

San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, December 2nd, 2019 5:00 pm~8:00 pm City Hall, Room 416 1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)
- 2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
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 - A. November 18, 2019 (Document A)
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- 6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)
 - A. [Inform + Decision] Request for Support on a Statewide Youth Commission Presenter: Jason Chen, Governmental Affairs Policy Director for the CA Association of Student Councils (Document B)
 - B. [Inform + Decision] Request for support on Youth Advocacy Day (YAD)
 Presenter: Monica Flores,
 (Document C)
- 7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)
 - A. [Input] Discussion on Mid-Year Milestones and Celebration for Monday, December 16th, 2019

Presenter: Executive Committee



8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - b. Comms
- b. Civic Engagement
- c. Housing and Land Use
- d. Transformative Justice
- e. OCOF

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes ~ Draft

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)

Commissioner Cureton called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to excuse the absences of Commissioner Arana and Jones, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Hylton, motioned to approve the agenda. The motion passes by a vote of acclimation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. November 4, 2019 (Document A)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of November 4th, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

Monica Flores, DCYF, youth empowerment coordinator, spoke in public comment to promote Youth Advocacy Day. They hope to host the 10th year of Youth Advocacy Day (YAD) for 2020, still recruiting for youth leaders and come back for a presentation to have official support of YAD on Dec 2nd. 2019.



5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]; Sponsors: Fewer; Mar

Presenter: Chelsea Boilard, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Fewer

(Document B)

Chelsea Boilard (CB) & BOS Supervisor Fewer came out of Coleman Advocates, came to run the city budget campaigns. They organized for young people and families to influence the budget process for childcare and programming.

CB: How big is the city budget? Commissioner Versace: 12.2 Billion

CB: Young people and families don't often have their voices heard in the budget process. In the last year, we've hoped to build consensus on the priorities in the process and having the structure that is accountable to the community. When I started in 2007 our budget was 6 billion and the first budget cut was 25% because of the recession. The process for approving the city budget is very simple: December (mayor releases budget instructions based on the economy every year 1-3% cut), Jan - Feb (dpt propose budget and submit to mayor), March - May (mayor review), June (mayor submits to BOS), June - July (BOS review and add backs), Aug (mayor signs)

CB: examples of the city departments?

Commissioner Ty: dph Commissioner Quick: hsh Commissioner Cureton: dcyf

- CB: We are hoping this legislation can create accessibility for the way in and how the public can make their voices heard in this process. There are depts. exempt from public hearings are elected official or no oversight body taken place for community review. All depts. will hold a public hearing through advisory body and oversight process if there's a commission. for good governance we want public presentation and feedback from all of them
- CB: Mayor's process -- hoping to recruit process and budget before april 1st. to submit budget priorities. when dpts submit budget should go to the mayor and bos, this is important because the bos only gets to touch budget on june 1st. the month of june BLA takes analysis on as much as they can, so that analysts can get budget sooner to have more opportunity to make changes as they want.



Commissioner Cureton: is willing to extend the ppt by 2 more minutes as information is important.

CB: what is currently cool in the process, the original intention was income - not thinking about long term and five year plan, to force board more intentional about revenue side of things, but it's redundant because budget name might change in committee, will recognize budget chair will talk about timeline and structure (for full transparency to weigh in on process) missing out on the process. we are proposing to set up february. asking controller to have relevant documents (calendar) for posting so public can navigate process and doing better.

Questions

Commissioner Asfaw: language is inaccessible to youth with what's going on, will legislation address that?

CB: what we are mandating for the budget documents to include, having ppts. and we do need to have a budget process more accessible, budget workshops and city needs to fund that to break down the process in a more accessible way to translate - but it does say presentations should be on webpage

Commissioner Asfaw: public hearing, will city departments on youth - will it happen afterschool - cb: not specific in legislation, dcyf (oac) is after school,

Commissioner Cureton: we can make a motion to support and add as a recommendation to this

Commissioner Hirji: mayor is to hold open public meetings about budget, will it happen at the same time as dpt hold open process? what will the mayor's meetings have that dpts won't have?

CB: mayor is entire city budget, dpt is specific to their own. we said april 1st because we didn't want it to be too prescriptive so that the budget will be in mayor's shop to digest and then ask the public for input - but they can occur at any point and leave it open dpd on process whether or not the budget will have a budget on that process.

Comment:

Commissioner quick: omnibus process, it is true that some dpts have open process about budget, dpts such as hish have no commission it was difficult to acquire information and get meetings to people that matter that youth need - great opportunity for yo to do this,

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Nassiri motioned to support with recommendation on including language on accessible diction. Commissioner Quick amended the motion to support with added language require dpt interacting with youth and to have their public meetings on youth accessible hours, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



B. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 191158 [World Children's Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]; Sponsor: Yee

Presenter: Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide to Supervisor Yee and Serena Unger, Urban, Rural, Regional Strategies - Planning Consultant (Document C)

Jen Low: in honor of world children's day wed nov 20th, came to our attention as parents were looking at international movement that urban cities can be designed with children and families in mind. beyond services and programs - we wanted to figure out the environment. what does it look like for future and current generations? open spaces? safer streets? youth to feel a sense of belonging. to start a conversation and expand that. world's Children's Day came about UN - rights of children - what is alarming to us is that the US has not ratified the convention and speaks a lot to how we value young people. 1) is to commemorate this day given injustices to youth and 2) urban movement to design a city for young people. 11 cosponsors in BOS and amazing conversations in mayor for what this looks like in sf and how we can create meaningful and participatory processes as part of feedback and not in silos and implement it in our decision making. would love to turn it into a parent - advocate for serena to talk about child friendly city looks world - wide.

