



San Francisco Youth Commission Draft ~ Minutes

****Special Inaugural Meeting****

Monday, September 14, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

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

Acting Chair Sarah Cheung: Hello everyone, welcome to the special inaugural meeting of the 2020-21 San Francisco Youth Commission on Monday, September 14, 2020. My name is Sarah Cheung, I am a mayoral appointee, and I will be the acting chair for today’s meeting.

This pandemic has had unprecedented impacts on San Francisco, and we, as the City’s only chartered youth advisory body, are committed to advocating for the rights, needs, and voices of all San Francisco youth in this crisis. During this time, COVID-19 & the California Fires have affected us all but especially have disproportionately impacted communities of color, so it’s important for us to leverage our power and continue our work advocating for an equitable, healthy, and environmentally conscious San Francisco. Our hearts go out to all of the people who have been impacted by the pandemic and all those who live with the constant fear of racist violence. We send prayer to those on the frontlines fighting the California Fires and to the farmworkers who are still showing up to work despite the toxic air quality. We also want to thank all essential workers and medical staff that are risking their lives to make sure that their communities stay safe and healthy.

We want to also take this time to acknowledge that our city’s bureaucratic systems are built on racism, most notably anti-blackness, especially institutionalized in our police department. Our city has a track record of police brutality, environmental racism, and gentrification, among many other injustices towards BIPOC. This current onslaught of outrage is not just a result of the murders of George Floyd, Tony McDade, and Breonna Taylor - it is a buildup of tensions from countless incidents of police brutality, hate crimes towards the Black community, and a system that enforces white supremacy, even here in San Francisco. We support peaceful protesting and standing in solidarity with our African American community, keeping in mind that our City’s



residents are already hurting from economic loss. We know that our struggles are connected. Now we urge our community, especially those of us who are not Black, to show up and speak out. If you have the capacity, we urge you to safely protest, donate to abolitionists, bail relief, and legal aid organizations, educate yourself and others around systemic racism, and demand action from the government at all levels. Let us all do the hard work of interrupting racism in ourselves, our families, and communities.

Together, we will win justice and safety for BIPOC and that will bring justice and safety to all of us and the environment.

Commissioners, we hope that everyone has been taking our time off to take care of your family, your community, and ourselves.

Let's Begin.

Acting Chair Sarah Cheung calls the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Roll call for attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, present
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve of agenda, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye



Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. August 17, 2020
([Document A](#))

No public comment. Commissioner Versace motions to approve of minutes, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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

No public comment.

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

No legislation referred, used as a placeholder for Commissioners to understand standard agenda flow.

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

- A. Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Youth Seat Presentation
Presenter: Christina Goette, Program Manager, Department of Public Health
(Document B)



The voters voted in favor of Prop V in Nov 2016. This mandated the establishment of the Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) which is comprised of 16 people, representing experts and stakeholders.

Nov 2018- tax on sugary drinks and syrups, general tax that goes into the general fund of SF. The funds are determined by San Francisco. The legislation requires an advisory committee be put forth and makes recommendations to the Mayor and BOS to make recommendations. The mission is to make funding recommendations and focus on community led work. 2 primary goals- healthy people and healthy places. To eliminate health disparities and address community and economic outcomes. The communities of color and low income are the ones most effective. The community funding principles are to reduce sugary drink consumption and support public health through a reduction of diet-related diseases. There are 16 seats and once vacant youth seats. Currently, they have received 5 applications. The soda tax money does not allow for stipends for the positions but they would like to. The youth seat role is a two year commitment with many responsibilities.

The general purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8. Youth Commission recommends the Youth Seat.

Because low income, ethnic minorities, and youth consume more sugary drinks than the general population and disproportionately suffer from chronic health conditions, **equity** was a foundational pillar for the SDDTAC's work and recommendations. In addition, to capture the spirit of the SDDT, the Advisory Committee recommended that funds be used for new services or programming or expanding programming rather than replacing existing revenue. The SDDTAC recommends that funds be directed to support primary and secondary prevention efforts and not for medical treatment of disease. This includes work to support: decreasing consumption of sugary drinks, increasing water consumption, oral health, healthy food access, and physical activity.

