friendly policy and budgeting, emergency response and recovery for children/youth

-establishing a system to track progress on these two prioritized indicators in our situational analysis: 1) extent to which the rights of young people to be heard and have their views considered are elaborated in city strategies, policies, budget and services 2) #/% of children and youth participating in each type of participatory mechanism (ex: student councils, health committees, neighborhood planning committees)

Questions:

Commissioner Cheung- is there a baseline % you're aiming for or provided by UNICEF? nothing has been given.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier - mentioned going to Balboa and getting input, what did they say or can you share their response? Yes, can share documents. One big thing was about bus safety (and focus of findings was more on city planning)

Commissioner Cheung- are you doing more with other groups? yes, doing a middle school next and are continuing to build partnership but needs help and requests CEC to help do this at their schools

Commissioner Cheung- question about the UNICEF training on January 7th. This meeting would include national collaborative among the U.S. initiative

Commissioner Ginsburg-have you been involved with the Student Advisory Council? Yes, have been trying but hasn't heard back

Commissioner Arana- for the second ask on participation/input, what would that look like on our end? Starting to reform task force/groups but details haven't been flushed out but if youth are involved then revolve around youth schedules

Commissioner Ginsburg: is there a task force timeline? It is still in the works. Slowly being put together.

Commissioner Cheung: thinks it would be cool to hold work group presentation with the full YC and to get on the agenda for this to get their input on city priorities

Commissioner Cheung, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, motioned to support the three asks that were outline on the slide with the added recommendation to present to the full Youth Commission

Roll call:

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye

Arianna Arana - aye

Sarah Cheung -aye

Sarah Ginsburg - aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

Adrianna Zhang -aye

- C. Presentation + Discussion: Assembly District Election Meetings Elections proposal for a youth-led nonpartisan forum and opportunities for youth engagement  
Presenter: Zahra Hajee, University of California, Los Angeles Class of 2019

District Representative with Senator Wiener but is here in her personal capacity to talk about ADEM. Assembly District Election Meetings (ADEM) is under the Democratic Party. Each Assembly District is represented by delegates that help support and shape the CA Democratic



party. Focus on policy platforms and how these delegates can shape the priorities for the Dem party. These are elected locally by community members by their respective assembly districts. Phil Ting and David Chiu are representing Assembly 17 or AD 19.

To participate in ADEM you must be registered to vote as a democrat in the district you live in.

Staff Hosmon made it clear that the YC can't be involved in this request as a body but can as individuals and discussed coming from a place of curiosity on asking folks about partisan/non partisan and making sure it's non partisan.

#### D. Setting Intentions & Harvesting Goals

- a. Review group agreements

Commissioners reviewed group agreements.

#### E. Vote16SF/Prop G Follow Up

- a. Virtual Appreciation Celebration Planning

- i. JanuaryPower CA - Rocky
- ii. 15th from 4:30-6:30pm
- iii. Invitation list:
  1. Generation Citizen - Sarah C.
  2. D7 Youth Council - Adrianna
  3. Anyone who Phone banked with SF Rising
  4. SF Rising - Rocky
  5. SAC - Adrianna
  6. Coleman Advocates - Sarah C.
  7. Prop G Steering Committee - Sarah G.
  8. All supervisors but especially Supervisor Yee (first 20 minutes, or general timeframe, to give inspirational words and can stay if they would like)
    - a. Yee - Adrianna
    - b. D1, D2, D4, D7,D9
    - c. KH - memo to all Supes
    - d. De'Anthony Jones
  9. Reach out to a couple of the endorsement (CYC)
  10. SF Youth Commission + Staff - Valentina
  11. Lowell Vote16 Club - Sarah G.
  12. SI Vote16 Club - Ariana
  13. Arianna and Crystal - Sarah C.

Send out save the dates with another follow up with more details.

Blurb for elected officials: "Hello, you are receiving this email because you helped the Youth Commission and its community partners get Vote16SF/Prop G on the ballot. We are hosting a virtual celebration on January 15th from 4:30-6:30pm and would like you to share some words of inspiration or encouragement as we plan to coordinate a third Vote16SF campaign. We are asking you to:

- 1) save the date



- 2) share 1-2 minutes of inspirational/encouraging words sometime between 4:40-5:00pm (TBD)

You are welcome to stay for the duration of the celebration and we understand if you are only able to attend the first portion. More details, such as the agenda and a link, will be sent closer to January. Thank you.

Blurb for everyone else:

“Hello, you are receiving this email because you worked with the Youth Commission and its community partners to get Vote16SF/Prop G on the ballot as well as worked on the campaign. Even though we lost by a very small amount, we still think it’s important to celebrate everyone and their hard work! We are hosting a virtual celebration on January 15th from 4:30-6:30pm and would like you to save the date. More details, such as the agenda and a link, will be sent closer to January. Thank you.

#### b. Vote16SF Round 3

Two strategies: school board only or do full municipal elections.  
Sarah C.- Vote16 or bust, go the whole thing and we’re so close  
Adrianna - do exact same thing in 2 years  
Sarah G. - full vote  
Ariana - yes to full vote  
Valentina - full vote but in 2024, but school stuff 2022  
Rocky-torn, long game or just go for it

Sarah G. said most of Steering Committee wanted to do the school board and then full vote16 in 2024. Majority of CEC wants to do full Vote16SF efforts and time is flexible.

#### c. BLING Summary Report Due

Staff emailed BLING staff with that CEC wants to use the money for a research poll. They understand we wouldn’t use the money by January and so we could possibly reapply with a new summary, budget, and timeframe.

#### F. CEC Goals for 2021

##### a. Budget and Policy Priority Discussion

- The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support San Francisco in continuing to lead the country in the discussion and implementation of young voter engagement by indicating their continued support for expanding voting rights to 16 and 17-year-olds .
- The Board of Supervisors and Mayor’s office to collaborate with SFUSD’s Board of Education to implement more consistent voter education courses in public schools via the existing Board of Education Resolution 162-23A3 -- Encouraging Students to Exercise Their Voting Rights.
- That the city budget, particularly in the Department of Election’s budget, include adequate funding for youth voter outreach and voter pre-registration and registration of the newly eligible 16 and 17-year-olds.



- The Board of Supervisors to support a potential ballot measure to amend the city charter that would legalize the right to vote for citizen and/or non-citizen 16 & 17-year olds in San Francisco school board and/or municipal elections while ensuring confidentiality and their safety
  - staff to help with a budget number to include on this recommendation
- Youth-friendly systems regarding CA ID fee waivers be put in place. Examples could include a system where a young person would have the option of filling out a fee waiver form provided by DCYF at the SF Department of Motor Vehicles, and receive a fee waiver provided that they have evidence that they are 16-18 years old and currently reside in San Francisco.
  - staff to help with a budget number to include on this recommendation

There was no public comment. Commissioner Zhang, seconded by Commissioner Cheung, motions to have the above recommendations be put in the Omnibus Resolution. Motion passes.

Roll call:

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye  
Arianna Arana - aye  
Sarah Cheung -aye  
Sarah Ginsburg - aye  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye  
Adrianna Zhang -aye

b. CEC Mission Statement

This item is tabled.

G. CEC related news

None.

**6. Staff Report**

-YC Celebration from 4-5pm, not mandatory (but who plans on attending?): Adrianna, Sarah C., Ariana  
-YC staff will be in and out the week of the 21st and Jan 1st  
-No EC meeting this week, no FYC next week  
-FYC to resume on January 4th  
-MYR is January 20-22nd, 4-6:30pm

**7. Executive Committee Report**

Sarah G. is prepared to give this.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 6:52pm.