Serena: long time city resident, 7 year old sfusd parent, advocate of child friendly cities. quote: "children are indicator species". goal of presentation for a system change framework to spark ideas on how we can transform sf where youth can thrive and part of cultural pride. how can we build a successful city?

international treaty - rights of child: participation/survival and healthy development, emerging child friendly city movement that looks at ways design can meet the needs of its citizens

- gaps that sf has in shaping the fabric of our city
 - safe streets
 - public realm
 - reclaim for empathy and connection
 - housing designed
 - children and families as a priority in our housing supply
 - child participation and equity
 - closing racial and social inequity gaps

Glimpse of metrics:

- lowest population of children
- large population of child bearing population
- housing supply is up but not building it for families in mind
- routes to schools are not safe
- young children are not healthy (food access, safe streets)



where and how can we implement strategies in alignment

- safe streets
 - sfmta, vision zero, transit first

bos - will name intent to support UN rights, we have a long way to go

Commissioner Cureton: extend presentation by 1 min

questions:

- Commissioner Santos: US is the only country that has not ratified it and what does it look like?
 - su: 180 UN members, out of those have ratified treaty and it looks different around the world dpd on resources, natural disasters and varies from developed and undeveloped countries
- Commissioner Santos: have you had a discussion on marginalized children, as citizens is loaded because not all are citizens? equitable resources and displacement of nature for poc and why folks don't have access that my question is what's being done to uplift marginalized children for example usage of citizen?
 - su: nature as access to open space, safe streets, we want to acknowledge that there are folks that don't have access to those spaces first to address as a priority
 - jl: citizen is not in resolution because so much of our resolution and in our foremind is about immigration crisis, that the federal gov't locks children in cages, and thanks for bringing it up and will double check it's not indicated in the legislation and being mindful of speech we use. in terms of equity, if sf is to embark on this initiative, we need equity lens to acknowledge we don't start at the same space and make it safe for communities, and denser neighborhoods might need different things and will acknowledge as part of equity lens
- Commissioner Asfaw: goals for san francisco, wanted to clarify what safe routes through sfmta
 - su: program under mta to look at ways that children and families can have safe routes to schools,
- Commissioner Cureton: why hasn't board not brought it up before as this was in the 80s?
 - jl: only on board with yee for 6-7 years, may have honored it Children's Day in June, we may have alluded to this with a sup., we've always passed rights on children and youth this might be the first, given what's happening nationally and locally, this needs to be done
- Commissioner Quick: page 5 ocof: community assessment?
 - jl: council has to sign into it, director is supportive and talking internally, missing piece is youth in the equation and making sure youth and children at the table, there is interest
- Commissioner Asfaw: resolution passes what are the next steps?
 - immediate asks: child / youth friendly city and using the framework hoping this or next week make announcement with counterparts in dpts to work on

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- something collaboratively great to hear about it today and meant a lot to sign on and pass own resolution to this regard
- Commissioner Cureton: 2040 goals isn't in the legislation
 - jl: develop own goals by yourself
- mindful of language not using citizen and identify needs of black and brown children first
- resolved clause on pg 5 line 15 -16, great focused needs to make sure child friendly and speaking to the issue of equity
- Commissioner Santos black and brown most effectively better beneficial to support and naming impact

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Quick motioned to input Commissioner Santos' recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Chan. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Decision] Close Juvenile Hall – Youth Town Hall Presenter: Tenaya Jones, Young Women's Freedom Center, Community Organizer

KI from young women freedom center - they them - lead organizer storm green - she / her - socio determination

ask for cosponsorship in december

The Youth City Situation Townhall is a gathering that is centering San Francisco youth in their power, voice, and in solidarity by bringing awareness of the Closing Juvenile Hall in SF. The goal of this townhall is to gather information from youth on what and how they vision better care for youth and their families by building with and for the community.

San Francisco accomplished a huge win with three of the District Supervisors Shawman Walton, Hilary Ronen, and Matt Haney who champion the shutdown legislation for Juvenile Hall by December 2021 with Community-Based Organizations, and longtime residents who are still here living in SF. This is the first step towards Reimagining Justice for youth and families in San Francisco.

Young Women's Freedom Center is asking for community partners to support with co-sponsorship of the Youth City Situation Townhall that is on December 14, 2019, 12:30 pm break bread and 1 pm - 3 pm Townhall starts. The location is TBA. We asked that the SF Youth Commission can support us with a reservation on a neutral space for this townhall.

• What comes with co-sponsorship:



- A commitment to spreading the word (Outreach)
- If an adult attends we need for each adult to bring 5 youth/TAY
- CBO's bring 10 people mixture of youth/TAY/families/staff & reach out to your networks/partners

We like to add your logos from Community Based Organization for outreach materials

• Come through and strategize on solutions for youth and families in SF!

flyer to be finalized tmr - 11.19

Commissioner Cureton: what cosponsor is?

