



# 2007-2008 Annual Report

A Year in Review



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# Letter to the Community

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**T**hank you for expressing interest in the San Francisco Youth Commission.

Voted in by San Franciscans in 1995 as a charter amendment (Proposition F), we are proud to enter our thirteenth year as a permanent decision-making body with, for, and by youth in City Hall.

The Youth Commission is made up of seventeen people between the ages of twelve and twenty-three. We are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, and represent the vast and diverse youth experiences that make this city great. We act as the official advisory board to our elected officials on all relevant youth policies.

Our mission is to bridge the gap between youth and local government. Our charge is to advocate for efficient and effective youth policies, programs, and budget priorities in San Francisco. We serve to:

- Identify the unmet needs of youth in the City;
- Ensure City policies more accurately reflect those needs;
- Advocate for youth policies by making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors;
- Comment and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on any and all youth related matters;
- Collaborate with community groups in their education and advocacy efforts.

We humbly present our annual report to you.

In community,

2007-2008 Youth Commission



## Letter from the Chair

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Dear Community,

I am honored to have served as Chair and privileged to share my closing thoughts with you.

Harsh economic and political realities for youth defined our term. In San Francisco and elsewhere around the nation, fiscal crises have threatened critical services and programs. The state budget deficit reached \$15-17B, slashing health and human services for the most vulnerable. San Francisco faces a \$400M shortfall. For the first time in living memory, local leaders may only fund youth services from the Children's Fund at the legally required baseline. In addition, the Commission's advocacy in public education has come to naught, as SFUSD bears a burden to rescue itself out of a \$40M hole.

Unfriendly youth-policies have come hand in hand with the curtailment of social provisions. We joined communities in opposing civil gang injunctions and supporting re-entry services for criminalized youth. We opposed the Runner's Initiative, a November ballot measure that, if passed, would redirect billions of dollars from housing and mental health to the criminal justice system in order to police young adults.

Yet, it has also been a year with a silver lining. The YouthVOTE Initiative experienced the highest student turnout in its fourteen year history and will be funded for the next year. The Police Commission also passed the revised DGO 7.01, outlining youth-competent procedures for juvenile detention, a community win that we were involved in for the past four years. The Transitional Aged Youth Initiative was launched in 2008 to implement the recommendations set forth by the Transitional Youth Task Force, a body that was created by original legislation by the Commission.

The dreary budget cycle has caused us to reorient Commission work for broader policy goals, rather advocating for fiscal priorities. This annual report reflects that. Yet out of this struggle, a stronger network of community advocates was realized under the Family Budget Coalition that will work steadfast to continue fighting for a more socially justice family and youth agenda.

We look forward to working with you to continually stand with youth and families in the face of a fiscally formidable, yet politically fantastic year of change in 2008.

In service and in community,  
Luciana Carvalho  
Chair



# Who's Who on the Youth Commission

Youth Commissioners are appointed by San Francisco's City Supervisors and the Mayor to represent the City's diverse youth population. We are a body of youth between the ages of 12 and 23 and are appointed to one-year terms that can be renewed.