SDDTAC exploring 2 key changes to youth seat, which will require legislative advocacy:

- stipends for youth in seat
- increase number of youth representative (3)

Youth Seat Role & Responsibilities

- commit to 2 year term
- prepare for and participate in monthly SDDTAC meetings
- prepare and participate in 3 month subcommittee meetings: community input, infrastructure, or data and evidence
- provide youth perspectives and analyses with respect to funding recommendations
 - engage youth pop
 - youth perspective
 - promote and share recommendations of SDDTAC
- learn and follow committee rules / procedures
 - robert rules, sunshine ordinance/brown act, sddtac by laws

Questions/ Recommendations

- Commissioner Quick- In support. Do you have a timeline of when legislation will be introduced?



- Answer- the committee subcommittee will be working on that for the next few months. The meetings are public.
- Commissioner Santos - What are the requirements for application? Undocumented youth and stipends
 - undocumented youth are welcome to apply
 - stipend - should be a question
- Commissioner Hylton- If there is talk of saving seats for impacted communities?
 - Answer- That is the discussion that has been happening and there is interest in aligning youth seats but the committee will make that decision based on the sponsor.
- Commissioner Cheung- what does the outreach look like with a diverse pool of applicants?
 - Answer- Have worked hard with seated committee members, personal recommendations, reached out to young people involved through soda tax funded activities. Make sure the pool is diverse and representative of impacted communities.

B. San Francisco Budget 101 & Budget Advocacy

Presenter: Matthias Mormino, Budget Justice Coalition member

Matthias, CCDC, Budget Justice Coalition member - representing 42 organizations working on budget issues, network, single orgs, that come together and look at city budget as opportunity to create change and force the city to literally put money where the mouth is. Budget are moral documents - MLK Jr. Policy of the City and County on what they want to prioritize.

Few building blocs and timelines to be aware of and what was learned this year. first and most important- how big is SF's budget- \$13.6 billion. Most of that or $\frac{2}{3}$ go outs to grants, the city spends a lot of money. The city budget is big, compared to the city of Philadelphia. The city has double the amount of SF- 1.6 million people and their budget is \$4.7 billion. Philadelphia is double the size of SF but less than SF's budget. SF runs a port and airport of city departments. Also, my own water department (public utilities department). \$13.6 billion- half is going into enterprise departments, talked about it earlier when talking about ports, water departments. All departments work like thier own little piggy banks. from the start you take half of the money and you put it aside in their own little piggy banks. These departments run on their own, only money they get themselves. \$6.9 bullion- general fund. It is an umbrella term to talk about the amount of money that is raised through fees and taxes. The city has discretion on how to spend the money. The city cannot tax wealth through state laws so a lot comes from property taxes. SF voters have passed laws. Sf's budget- seatasdies- 14%, general fund- 36%, enterprise departments- 50%, police- 5%, general fund- 31% (again). Defunding the police has a huge impact on how the city spends its money.

Pre Covid-19 budget-

Dec- Mayor's budget instructions- instructions on departments on their target either reduction or growth. Jan-Feb : commission hearings, March-May: Mayor's office budget adjustments, June 1st : mayor's proposed budget released, June: BOS budget committee hearings and deliberations, July : BOS vote on budget. During COVID19-



March : Mayor's budget instructions, May- June: Commission hearings, June-July: Mayor's office budget adjustments, August 1: Mayor's proposed budget released, August: BOS committee hearings and deliberations, and Sept : BOS vote on budget. The city is conservative on the budget. What was learned in 2020- the budget projections often underestimate the revenues..until they don't, the budget process has some good opportunities for the public to participate... but they mostly rely on us being in the room where it happens', the budget reserves are really healthy..and that still might be enough, and the city budget has grown exponentially...and that might have been a good thing in bad times.

What to look for this year- how are the city revenue's doing?, what happens w/ the revenue measure on the November Elections?, how do labor negotiations w/ city employees go?, how do future stimulants affect the city budget, how do they improve on remote participation, what will the budget calendar look like?, and will they see mid-year budget cuts?