- youth neutral space
- outreach
- logo
- turn out 10 people
- publicize

Commissioner Alameri:

- places to outreach to?
- mission high, to create a safe environment for young people

Commissioner Ty:

- women's building
- we trust y'all too and be cool to have

Commissioner Hylton: thank you for coming out and you've supported us on a lot of things before, and in the past we are passionate about this issue and closing juvenile hall

Commissioner Cureton: who can commit dec 14th

- hylton, asfaw, cureton
- maybe:
- rocky, hirji, quick, alameri, alioto
- ginsburg,
- chan
- santos versace
- cheung

it is heads up - trying to get done this friday. every tuesday we reimagine youth justice meeting at 5:30 - 7:30pm - to help plan. main gathering tomorrow is cancelled and other site is having gathering.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hylton motioned to consponsor, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



- B. [Inform + Decision] Co-sponsorship Request for Civics Day Presenter: Lauren Hurlbutt, Program Director, Generation Citizen (Document D)
- Ih: work with us through vote 16, becoming holding of campaign given conflict of interest with board, vote16 usa initiative is guided by youth advisory board, to combine program and policy arm by cosponsorship
- Generation Citizen (GC) works to ensure that every student In the United States receives an effective action civics education by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in our democracy as active citizens.
- Civics Day is GC's end-of-semester showcase. Like a science fair for civics, students from schools across the Bay Area present their action civics projects to a range of community members, like you! Having attended 4 previous Civics Day's, I can say this is always an inspiring event and we'd love to have you there to help support our students and mission as a guest judge.

What is Civics Day?

Civics Day is a capstone event that showcases work from Bay Area middle and high school GC students who are working to improve their communities. This unforgettable event also includes a networking lunch for Judges, a keynote speaker, and a ceremony to honor and highlight students, teachers, and volunteers who are going above and beyond in their commitment to youth voice.

What is a Guest Judge?

Groups from GC classrooms present their chosen civic action projects to small groups of guest judges. Judges have the opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, and overall be awed by the students' passion :) A judge orientation and a networking lunch will be provided.

Logistics

Thursday, Dec 12th, 10am-1pm California State Building 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA, 94102

Proposal:

- cosponsorship
 - including name & logo
- panel of yc members, discussing work, vote16 campaign, youth voice in sf
 - 10 10:30 am
- tabling through the event

questions:

- Commissioner Cureton : location?
 - california state building



- Presenter: time: 10 - 10:30

- Commissioner Nassiri: thanks for coming out, is there a possibility that we can do voter preregistration? just given demographic of students it's mostly 8th grader and can bring voter cards
 - I can commit
- Commissioner Santos: 8th graders are going and intention behind civics day -
 - our program serves 7 8th grade, curriculum is accessible and adaptable to teachers
- Commissioner Cureton: what schools are turning out and sfusd or private or afterschool
 - Hoover middle and creative arts charter as long term
 - spring-lincoln
 - previously at lick
- Commissioner Cureton: ideal number?
 - 2-4 people
 - sensitive to timing
 - definite commitment quick, aliotio versace, nassiri
 - maybes: ginsburg, cureton
- Commissioner Asfaw: timing why is it at 10am
 - Ih: because school based program, students come as part of class and it's a field trip
- Staff Hosmon: panel anybody can talk about committee work
 - Ih: supportive of youth in local gov't and can tailor those questions
- Staff Hosmon: is willing to write letter
- Commissioner Versace: tough time, and important event and aligns with what cec is doing and appreciate if we get people to go

There was no public comment. Commissioner Nassiri motioned to cosponsor, second by Commissioner Ginsburg. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Motion No. 1920-AL-05 [Motion to Support SB 201: Medical Procedures Re: Treatment or Intervention: Sex Characteristics of a Minor]

Sponsor: Commissioner Ty

(Document E)

Commissioner Jojo gives background, intersex definition of umbrella that one or more characteristics that fall otuside of male and female bodies interact, national advocates ofr intersex youth, differences in sexual definition inside or outside of body that don't line up. some find out later in life or never find out. reads motion to the record. since it's an active bill, good time to practice motion of support



Commissioner Quick: status of bill in sacramento - in state capitol bills take a year to approve introduced earlier this year. 2 houses assembly and senate - need to go in committee and full vote, come back up in January or February of next year

Commissioner Cureton: motion - to adopt on first reading, and initiate things

Commissioner Hylton: technical - substantive amendment, sentence - to rephrase mental health, trauma

Commissioner Cureton: consistency to call it san francisco youth commission

Commissioner Quick: the first one san francisco then youth commission in general

no public comment.

Commissioner Alameri motion to adopt with amended changes of trauma and San Francisco Youth Commission in first paragraph, second by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Staff Hosmon: don't inundate about state or federal law, but not every yc meeting, local helps not part of charter duties, when you make motion - we have precedent, Staff needs an updated version by EOD tomorrow.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. EXEC
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 - i. recruiting for DCYF OAC youth seat
 - ii. large say on what budget and values goes on for dcyf does
 - iii. share to social network and know any youth activist 19 and under apply by next tuesday
 - iv. will review youth application in exec next meeting
 - v. when we cosponsor meetings, attendance needs to happen
 - 1. notify staff and help out on this
 - 2. connect with everyone to confirm attendance
 - 3. yc sending out invites to people who sign up to events
 - b. LAO
 - i. no report
 - c. Comms
 - i. Commissioner Chan: proceeding with interviews for commissioner highlights,
 - ii. Commissioner Santos: community self care google form weekly internal, monthly check in and to support and
 - iii. Commissioner Ginsburg interview, questions
 - 1. create a backdrop and picture you send in
- b. Civic Engagement