<p><b>D 1</b></p> 	<p><b>Dasha Tsibulskaya</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Jake McGoldrick</p>	<p>Wellness and Social Justice Committee Joint SFUSD Education Committee Golf Task Force Youth Representative from YC</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Dasha will enter her senior year at Lowell High and is seeking to return to the Youth Commission next term to forward educational equity issues.</p>	<p>Represents: Richmond District (including Geary street corridor)</p> <p>Fun Fact: She is an accomplished swimming instructor and pianist.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> addressing privatization of public spaces and assets in the City through the Golf Task Force; improving transitional youth housing; coordinating YouthVOTE to ensure student voice and engagement; budget and policy advocacy with Supervisor McGoldrick's Office; supporting efforts to ssave schools through the Rainy Day Reserve Fund.</p>
<p><b>D 2</b></p> 	<p><b>Tanaya Macheel</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Michaela Alioto-Pier</p>	<p>Government Affairs Officer Youth Empowerment Fund Adv. Board Wellness and Social Justice Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Tanaya graduated from Convent of Sacred Heart. She will be attending college in London and working at the British Parliament.</p>	<p>Represents: Pacific Heights, Marina, Cow Hollow.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Tanaya was personally invited by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to her swearing-in last year.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> organizing movement building events for youth-led campaigns in San Francisco; addressing transitional youth and housing issues through health advocacy; drafting budget priorities for the Youth Commission.</p>
<p><b>D 3</b></p> 	<p><b>Natalie Gee</b></p> <p>Appointed by Board President Aaron Peskin</p>	<p>Wellness and Social Justice Committee Youth Empowerment Fund Adv. Board</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Natalie graduated from SF State with a degree in Health Education and Asian American Studies. She will be working full time. She'll also continue her social justice work as a community organizer for Chinese Progressive Association.</p>	<p>Represents: Chinatown, Nob Hill, Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill, North Beach.</p> <p><b>Fun Fact:</b> Natalie speaks and writes fluent in Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin). She can also take you on any day on the Ninetendo Wii</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> global, racial and economic justice;; day-laborer, immigrant health and rights; tackling environmental justice and racism in the Southeast sectors of the city; supporting the DREAM ACT; cross-racial youth organizing solidarity; youth health access; anti-tobacco campaigns; doing base building work with youth organizations in San Francisco.</p>
<p><b>D 4</b></p> 	<p><b>William Do</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Ed Jew** (resigned)</p>	<p>Recreation, Arts, and City Services Committee Joint SFUSD Education Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> William graduated from Lowell High and will be entering his freshman year at UC San Diego. He will be pursuing computer science and music composition. (He chose to decline his acceptance to Julliard to take graduate courses at UC San Diego).</p>	<p>Represents Sunset, Ocean Beach, Parkside.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Will edited a memoir of his father's experience during the Khmer Rouge, which will be published this year. He also composes music for the Lowell Chamber Orchestra.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> bridging intergenerational/cultural gaps; establishing student-led organizations; performing arts for all youth;</p>
<p><b>D5</b></p> 	<p><b>Brandon Franklin</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Ross Mirkarimi</p>	<p>Community Affairs Officer Chair, Youth Justice Committee Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Brandon will be continue to be active in his community outside of the Commission.</p>	<p>Represents Western Addition, Japantown, Fillmore, Hayes Valley, Panhandle.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Brandon skipped a grade and is really good at math. He also raps.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> curbing gang and youth violence; creating more arts and recreation centers and youth programs; supporting youth movement building.</p>