Questions / recommendations

- Commissioner Asfaw- How does defunding the police look like and how to advocate for it with the COVID budget impacts?
 - Answer- how do we cut programs that hurt people? this movement is different - not cool if you have time, it's something that needs to happen. don't give up on this work - the road to abolition is long, don't be discouraged if not cut by 50%
 - look at how new officers were coming in with how many old officers were retiring, bringing in the charter requirement of minimum staffing 1971 active officers
- Commissioner Santos: where to find budget information
 - Answer- if you ask yourself how to learn about the SF city budget but couldn't find a relevant budget, that is on purpose. The government hides information on purpose because it disempowers communities from having the knowledge.
 - 5% is to new recruits, 95% is top heavy admin, lieutenant's - defund sfpd now
 - look for dpt budgets that go to commissions
 - health department
 - HSH
 - Mayor releases budget - it is harder push to get priorities funded
- Commissioner Zhang- Stimulus funding and how the budget grew from that so are we expecting more is it unique to COVID19?
 - Answer- we should not expect as much money to come in this fiscal year. The city expects the budget to be about \$1.4 billion smaller during the current time. the senate has taken none of the recent stimulus bills. they are very complicated. Wait to hear from what is coming from Washington.
- Commissioner Cheng- Supervisor Fewer (?), what efforts have been underway to make sure the public is aware of the budget especially with COVID19.
 - Answer- She has done a tremendous job, extended the time on looking at the budget. He advises maybe a first draft budget and comparing it to other cities. In general, her work in terms of helping making info transparent and draft spending plans to be negotiated.



- Budget Justice Coalition meetings Wednesday 2 - 4pm
 - trainings
 - discussion

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to recess for a five minute break and come back at 6:42 pm, seconded by Commissioner Hylton.

Commissioner Cheung calls the meeting back to order at 6:42 PM.

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

- A. Adoption of 2020-21 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document C)

Article I - Commissioner Asfaw reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Hylton motions to approve Article I, Commissioner Quick seconds. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article II - Commissioner Hylton reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Zhang motions to approve article II, seconded by Commissioner Arana. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye



Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article III - Commissioner Santos reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Asfaw motion to approve article III, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Commissioner Quick - mid year retreat dates? to be determined pending SIP order.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article IV - Commissioner Ginsburg reads this into record. No Public Comment.

Commissioner Quick small note - discrepancy of the reading. Commissioner Quick motion to approve Article IV by most updated version of July 6th, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye



Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article V - Commissioner Listana reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Santos motion to approve article V, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article VI - Commissioner Veiga reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Quick discrepancies in section e numbering. For substantial changes regarding gender neutral language and so forth, please submit a written draft to be approved at a following meeting. Commissioner Quick motion to approve article VI, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye



Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article VII- Commissioner Tanaka reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Zhang motion to approve Article VII, seconded by Commissioner Versace. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article VIII - Commissioner Tang reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Hylton motion to approve article VIII, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye



Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article IX - Commissioner Quick reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Asfaw motion to approve Article IX, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

Article X - Commissioner Asfaw reads this into record. No Public Comment.
Commissioner Hylton motion to approve article X, seconded by Commissioner Versace. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve bylaws as a whole, seconded by Commissioner Veiga.



Roll Call Vote

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

B. Election of 2020-21 Youth Commission Executive Officers

Chair Nominations

Nomination for Commissioner [Cheung] made by Commissioner [Versace], and seconded by commissioner [Arana]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Speech (2 mins or less):

Hi all, I'm running for Chair today because I want to continue holding the Youth Commission accountable to creating positive change in our city by uplifting all you commissioners in your work, your projects, and as individuals. Last term, I served as the Vice Chair of the commission and it was a big learning curve for me - I had to learn the language of chairing exec meetings and overcome major imposter syndrome. But what empowered me to start co-chairing full commission meetings in the spring, even though I didn't feel ready, was from the encouragement of those around me. I took on more projects like the Westside Youth Forum, co-sponsored a resolution, and helped start the Youth Commission's own book club. I want to continue building upon a culture where everyone feels comfortable sharing their perspective and taking on projects, especially first-year commissioners, because I really believe that everyone here was chosen for a reason and I want to make sure everyone feels heard during commission meetings, and this way we can also hold space for discourse and growth.

If I'm voted in to be Chair, I will amplify your voices during commission meetings by taking any feedback you have, make sure you feel supported for example by continuing the buddy system if there's any interest for first-year commissioners to have a returner to rely on, continue working on solutions around changing the culture of YC to be inclusive and bridge the work of different committees together, connect gap between Exec Committee and YC so that the work we are doing is more transparent when it comes to big decisions like recommendations for seats and also attendance, and work on ways to still stay grounded to our communities online, for example by creating an online youth forum for CBOs to share the work that they're doing. I would also



love to be a resource for you if you ever need help or have any questions about what's on the agenda or just to talk about life. So I hope you'll vote me in because of my experience and the care I have for the Youth Commission and everyone here.