- a. mission statement finalized
- b. developed talking points and planned for stakeholder meeting 12/9
- c. Housing and Land Use
 - a. 29 sfmta meeting, and crystal find out why somethings can't be and what we can focus for the 29
 - b. connect sf at mission highschool at 5p in cafeteria on 11/21
 - i. Commissioner Asfaw will attend and maybe Commissioners Cureton and Chan
 - c. Staff Estrada took notes and Commissioner Quick can send notes to those interested in receiving updates, please let me know to update sfmta and presentation, shoot Commissioner Hirji an email if you would like the ppt presentation.
 - i. Commissioners Ginsburg, Cureton, Cheung, and Staff Hosmon would like to review ppt.
- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. yulanda williams spoke to us about SRO programs in sfusd, role is vague and stipulated by the school itself,
 - b. sfusd sfpd mou, Commissioner Alameri stayed for the BOE meeting, but went until 12:45am.
- e. Police Commission
 - a. kyr youth focus group, juvenile probation commission chair left
- f. OCOF
 - a. next meeting in january

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

ccsf - class cuts, impacted by budget decision,

- make a motion or resolution to make an ask

holiday schedule -

- quorum:
 - TJ and cec 11/25 cancelled
- dec 16th holiday party to be planned with ec

dec 9 - yc mixer please RSVP

exec & hlu to meet after

kiely: conversation about discussion on training & staff role

Being in "The Grey"

- Acknowledge that the Executive Committee was having a juicy conversation about bureaucracy, accessibility, youth engagement, and youth community
- Staff wants to chime in and create a larger conversation with the rest of the Commissioners, albeit coming from a staff perspective...hence why in Staff Report



- We fully understand that we are in a very unique position having to uphold laws such as the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance AND best practices regarding youth development and youth leadership. These do not naturally go hand in hand and staff is the holder of bridging both of them
- Because of this, we are in "The Grey". Some people thrive in grey areas. Some people do not. They could be mild to incredibly uncomfortable being in the grey because all they know and feel solid in is black or white.
- We heard that some folks were uncomfortable with the boundary workshop being during the full YC meeting. We also heard that people really appreciated the conversation and were more comfortable. We come back to this unique entity of being a chartered commission that must follow certain laws and regulations, and the same time of also serving and providing resources that are accessible to young people
- From the Youth Commission staff, perspective-we are aware and merging these conflicting worlds. We ask that you trust the staff that we aren't trying to "do you dirty" and will hold both as well as we possibly can.
- It is very rare that the YC has gotten feedback on how we run our meetings and has only happened 1-2 times that we got feedback on law/regulation side. We were receptive to the information and we changed it. Nothing bad happened, nothing blew up, and no negative repercussions were anywhere in sight.
- My, and the team's, interpreting the rules and regulations from youth development and leadership lens, means that the Youth Commission staff can best support young people (you!) in your leadership development and continue to ATTEMPT to make government accessible
- To give some insight and transparency to what my role is, my job description literally states:
 - "Tracks, interprets and ensures compliance with legislation, such as the Brown Act, Sunshine Ordinance, and other legal requirements"
 - AND
 - "Develops and leads a comprehensive training program for commissioners in their roles as appointed public officials"
- So I am trying to fulfill my own job duties by holding both of these as well. Itzel's position is even more specific with what she is to provide for y'all.
- What staff is asking is this:
 - o Be open to discomfort and to be in the grey. We are all figuring this out together.
 - Trust the Youth Commission staff. We are constantly checking in with each other and with y'all so we can best support you. At the end of the day, we are going to fulfill the legal requirements as well as the best ways to support you in your leadership, which means mini workshops or trainings during your full YC meetings.

Discussion:

 Commissioner Asfaw: legal requirements for boundary setting, official publish bare minimum, will the minutes from that still be accessible - one that's for public and one for yc?



- Staff Hosmon: that can be something for us to figure out, boundary is raw and didn't want to write down that and not necessary

Staff Hosmon: content and curriculum can give as extra packets and address what we can talk about

- Commissioner Quick: main concerns in exec about last workshop while yes training was boundary implicated how youth commissioners say yes or no to other communities, this is what youth commission as body can interact does affect people outside,
 - kh: something to strongly be in minutes, just say it and put it in there
- Staff Estrada: trust us
- Staff Truong: community care, and making sense of where we can be flexible, and making sure it's a dynamic isn't us vs. them
- Commissioner ty: it helps to be transparent to do the best work for us in our communities

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Cheung: d1 nominations and d11 youth fellow program - youth council but more action based for highschoolers 1x a week, 500 stipend, and interested, deadline extended to this friday, flyer in email & social media

be connected to d1

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Cureton adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

California Association of Student Councils California Coalition for Youth

Senate Bill XX – California Youth Empowerment Act

SUMMARY

This bill would establish the first statewide advisory body to the government comprised solely of youth. Additionally, this bill details the composition, duties, and powers of the commission.

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are over 130 active local youth commissions in California that advise municipalities on issues affecting youth. Over 20 other states have state-wide youth advisory council structures written into statute. Youth commissions have proven their effectiveness and impact as seen in the San Francisco Youth Commission's work on youth homelessness and incarceration.