<p><b>D 6</b></p> 	<p><b>Kemi Shamonda</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Chris Daly</p>	<p>Youth Justice Committee Youth Empowerment Fund Adv. Board Wellness and Social Justice Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Kemi is pre-med and will continue to work with DCYF to continue youth movement building.</p>	<p>Represents: SOMA (South of Market Area), Tenderloin, Treasure Island, Hayes Valley, Inner Mission, Mission Bay</p> <p>Fun Fact: Kemi is a talented singer. If she were to describe herself in three words, she'd pick: open, creative and supportive.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> Addressing youth violence and housing in impacted communities of the City; organizing Black History Month; organizing youth movement building, partnering with SOMA organizations</p>
<p><b>D 8</b></p> 	<p><b>Kenny Gong</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Bevan Dufty</p>	<p>Chair, Wellness and Social Justice Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Kenny will be serving as a veteran co-chair on the LYRIC board of directors, and as a scholar advocating for Asian American rights through the Helen Zia Fellows for Social Change.</p>	<p>Represents: Castro, Glen Park, Noe Valley, Duboce Triangle</p> <p>Fun Fact: Kenny traveled to nine cities (and five countries) in the span of three weeks.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> LGBTQQ youth rights, transitional housing, cross systems advocacy, adolescent health and wellness, male involvement programming and sexual health programming.</p>
<p><b>D 9</b></p> 	<p><b>Luciana Carvalho</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Tom Ammiano</p>	<p>Chair Youth Justice Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Luciana will be studying abroad for next year and continuing her education at SF State.</p>	<p>Represents: Mission, Bernal Heights, Portola Valley.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Captain Luciana knows how to sail! She encourages you to reduce, reuse and recycle.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> progressive educational, environmental and juvenile justice policies; advocating for the removal of drug-related questions that delay students from obtaining federal financial aid; advocating for</p>
<p><b>D 10</b></p> 	<p><b>Cassandra James</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supe. Sophie Maxwell</p>	<p>Vice-Chair Youth Employment Committee Transitional Aged Youth Initiative Liaison</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Cassandra will be transferring to UC Berkeley and continuing her organizing work in San Francisco through the Center for Young Women's Development and the Juvenile Justice Center.</p>	<p>Represents: Bayview, Hunter's Point, Potrero Hill, Visitacion Valley, Crocker Amazon, Sunnydale.</p> <p>Fact: Cassandra is a survivor of Hurricane Katrina.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> Securing all youth rights in San Francisco – advocating for a multi-service center &amp; all transitional youth issues; raising consciousness for young mothers who are incarcerated; coordinating the passage of the DGO 7.01 and other youth cultural competency issues of the police department; addressing gang injunctions and violence in D10 communities; etc.</p>
<p><b>D 11</b></p> 	<p><b>Martha Carvajal</b></p> <p>Appointed by Supervisor Sandoval</p>	<p>Recreation, Arts, and City Services Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Martha just graduated from Balboa High School, concentrating in its law track. She will be attending college next semester and hopes to one day advocate for juvenile justice and immigrant rights issues.</p>	<p>Represents: Excelsior, Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside (OMI), Lakeview.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Martha has a twin brother.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> effective violence and gang prevention efforts for youth in Excelsior.</p>

<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Iqra Anjum</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Chair, Youth Employment Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Iqra will enter her fourth year at Cal majoring in Ethnic Studies. She is the current policy coordinator for the Transitional Aged-Youth Initiative.</p>	<p>Resides in District 11: Excelsior, Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingelside, (aka OMI), Lakeview.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Iqra studied costume design and theatre production for four years in high school, and is contemplating studying abroad in London.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> involving youth in municipal government; implementing ethnic studies in schools, transitional youth issues; broad systems advocacy for youth employment and multi-use centers.</p>
<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Liliana Cabrera</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Wellness and Social Justice Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Liliana will enter her fourth year at Cal, majoring in Social Welfare. She will be a program director for Latinos in Extasis, a peer educator sexual health program in the Mission.</p>	<p>Resides in District 9: Mission</p> <p>Fun Fact: Liliana loves to dance!</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> increasing access to health services for Latino male youth; preventing the expansion of gang injunctions in the Mission; advocating for the passage of the DREAM Act.</p>
<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Deonna Frierson</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Youth Employment Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Deonna will continue to advocate and train youth as mediators for restorative justice programs like Peer Courts. She will be entering her junior year at Lincoln High School.</p>	<p>Resides in District 10: Sunnysdale</p> <p>Fun Fact: Deonna is a leading youth advocate for peer-based restorative justice programs.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> restorative justice programs as alternatives to suspensions and expulsions; increasing youth and public safety; recognizing and acknowledging youth achievements; advocating for more youth employment opportunities, etc.</p>
<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Marquez Gray</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Youth Employment Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Marquez will enter the ministry to bridge spirituality with youth empowerment principles. He will also start consulting for organizations that wish to provide more effective programming for youth.</p>	<p>Resides in Districts 6 and 10.</p> <p>Fun Fact: Marquez accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was eighteen. He is proud parent of a beautiful baby girl, and is highly and widely regarded as one of San Francisco's youth leaders.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> addressing, outreaching, engaging all youth in city &amp; community opportunities; increasing youth employment opportunities and housing options; advocating for youth rights and youth competent measures that curb violence</p>
<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Nicholas Quesada</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Media, Public Relations Officer Chair, Rec, Arts, &amp; City Services Committee Joint SFUSD Education Committee Golf Task Force Representative from Youth Commission</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Nick will be entering his junior year at School of the Arts (SOTA). He hopes to return to the Youth Commission for another term.</p>	<p>Resides in District 11: Excelsior, Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingelside, (aka OMI)/</p> <p>Fun Fact: Nick loves making films and producing music. He submits his entries into various arts festivals</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> any and all – alternative arts education; addressing gang and violence prevention methods that are youth-friendly; public education budget advocacy that address transit needs; coordinating YouthVOTE; advocating for skateboard parks and more effective MUNI routes.</p>
<p><b>Mayor</b></p> 	<p><b>Belle Yan</b></p> <p>Appointed by Mayor Newsom</p>	<p>Youth Justice Committee Chair, Joint Education Committee</p> <p><b>What's Next:</b> Belle will enter her first year at Columbia University in the fall, and continue to fight for youth rights and participation on the East Coast.</p>	<p>Resides in District 9: Portola Valley</p> <p>Fun Fact: Belle aspires to major in politics and math. She is also the acting president of her mock trial team at school.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b> addressing political participation and civic engagement through YouthVOTE; coordinating student delegate forums and addressing JROTC programs in SFUSD; juvenile/youth justice; organizing against education/state budget cuts; creative budget advocacy through public enrichment funds, etc.</p>