Nomination for Commissioner [Asfaw] made by Commissioner [Santos], and seconded by commissioner [Hylton]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

My start with advocacy is with school and working with people I cared about, when I got accepted is how do we advocate for a position that isn't true, it would impede on my ability to represent my constituents, but professionalism and whiteness wasn't part of the student. Exclusiveness is always connected to whiteness - as I'm working here this has helped me reimagine what the commission and where we can be. i know what it's like to not be seen or heard in the room, understanding comfort levels working to deconstruct our culture. commit to being honest and taken steps.

Speech (2 mins or less):

Before YC, my experience with advocacy had been within my community and in school. This was where I had always felt the most comfortable & was able to work with the people I really care about. When I got accepted to the YC, I was excited to continue advocating for my community's needs and be in a position where adults couldn't ignore me. I was nervous because I was scared I wasn't smart enough or that I wasn't familiar enough with the inner workings of city hall to the point where it would impede on my ability to efficiently represent my constituents. This nervousness was also connected to the fact that I had never been in a capacity where professionalism and more specifically whiteness was the standard which we had to conform to, due to institutional standards. exclusivity had always been interconnected with whiteness and as we all know, City Hall can feel like a pretty exclusive place. Despite this, I continued to work and connect with youth across this city. My time on the Youth Commission, while it has been relatively short, helped me reimagine my idea of what a leader should be.

The bylaws say that the Chair facilitates meetings and becomes the spokesperson for the entire commission. But this role means so much more and it's a communal effort. I know what it's like to not feel seen or heard in a room especially with these confusing hierarchies and imposter syndrome. Acknowledging the fact that everyone will start and end with different comfort levels, I will ensure that if I were to be in this position i would work towards deconstructing city hall's toxic & exclusive culture, starting in our own commission. This is such an important thing for me that I promise to actively work against it even if I weren't the one to take this role. And I'll work towards building one where we feel comfortable being who we are. I'm the type of person to keep it real with everyone, so when an issue inevitably arises, I will commit to being honest with everyone on the steps the executive committee is taking to address an issue, in a way that isn't a temporary fix but a genuine step towards a greater long term solution. I want to show to everyone that when I represent the voice of the YC, I'll represent our collective intelligence, authenticity, passion and empathy. it's very important to me that we are able to connect beyond our roles and have an understanding of each other in a way that builds long lasting relationships and helps our collaboration. Regardless of how this election goes, I'd love to be here for everyone and give my support and time to make this term amazing. Thank you so much!



Versace Question: culture of toxicity and exclusivity? where did you feel it and how do you see to go about changing it this year?

City Hall inaccessible - my community, built with the intention of purposely excluding people reaching out within our communities, where city hall is not safe space - do work internally as a commission - to make commission where youth feel encouraged to be authentic and represent themselves that

Nomination for Commissioner [Hylton] made by Commissioner [Jones], and seconded by commissioner [Asfaw]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Speech (2 mins or less):

Third year commissioner, the chair of Transformative Justice cmte both of these will be helpful as we are in a difficult time as a commission to transition into virtual. No longer a full time student hoping to dedicate a lot of time. On the commission a chance to grow my own confidence, get up the nerve to second a motion, I think the support from staff and commission to overcome that. Specific issue areas are environmental issue, informal committees focusing on environmental issues, love to expand on crossover collaboration within committees, helping with physical and mental health of commissioners.

See below for intended speaking points:

- 3rd year commissioner, 2 year chair of TJ and no longer a full time student so I have a lot of time to dedicate to yc which will be helpful for our transition to virtual meetings and the possible transition back to in person full commission meetings
- being on the commission for a long time I've had the ability to grow my confidence in this space and I would love to support other commissioners on doing the dame

Goals

- starting an informal committee that can focus on environmental issues that effect young people in sf and as these issues relate to our own issue based committees
- expand issues that cross over committee lines, such as the muni fair citation legislation
- Make sure that while we are holding online meetings which tend to go longer than in person meetings, implementing additions to the meeting to support the mental and physical health of commissioners, such as a scheduled 2 minute stretch break each hour as well as a scheduled 5-7 minute break for commissioners to go to the bathroom and/or get food and water
- making sure that the meaning and intent of all legislation that is referred to the commission is clear to all commissioners by writing blurbs in language that is more accessible that can accompany the legislation in our weekly internals
- Hold another youth commission open house to increase the youth commission's visibility and to increase the number of applications to the youth commission from underrepresented groups



No public comment.