PROBLEM

All too often, the state government and adults make critical decisions on policy affecting the lives of young Californians, without any direct input from the youth themselves. This leads to a fundamental underrepresentation of the over 9 million young Californians under the age of 18. Now more than ever, issues affecting youth have become more pressing, such as climate change and gun safety, and young people find themselves frustrated with their lack of participation in shaping their futures. Furthermore, foster youth, incarcerated youth, and youth who suffer from other adverse childhood experiences seldom have the resources to advocate for themselves. There is a lack of state leadership on engaging local youth organizations and unifying them under a single goal: empowering youth.

SOLUTION

This bill establishes a 24 person commission with 5 ex-officio members in the state government of youth ages 14-25. The commission would be consisted of youth appointed by the Governor. This bill mandates that every region of California is represented, there is an equal distribution of age, and that at least half of the members on the commission have experienced youth homelessness, foster care, disabilities, or juvenile incarceration. Commissioners should be appointed for their passion and experience, not purely grades and achievements.

The commission's establishment will depend directly on whether or not funding is appropriated in the state budget. The commission will need at least two, fulltime staff be entirely cost-free to students to ensure equity and accessibility.

The commission's mission is to empower underrepresented youth with formal opportunities to engage in California's civic process. Ultimately, the commission will have three interconnected goals with focuses on civic engagement, education, social equality, human and social services, workforce development, and public safety.

- 1. Policy Development The commission will formally articulate positions on youth-related policy, study and review current deficiencies regarding youth, draft model legislation, and provide testimony to promote the services for and empowerment of all young people.
- 2. Community Engagement The commission will hold meetings and roundtables to engage with the youth public and advocacy groups around the state to identify unmet needs of the state's youth. The commission may also educate the youth public by holding assemblies or distributing resources at school. Additionally, youth public members may be appointed to specialized policy advisory boards and task forces or may serve as ambassadors to their communities.
- 3. Investment in Youth The commission will have the resources to award grants to organizations that work directly with young people, such as programs that find housing for homeless youth or help low-income students prepare for higher education. Grants may also go to local youth commissions or other youth-led advocacy organizations.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 8260) is added to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

Chapter 3.4. California Youth Empowerment Act

Article 1. Title

8260. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Youth Empowerment Act.

Article 2. Legislative Findings and Declarations

8261. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) The needs and issues affecting youth are most accurately addressed by youth themselves.
- (b) Young people in California have demonstrated their passion for the civic process and getting involved, as seen in the spike in voter turnout from the 2014 midterm elections, where 8 percent of California voters between 18 and 24 years of age voted, to the 2018 midterm elections, where 27.5 percent of California voters between 18 and 24 years of age voted.
- (c) Young people have also shown their desire for change in social and public policy, as shown in advocacy efforts relating to gun reform, education, affordable housing, juvenile justice, health, jobs, and climate change.
- (d) There are over 9,000,000 youths in California under 18 years of age as of the most recent data, compiled in 2017. Of those, an estimated 200,000 minors and thousands more youth between 18 and 24 years of age experience homelessness each year. Research shows that approximately 60,000 children are in the foster care system in California at any one time, and less than 1 percent of the 225,000 youths arrested in California currently occupy juvenile justice facilities. Youth who are homeless, in the juvenile justice system, or in foster care have limited opportunities to participate in the policy process that ultimately impacts their well-being.
- (e) The government is designed to address input and participation from the people being served; however, youth under 18 years of age, who cannot vote, do not have a formal way to participate in the civic process.
- (f) There is a growing need to engage our youth directly with policymakers in a manner that will provide genuine opportunities for our youth to acquire civic knowledge and develop the skills necessary to participate fully in a democratic society.
- (g) Over 20 other states have statewide youth entities codified into law for the purpose of advising their respective legislatures and governors.
- (h) The California Youth Commission, as established by this chapter, is intended to provide model legislation and advocacy for the needs of youth.

Article 3. Definitions

8262. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Commission" means the California Youth Commission established in Section 8263.
- (b) "Commissioner" means a voting member of the California Youth Commission.

Article 4. Creation and Membership

- 8263. (a) There is in the state government the California Youth Commission. The commission shall consist of 24 voting commissioners to be appointed as follows:
- (1) Twenty public members appointed by the Governor, subject to the following requirements:
- (A) The terms of these commissioners initially shall be staggered so that 10 members serve one-year terms and 10 members serve two-year terms. To achieve the staggering of terms, the Governor shall designate the terms of the present members of the commission who have been appointed by the Governor.
- (B) Two of the commissioners shall reside, work, or attend school in each region described in subdivision (b).
- (C) Ten of the commissioners shall be between the ages of 14 and 18.
- (D) Ten of the commissioners shall be between the ages of 18 and 25.
- (E) At least 10 commissioners shall have experienced a physical disability, youth homelessness, foster care, or juvenile incarceration.
- (2) Two at-large public members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.
- (3) Two at-large public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- (b) For the purposes of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), these regions are defined as follows:
- (1) The Superior California region consists of the Counties of Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba.
- (2) The North Coast region consists of the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity.
- (3) The San Francisco Bay area region consists of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano, and the City and County of San Francisco.
- (4) The Northern San Joaquin Valley region consists of the Counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne.
- (5) The Central Coast region consists of the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura.
- (6) The Southern San Joaquin Valley region consists of the Counties of Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, and Tulare.
- (7) The Inland Empire region consists of the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino.
- (8) The Los Angeles region consists of the County of Los Angeles.
- (9) The Orange County region consists of the County of Orange.
- (10) The San Diego/Imperial region consists of the Counties of Imperial and San Diego.
- (c) In addition to subdivision (a), one Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one Member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Surgeon General shall serve as nonvoting members of the commission.
- (d) All appointing powers shall take into consideration that the members of the commission represent the geographical, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, cultural, physical, and educational diversity of California's youth. Particular emphasis and funding should be used on reaching out to at-risk or disadvantaged youth to serve as members of the commission, as their participation will provide keen insight into many of the issues that youth face in their day-to-day lives.
- 8264. (a) Excluding the initial staggering of terms, commissioners shall serve two-year terms.
- (b) Commissioners shall be between 14 and 25 years of age. If a commissioner turns 26 years of age during their term, that commissioner shall be allowed to complete the term.
- (c) A commissioner must be a resident of California.
- (d) A commissioner may seek reappointment as long as they fulfill the requirements pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8267.