Authentic **Civic Engagement**

## Highlight : YouthVOTE Initiative

The crown jewel of the Youth Commission this term was augmenting the YouthVOTE Initiative.

YouthVOTE is a civic engagement initiative aimed at making elections and San Francisco's local government relevant and accountable to young people. It is funded by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF), supported unanimously by the San Francisco Board of Education, and made possible through a partnership with the SFUSD Office of Teaching and Learning and the Student Advisory Council. The YouthVOTE Initiative consists of:

- **Mock Election:** students will learn about and vote upon local, state and federal candidates and ballot initiatives;
- **Voter Registration:** YouthVOTE is mandated to register 85% of all eligible high school seniors to vote. Students will be taught to consider which party they wish to join, coinciding with the mock election.
- **Student Delegate Election:** Every June, students will have the opportunity to select one of their peers to sit on the San Francisco Board of Education to represent their interests.
- **Candidate Forums:** Youth relevant ballots and local candidates are given a chance to attend schools to promote campaign messages.
- **Student/School Climate Surveys:** By accurately surveying students on relevant issues, youth can provide substantive feedback regarding their needs and expectations of society, which are further used as data to drive local policy.



In 2008, YouthVOTE benefited from dedicated funding and year-round, full-time staff support for the first time. YouthVOTE worked closely with school sites to manage participation allowing for mock elections during primaries for the first time ever. Additionally, YouthVOTE worked closely with San Francisco teachers to develop classroom curriculum to prepare students to make informed decisions.

As a result, over 8,200 students from twenty-seven school sites participated in YouthVOTE's 2008 initiative – both records in its fourteenth year history.

The student survey – a component of the February presidential primary – yielded valuable information about issues facing San Francisco youth. Developed in partnership with David Binder Research, the survey’s questions were taken from focus groups with high school students.

The Student Advisory Council and Youth Commission were invited to take the stage to announce February presidential primary results at the Barack Obama for President rally in San Francisco, featuring Senator John Kerry as keynote speaker.