Roll Call Vote

Jayden Tanaka: Cheung
Valentina Alioto-Pier: Cheung
Lillian Tang: Cheung
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Hylton
Calvin Quick: Hylton
Gabrielle Listana: Hylton
Adrianna Zhang: Cheung
Gracie Veiga: Hylton
Ariana Arana : Cheung
Rome Jones: Hylton
Erika Morris: Asfaw
Arsema Asfaw: Asfaw
Sarah Cheung: Cheung
Sarah Ginsburg: Cheung
Nora Hylton: Hylton
Amara Santos: Asfaw
Stephen "Rocky" Versace: Cheung

Cheung:8
Asfaw: 3
Hylton: 6

Bylaws state that simple majority of 9.

Round 2:

Jayden Tanaka: Cheung
Valentina Alioto-Pier: Cheung
Lillian Tang: Cheung
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Hylton
Calvin Quick: Hylton
Gabrielle Listana: Hylton
Adrianna Zhang: Cheung
Gracie Veiga: Hylton
Ariana Arana : Cheung
Rome Jones: Hylton
Erika Morris: Hylton
Arsema Asfaw: Hylton
Sarah Cheung: Cheung
Sarah Ginsburg: Cheung
Nora Hylton: Hylton
Amara Santos: Hylton
Stephen "Rocky" Versace: Cheung

Cheung 8
Hylton: 9

Vice Chair Elections



Nomination for Commissioner [Zhang] made by Commissioner [Quick], and seconded by commissioner [Versace]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Speech (2 mins or less):

Before joining the YC, it was a huge goal for her. After being appointed she faced issues but the YC is such a tight knit community. YC uplifts voices and her community. She wants to ensure all voices are being heard and connected within YC and outside. She wants to ensure stronger communication and has worked with the consul on a previous experience. She Works with climate and environmentalism. She wants to learn different aspects of the YC, especially as a new commissioner. She is ambitious, qualified, and willing to put in the time and effort.

See below for speaking points:

- * Before joining the youth commission I believed that the YC was an overwhelmingly high goal to aim for. After being appointed, I had hesitations about being on the EC stemming because I knew from the first meeting that the YC was a tight knit, supportive community.
- * But I realized now that in order to truly embrace this opportunity I was given and to do what I want to do, uplift the voices of youth, I would need to be ambitious.
- * I hope to serve as the vice chair so that I help a larger scope of people. I hope to ensure that all voices are being heard and to connect the work of the YC with the community.
- * it is especially important to connect with youth during this pandemic and ensure that we have communication after COVID.
- * I am already working with the OCOF on their child friendly cities initiative through SF CHANGE, an organization that I founded.
- * I know charter and bylaws front to back, I have experience with procedural language and experience with the OCOF, I work with environmentalism and climate action outside of the YC so I would love to support Commissioner Hilton's goals for the YC
- * I can bring a new perspective to the EC as a newer YC'er. I know that I will be able to connect and relate with newer commissioners, making sure everyone feels heard.
- * I'm ambitious, qualified and ready to put in the time and effort so I hope you all can give me the opportunity to prove that.

Outreach

- * I want to stress the importance of connection within the YC both in the YC and between the YC and the SF community.
- * Regarding experience, I founded SF CHANGE, an organization based on equitable education and community connection. Within a month during the shelter in place, ive reached out to schools and received over 1000 responses from youth and their families in a survey I made, and partnered with community organizations and members of the SFBOS. I know I have the experience to reach out to my community.
- * As for social media, I've managed the social media for organizations like GENup, among others, and grew a social awareness campaign called project open minds to over 6000 followers on Instagram.
- * I have the experience connecting eith my community in person, over zoom, and through social media. I love meeting new people, talking, and I hope to get to know you all over this next year



Nomination for Commissioner [Santos] made by Commissioner [Asfaw], and seconded by commissioner [Jones]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Social equality in spaces, has worked with UCSF, and created an online platform. When she applied for YC she didn't know about the policy process, district number, or BOS members. She has learned the love for her committee. Last year she won the communications committee chair and has strengthened her communication skills. The more she has worked with others and taken up space, the YC is a platform in which they are heard. She wants to advocate for the YC and create a safe space.