- (e) (1) Attending a meeting of the commission as a commissioner shall be a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school, under paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 48205 of the Education Code, if approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- (2) A student excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.
- (f) A commissioner's position becomes vacant, under the approval of the executive director, in the event of any of the following:
- (1) Death of a commissioner.
- (2) Resignation of a commissioner.
- (3) Change in residence of a commissioner to outside of California.
- (4) Failure of restorative practices for inappropriate conduct, unexcused absences, or inability to complete expected duties of a commissioner.
- (g) In the event of a vacancy, the appointing power that appointed the commissioner shall appoint a replacement in the same manner as the original appointment within 30 days of the vacancy.
- 8265. (a) No later than March 1 of each year, the executive director, appointed pursuant to Section 8274, shall both:
- (1) Release to the public on its internet website the procedures for the general application process to assist public members in the appointment process and facilitate communications between public members and the appointing powers.
- (2) Have created and made the application publicly available on its internet website.
- (b) The executive director shall also notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office that the application for an appointment is open. The notice shall include the requirements for an appointment, a copy of the application, and a request to transmit the notice to all students in California.
- (c) In reviewing general applications, the executive director may consider additional relevant selection criteria and conduct interviews.
- (d) The executive director may recommend public members to be appointed to the appointing powers, but there shall be no right or obligation on the part of the appointing powers to appoint those public members.
- 8266. (a) Each public member of the commission shall receive three hundred dollars (\$300) per diem while on official business of the commission. Each member of the commission shall also be entitled to receive their actual necessary traveling expenses while on official business of the commission.
- (b) Each commissioner shall be reimbursed for any necessary food, travel, or lodging expenses associated with the duties of the commission.
- 8267. (a) The commission shall elect a chair, vice chair and clerk from among its members at the first meeting of the year.
- (b) The commission shall be composed of the following:
- (1) A chair who shall conduct the meetings, draft bylaws, serve as the primary liaison to the government, and oversee the formation of committees as necessary to accomplish the business of the commission.
- (2) A vice chair who shall assist the chair and conduct the meetings of the commission if the chair is absent or otherwise unable to perform their duties.

(3) A clerk who shall keep and maintain the minutes of the meetings, regularly update the internet website, pursuant to Section 8272, and record the final votes on any measure for vote by the chair.

Article 5. Purposes, Duties, and Powers

- 8268. With respect to its duties, the commission shall be an advisory commission only. There shall be no right or obligation on the part of the state, or parties meeting and conferring, to implement the findings of the commission without further legislation that specifically authorizes that the evaluations, determinations, and findings of the commission be implemented.
- 8269. The commission's main purpose is to provide meaningful opportunities for actual civic engagement to improve the quality of life for California's disconnected and disadvantaged youth. Furthermore, youths involved with the commission will make meaningful recommendations regarding legislation and policies that impact their own lives and the lives of millions of other youths in California whose voices often go unheard.
- 8270. The commission shall conduct full commission meetings at least every other month, with the first meeting in August 2021. All meetings of the full commission shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meetings of the commission. For all other committee meetings, the commission may meet by electronic teleconference means.
- 8271. The affirmative votes of a majority of the commissioners at a full session or committee meeting are required for the commission or committee to take action on any measure, respectively, including resolutions, annual reports, and initiatives.

8272. The commission shall do the following:

- (a) Examine and discuss policy and fiscal issues affecting the interests, needs, and conditions of the youth of California.
- (b) Formally advise and make recommendations to the Legislature, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Governor on specific legislative and fiscal issues affecting youth, such as the following:
- (1) Behavioral and physical health.
- (2) Bullying.
- (3) Career preparation.
- (4) Child welfare.
- (5) Child and sexual abuse.
- (6) Civic engagement.
- (7) Criminal justice.
- (8) Depression and suicide.
- (9) Driver's license requirements.
- (10) Education.
- (11) Employment.
- (12) Financial literacy.
- (13) Foster care.
- (14) Homelessness.
- (15) Immigration.
- (16) LGBTQ civil rights.
- (17) Poverty.
- (18) Racial, economic, and gender equity.
- (19) Safety.