### February YouthVOTE Results

- 43.3% supported Senator Barack Obama for president.
- 37.3% supported Senator Hilary Clinton for president
- 5.2% supported Senator McCain for president.
- 90% of students plan on attending some form of high education, but 61% believe that they are not prepared academically and/or emotionally.
- 77.8% voted YES on Proposition A, the “Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks” bond.
- 20% of students surveyed maintain some sort of employment and work, yet 61 percent stated that the lack of job opportunities is a major problem.
- \*8,200 SFUSD high school students were surveyed.



The election of the Student Delegate to the Board of Education was moved from the fall ballot to the newly minted May/June primary ballot. This allows the Student Delegate to serve a full, one-year term and to ease an already crowded Fall November 2008 ballot. We are pleased to announce Maxwell Wallace, (pictured below) an incoming senior at Lowell High School, as the 2008-2009 Student Delegate winner.



### June YouthVOTE Results

- 40.5% voted for Maxwell Wallace Student Delegate (Lowell)
- 74.3% voted YES on Proposition A, the “School Parcel Tax”
- 41.2% voted for Mark Leno, 37% for Carole Migden, 18% for Joe Nation for State Senator
- 60% voted NO on Proposition 98, that would ease rent control laws
- \*4,200 SFUSD high school students were surveyed.

With 2008 representing the most successful year in YouthVOTE’s fourteenth year history, plans are already in the works to improve student preparation and engagement in the following year.



# Legislative Tracking 2008

As a City-Chartered commission, we advise and review items before the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor pertaining to youth issues. This year, legislative outlooks included the following.

Dates Heard	POLICY and LEGISLATIVE Items	Position
9/2,10/1 10/17/2007	<p><b>City Attorney's Civil Gang Injunctions</b> in Western Addition, Mission [Herrera/City Attorney]</p> <p><i>Actions Taken: YC submitted statement on 10/1/2007, worked with BOS office to urge for opt-out process, OLA report and Public Safety hearing. Status: HOMEY and other CBOs are actively organizing for opt-out protocol that is now available, wants to maintain clear criteria to get on and off list, and is urging BOS to create policy on: funding re-entry services and establishing moratorium on all gang injunctions.</i></p>	<b>OPPOSE</b>
9/17- November 2007	<p><b>Resolution urging the SFUSD to Implement and Carry Out YouthVOTE</b> in all SF Public High Schools, an Annual Voting Curriculum [Jane Kim/SFUSD BoE]</p> <p><i>Actions Taken: Youth Commission was original authors of the resolution. The 2007-2008 YC voted unanimously to adopt and forward this policy on 9/17/2007. 10/23/2007 – SF BoE voted to approve this. DCYF funded this position for FY 2007-2008. In 11/2007, YouthVOTE staff was hired. DCYF is recommitting to fund YouthVOTE for FY 2008-09.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
10/17/07, 2/4/2008, 2/19/08, 5/5/08	<p><b>SF Police Department's Department General Order (DGO) 7.01 Policies and Procedures for Juvenile Detentions, Arrest, and Custody</b></p> <p><i>Actions Taken: YC 2006-2007 drafted statement to OCC and Police Commission to support/suggest changes to DGO 7.01. YC 2007-2008 re-approved and adopted to support policy on 2/19/2008. Police Commission hearing on Department General Order DGO 7.01 is on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. YCers attended alongside Police Commissioners and additionally raised concerns on recent Sunnysdale police/youth altercations, and language access issues.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
11/5/2007	<p><b>Peer Courts/peer-based restorative justice programming in SFUSD [Kim/BoE]</b></p> <p><i>Actions Taken: 11/5/2007 - was provided presentation by SF Peer Courts and made aware of a BoE resolution in the pipeline to create restorative justice programming in all MS/HS to address student discipline. SF Board of Education Pending Resolution: Peer Courts Creating a pilot project for the 2006-2007 school year that will require SFUSD middle schools to give students an opportunity to participate in Peer Courts or other available alternatives to suspension and expulsion as the means of addressing all disciplinary offenses, unless suspension and/or expulsion are required by law Key recommendation by YC 2007-2008 for budget advocacy during addback process. Prop H advocacy was strong for 07-08 before state budget deficit. Possible funding will be coming from Prop H 3/3's Violence Prevention allocation.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>