Versace question- How will she make sure all committees are represented?

She has experience with committee and learning. The dynamics of having two people from the same committee she acknowledges as issues but she will reach out to others.

See below for intended speech:

I value social equity and liberation in all the spaces I've been in. In high school, I met with students to hear about the issues we were facing and attended meetings with staff and teachers to seek solutions. I've worked with UCSF to plan for a community health event for girls, trans and non binary youth across the City and created an online platform for Bay Area youth of color to connect and share their perspective about what's happening in their communities. At the time, local government wasn't a big focus in my mind. I was focused on community efforts.

When I applied, I didn't know how a policy was implemented, most of the Supervisors' names nor what District number I was in. I had to learn a lot of government logistics. It was and still isn't, easy. Despite this, one thing that helps guide me through learning all of it was my deep passion and love for my communities.

Because of my experience with connecting with my peers and collaboration, last year I was nominated to be on the Comms team and won almost unanimously. In Comms, I strengthened my communication and leadership skills from multiple projects, including one that allowed me to work with every Commissioner, both personally and professionally. After getting to know all of them, it made me feel more comfortable and I slowly felt my belonging.

I felt I didn't *deserve* to be doing this work, let alone find my place with confidence. The more I worked with others and allowed myself to take up space, I felt breathability for the first time. I know what it's like to have a desire to work towards a better future for your community. I also know what it's like to not know how to navigate the bureaucracy that is local government.

YC is more than being able to get better insight as to how City Hall works. The YC is a platform where we get to bring the emotions and perspective of our communities to the table so we are heard and seen. As a Vice Chair, I will continue to equitably advocate for all of us and our City, create a safe space for this community and be here to hold it down and support y'all in any other way. Thank you.



Nomination for Commissioner [Cheung] made by Commissioner [Ginburg], and seconded by commissioner [Versace]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Last year she was vice chair so he has experience with that. Her strengths are listening to everyone's voice heard and she had no issues be ignored, she continued discussing those ideas and finding solutions. For example last year the issue was microaggression and this year she will talk about Nora's idas. She wants to be used as a resource for questions and she wants to continue to foster a space that everyone feels comfortable. It can be taught navigating city hall as a young person but wants to support them and uplift their voices during committee and subcommittee meetings. She wants to continue the book club and find solutions.

Roll Call Vote:

- Jayden Tanaka: Cheung
- Valentina Alioto-Pier: Cheung
- Lillian Tang: Cheung
- Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Santos
- Calvin Quick: Zhang
- Gabrielle Listana: Santos
- Adrianna Zhang: Zhang
- Gracie Veiga: Zhang
- Ariana Arana : Santos
- Rome Jones: Santos
- Erika Morris: Santos
- Arsema Asfaw: Santos
- Sarah Cheung: Cheung
- Sarah Ginsburg: Cheung
- Nora Hylton: Santos
- Amara Santos: Santos
- Stephen "Rocky" Versace: Cheung

Cheung:6
Santos: 8
Zhang: 3

Bylaws state that simple majority of 9.

Roll Call Vote 2:

- Jayden Tanaka: Cheung
- Valentina Alioto-Pier: Cheung
- Lillian Tang: Cheung
- Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Santos
- Calvin Quick: Santos
- Gabrielle Listana: Santos
- Adrianna Zhang: Cheung
- Gracie Veiga: Santos
- Ariana Arana : Santos
- Rome Jones: Santos
- Erika Morris: Santos



Arsema Asfaw: Santos
Sarah Cheung: Cheung
Sarah Ginsburg: Cheung
Nora Hylton: Santos
Amara Santos: Santos
Stephen “Rocky” Versace: Cheung

Bylaws state that simple majority of 9.