- (20) Substance abuse.
- (21) Technology.
- (22) The environment.
- (23) Any other policy or fiscal issues deemed appropriate by the commission.
- (c) Consult with any existing local-level youth advisory commissions and community-based, grassroots youth-led organizations for input and potential solutions on issues related to youth.
- (d) Publish an internet website to report details relevant to the commission for the public to view, including, but not limited to, commission agendas, minutes, resolutions, vote counts, initiatives, commissioner information, photos, and video.
- (e) Publish an annual report to the Legislature, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Surgeon General, and Governor detailing the activities, issues, demographics, budget, and outcomes of the commission. The commission shall submit the report to the Legislature required by this subdivision in compliance with Section 9795.
- 8273. The commission shall carry out the duties imposed upon it by this chapter, and may do any of the following:
- (a) Draft and approve resolutions that formally articulate the commission's positions on various youth-related legislative and fiscal policy.
- (b) Draft model legislation that addresses issues relating to youth that may be adopted by Members of the Legislature.
- (c) Provide testimony during any committee meeting in the Legislature.
- (d) Form committees and task forces to discuss specific issues and policy areas and meet as necessary.
- (e) Conduct public hearings with community and youth organizations to identify pressing issues and debate priorities.
- (f) Appoint advisory committees from within its membership or with outside members whenever necessary. Members of an advisory committee shall serve without compensation, but each may be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.
- (g) Conduct public awareness campaigns to raise awareness about the commission and to enhance outreach to the youth in this state.
- (h) Conduct periodic seminars for its members regarding leadership, government, and the Legislature.
- (i) Establish grant application criteria and procedures.
- (j) Award prizes or direct grants to organizations in accordance with those regulations as the commission may prescribe. In awarding prizes or directing grants, the commission shall notify the offices of the legislators in whose district the recipient resides.

Article 6. Administration and Finance

- 8274. The Governor shall appoint an executive director of the California Youth Commission. The executive director shall do all of the following:
- (a) Assist the commission in carrying out its work.
- (b) Be responsible for the hiring of commission staff, including, but not limited to, deputy directors.
- (c) Be responsible for the management and administration of the commission staff.
- (d) Perform other duties as directed by the commission.
- 8275. (a) The commission may accept gifts and grants from any source, public or private, to help perform its functions pursuant to this chapter.

- (b) The commission may seek out funding and in-kind contributions from foundations, nonprofit organizations, public and private entities, and other individuals or groups in order to carry out the work of the commission.
- (c) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Youth Commission Fund in support of the commission, which shall be administered by the executive director. Moneys deposited in the account may be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to carry out the duties of the commission.

				ONGOING	ONE-TIME
PERSONEL EXPENSES					
				Fiscal Year Total (according to	
				Commission on Status of	
Classification	Positions Title	Salary Range	Benefits (60% of gross pay)	Women and Girls)	
Career Executive Assignment: Range B	Executive Director	\$10,010-11,924	\$6,580	\$210,564	
Career Executive Assignment: Range A	Deputy Executive Director	\$7,190 -10,334	\$5,257	\$168,228	
Career Executive Assignment: Range A	Director of Legislative Affairs	\$7,190 -10,334	\$5,257	\$168,228	
Career Executive Assignment: Range A	Director of Public Affairs	\$7,190 -10,334	\$5,257	\$168,228	
Career Executive Assignment: Range A	Grants Program Manager	\$7,190 -10,334	\$5,257	\$168,228	
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Total Staffing Expenses				\$883,476	
Total Starring Expenses				3883,470	
	Commission Mastins	Sub Committee Meeting			
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Commissioner Per Diem (24 commissioners)	\$300 x 2 x 24 x 6 = \$86,400	\$300 x 24 x 6 = \$43,200		\$129,600	
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Advisory Board Member Per Diem (24 advisor	\$300 x 24 x 6			\$43,200	
Total Personel Expenses	r			\$1,056,276	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
DGS Support Services				\$100,000	
Facilities Operations					
Rent 1000SF@\$4.00/sf				\$50,000	
Tenant Improvements \$80/sf				1	\$80,000
Utilities \$1,000/ person				\$4,000	723,000
Equipment				Ţ 1,000	
Cubicles \$6,000/ person					\$30,000
Supplies \$100/ person				\$500	\$30,000
Voice and Data Set up \$250/ person			+	\$300	\$1,250
Computers \$200/ person					\$1,000
Printer \$12,000					\$12,000
Office of State Printing \$4,000/ person					\$20,000
Website (Dept of Tech)					
Migration \$5,200					\$5,200
Site implementation \$1,040					\$1,040
Site Assessment \$1,040					\$1,040
Publishing Services \$478/ month				\$5,736	
Training \$2,000/ person				\$10,000	
Travel (Medium) \$7,000/ person				\$35,000	
Total Operating Expenses			1	\$205,236	\$151,530.00
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MEETING EXPENSES			Single Conference Cost	All Conferences Cost	
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Full Youth Commission Conference x6			+		
24 commissioners					
Transportation \$250 / person	\$250 x 24		\$6,000	\$36,000	
Housing \$200 / 2 people / 1 night	\$200 x 12 x 2		\$4,800	\$28,800	
Food \$41 / day	\$41 x 24 x 2		\$1,968	\$11,808	
Miscellaneous			\$500	\$3,000	
Total Commission Conference Expenses			\$13,268	\$79,608	
Advisory Board Meetings x24			Single Meeting Cost	All Meetings Cost	
Initially 4 advisory boards with 6 members each	h		Ü Ü	0	
Transportation \$250 / person	\$250 x 6		\$1,500	\$36,000	
Food \$41 / day	\$41 x 6		\$246	\$5,904	
Miscellaneous	77170		\$100	\$2,400	
Total Advisory Board Expenses			\$1,846	\$44,304	
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Total Meeting Expenses	1		_	\$123,912	1
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT EXPENSES					
Grant Program				\$2,000,000	
TOTAL				\$3,385,424	\$151,530.00

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Youth Advocacy Day 2020

December 2, 2019

Agenda



- > Intro to Youth Advocacy Day
- > YAD 2019 Overview
- > YAD 2020 Goals
- > YC Support and Feedback
- Questions

What is Youth Advocacy Day?



YOUTH ADVOCACY DAY is an all-day event committed to youth empowerment and civic engagement for San Francisco's youth. It is a day in which high school students have the opportunity to meet with city leaders and public officials to share their thoughts, concerns, and questions about issues they care about as young people. Youth Advocacy Day is a unique educational experience for youth to take ownership over their civic lives.





Youth Issues Panels from 2019



Panel	Topics	Panelists
#JustUsSystem #BuildingPower #DecriminalizeYouth	Issues of interest: Youth sentencing, alternatives to detention, Re-entry support and programs, restorative justice	 Youth Commissioner Lauren Bell, Adult Probation Department Katy Miller, D.A. Office, Young Adult Court Ranon Ross, DA Office, Back-On-Track Director John Knox, Juvenile Probation Department Derrick Brown, San Francisco Police Department Jacque Wilson, Public Defender
#KnowJusticeKnowPeace	Issues of interest: Youth arrests, community policing, Mandatory training of police, pedestrian and night safety	 Youth Commissioner SF Police Chief William Scott District Attorney George Gascon Public Defender Matt Gonzales DJ Brookter, SF Police Commissioner



Youth Issues Panels from 2019



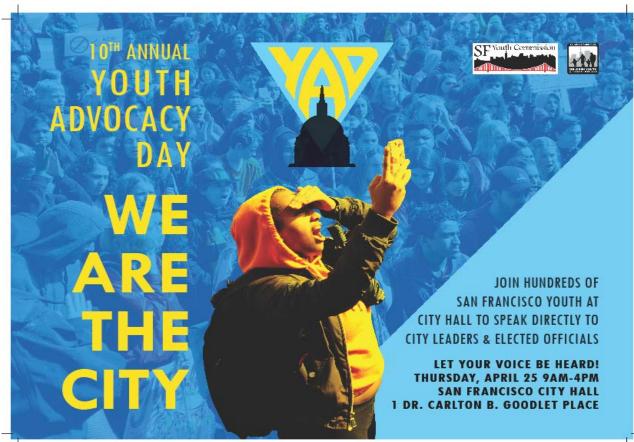
Panel	Торіс	Panelists
#EnvironmentalJustice #UrbanHabitat #SustainableLiving #LessWaste #GoGreen	Issues of interest: Environmental education, access and availability of public space, clean environments, SF Vision Zero	, ,
#LeadersOfTomorrow #YouthLeadership #YouthInSolidarity #BuildingEmpires #YouthPower	Issues of interest: Youth action in the era of #MeToo, #IAmWithKaep, youth rights, youth activism, DACA, youth organizing, Vote 16, digital advocacy	 Youth Commissioner Landon Dickey, SFUSD Pau Crego, Office of Trans Initiatives Emily M. Murase, PhD. Department of Status of Women DeAnthony Jones, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Rich Whipple, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs Julia Sabory, Mayors Office of Community Development



Youth Issues Panels from 2019



Panel	Торіс	Panelists
Housing and Supportive Services #BeyondTheBasics #HereToStay #EveryoneNeedsBasics	Issues of interest: Gentrification, TAY Housing, Homelessness, Cultural Engagement, TAY Navigation Center, Mental Health Support, Substance abuse treatment	 Youth Commissioner Theo Miller, HOPE SF Ali Schalatger, Rising Up Initiative/ Dept. Homelessness & Supportive Housing Marlo Simmons, DPH Malik Looper, MOHCD Warren Hill , HSA John Rahaim, SF Planning Commission
#MoreThanMoney #BridgingOpportunity #YouthEmpowerment #WorkHardPlayHard	Issues of interest: Free City College, African America Achievement, Common Core, STEM, Careers, Trades Education, Ethnic Studies, Workforce Development, Opportunities For All	 Youth Commissioner Dr. Maria Su, DCYF Sheryl Davis, Human Rights Commission Dr. Vincent Mathews, SFUSD Superintendent Joaquin Torres, Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development Jenny Lam, Mayor's Education Advisor, SFUSD Board Member David Gray, Public Utilities Commission



YAD 2019/2020 Goal:

25 Youth Leaders200 Participants



YAD 2019 Actuals:

*237 Registrants / *45 Staff and Volunteers

159 Youth Leaders & Participants

YAD 2020 Goals



- YAD 2020 is a safe space for all attendees
- YAD 2020 is an opportunity for youth organizers and advocates to highlight their past/current work
- YAD 2020 is an opportunity to engage meaningfully with public officials
- YAD 2020 is a fun experience for all youth, especially for those who have never been to city hall before
- YAD 2020 supports/honors existing campaigns while serving as an opportunity to engage youth who are new to the work



Youth Commission Support & Feedback



- **YAD** Sponsorship
- **TYAD 2020 Issue Areas of Discussion**
- ☐YAD Tee Shirt Colors
- ☐Youth Leaders
- □Outreach
 - Ongoing; especially at current youth led forums, town halls, events