Cheung: 7
Santos: 10

Legislative Affairs Officer

Nomination for Commissioner [Quick] made by Commissioner [Cheung], and seconded by commissioner [Tang]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Advancing budget priorities and everyone is on the same page. He has advocated for legislation that YC has taken positions . He will continue to be able to all members of the commission and available at their disposal.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka:Quick
Valentina Alioto-Pier: Quick
Lillian Tang: Quick
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Quick
Calvin Quick: Quick
Gabrielle Listana: Quick
Adrianna Zhang: Quick
Gracie Veiga: Quick
Ariana Arana : Quick
Rome Jones: Quick
Erika Morris: Quick
Arsema Asfaw: Quick
Sarah Cheung: Quick
Sarah Ginsburg: Quick
Nora Hylton: Quick
Amara Santos: Quick
Stephen “Rocky” Versace: Quick

Quick: 17

Outreach and Media Officers

Nomination for Commissioner [Zhang] made by Commissioner [Versace], and seconded by commissioner [cheung]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

She wants to stress the importance of communication within the YC and the SF community. She loves talking to people even during these digital times. She has founded the organization, SF change which is based on equitable education and communication. In about a month she has received 1,000 survey answers and fostered 10 community organizations and BOS supervisors. She has managed the social media to other big



accounts and wants to use her skillshare for the YC. She will put in the effort to get to know everyone.

Nomination for Commissioner [Asfaw] made by Commissioner [Quick], and seconded by commissioner [tanaka]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

She has always enjoyed talking and working with other people. She has preferred face to face or digital conversations, therefore, this role would not be difficult. She has all of the major social media platforms. She can advocate for others and build solidarity within the communities.

Quick question- What other experiences or plans do you have and want to do in relation to outreach due to COVID?

Answer- She has experience with using social media as a tool when working on a congressional campaign. In terms of COVID communication she wants to adapt social media strategies. Recently, especially with BLM people are becoming more politically aware. She wants to use the YC instagram from infographics, and in the past posted on current tabling events and had a community outreach survey.

Nomination for Commissioner [Listana] made by Commissioner [Listana], and seconded by commissioner [murphy]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

She wants to help grow their social media and real life presence. Also, she wants to get to know the others better. She does outreach and advocacy on tik tok and twitter and with other commissions on youth related issues. She wants to maintain public communication with commissioners and help with committees and their outreach goals.

Roll Call Vote:

- Jayden Tanaka: Zhang, Listana
- Valentina Alioto-Pier: Zhang, Asfaw
- Lillian Tang: Zhang, Asfaw
- Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy: Zhang, Asfaw
- Calvin Quick: Zhang, Asfaw
- Gabrielle Listana: Zhang, Listana
- Adrianna Zhang: Zhang, Asfaw
- Gracie Veiga: Zhang, Asfaw
- Ariana Arana : Zhang, Asfaw
- Rome Jones: Zhang, Asfaw
- Erika Morris: Zhang, Asfaw
- Arsema Asfaw: Zhang, Asfaw
- Sarah Cheung: Zhang, Asfaw
- Sarah Ginsburg: Zhang, Asfaw
- Nora Hylton: Zhang, Asfaw
- Amara Santos: Zhang, Asfaw
- Stephen "Rocky" Versace: Zhang, Asfaw

Listana: 2
Asfaw: 15
Zhang: 17

Executive Officers for 20-21:

Chair: Commissioner Nora Hyton
Vice Chair: Commissioner Amara Santos



LAO: Commissioner Calvin Quick

Outreach Officers: Commissioner Adrianna Zhang & Commissioner Arsema Asfaw

Commissioner Ginsburg left the meeting at 9:06pm. This is considered a missed meeting.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- Civic Engagement Committee Monday 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM,
- Transformative Justice Monday 5 - 7 PM,
- Housing and Land Use 4:30 PM - 6:30pm,
- Executive Committee Wednesday before Full Youth Commission.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

A. YC Master Calendar (Document D)

- Master Calendar + Google Calendar invite
- Committee meetings start next week: chair/vice chair elections
- Shout Outs for weekly Internal - to begin sending by Thursday before Noon
- Legislation Referred for next meeting
- Feedback for DPA KYR Cards

10 . Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Asfaw-invitation to table in D5 during closed streets. If anyone is interested to table, Commissioner Quick and Asfaw will send out an email to everyone with more information.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Cheung adjourns the meeting at 9:15 pm.