3/10/2008 - in CMTE	<b>Monitoring the Healthy Young Adults Program [Dept of Public Health]</b> <i>3/2008: Testified before Health Commission and heard in Wellness/Social Justice committee on 3/10/2008. Gained support of a position to monitor Healthy Young Adults program as it transfers into Healthy San Francisco. Many may or may not lose a vision/dental homes. Family Budget Coalition ongoing budget priority.</i>	<b>SUPPORT/ MONITOR</b>
3/3/2008	<b>File # 0708-002: Opposition to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts to education [Commissioner Yan]</b> <i>Actions Taken: 3/3/2008 – YC voted to unanimously support. Staff reported that this resolution will be an additional organizational support letter to oppose budget cuts that will be taken to the SF BoE for its local and statewide lobbying efforts to save education.</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
9/17/2007 to Jan 2008	<b>File #071644 - Resolution urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge the United States Congress to overturn the section of the Higher Education Act of 1998 that denies or delays access to financial aid based upon convictions for drug-related offenses [Commissioner Carvalho/picked up by Supervisor Daly]</b> <i>Action: Introduced by staff/Carvalho and adopted unanimously at 9/17/2007. Introduced and sponsored by Supervisor Chris Daly as File #071644, and ADOPTED by BOS. Enacted #702-07. Check in on national movement on overturning provision of HEA1998 to see if additional support needed.</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
11/5/2008	<b>SF Board of Education Resolution 79-25A1: In opposition to Lennar Corporation's Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard Development and In Support of the Community's Demand for a Temporary Stoppage and an Independent Health and Safety Assessment to Protect our Students and Their Families [Commissioner James/SF BoE]</b> <i>Action - 11/15/2008- YC heard community testimony to support BoE resolution and voted to unanimously endorse it. Additionally submitted a YC resolution/statement. November 2008 to Jan. 2009, YC forwarded a Prop H "an Immediate and Independent Health and Safety Assessment of air quality at Bret Harte, Malcolm X, George Washington Carver Elementary Schools, and Drew Academy" that was unsuccessful. To date, opposition to Lennar has been gridlocked in BOS since Summer 2007.</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
10/1/2007 10/17/2007	<b>File # 070961- Resolution to create a Golf Task Force to evaluate measures to reduce General Fund support for operation and maintenance of golf courses, and explore alternative revenue sources [McGoldrick]</b> <i>Actions taken – 10/17/2007 – YC voted to support resolution; Commissioner Tsibulskaya introduced statement that was adopted. Commissioners Tsibulskaya and Quesada serve on Golf Task Force as youth members. FY 08-09 budget advocacy included a \$35,000 ask to sustain convening body.</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
11/5/2007	<b>Leg Referred File # 070134 - Ordinance making environmental findings and authorizing the creation of a skate park in the area known as "the horseshoe pits" pursuant to Charter Section 4.113. [Mirkarimi]</b> <i>Budget advocacy asks, working with Skateboarding Park association,</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
12/3/2007	<b>Legislation Referred File #071536 – Ordinance amending San Francisco Administrative</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>

	Code by amending Section 19.3 to allow the <b>Public Defender and other criminal defense attorneys and investigators to obtain community safety camera recordings for particular purposes</b> ; and amending Section 19.6 to specify the procedures for the Public Defender and other criminal defense attorneys and investigators to request community safety camera recordings and to require that the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services retain the recordings at least 14 days but not more than 21 days.	
12/3, 12/17, 2007	<b>Leg Referred File #071218 - Affordable Housing Charter Amendment Set-Aside --</b> Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by adding Section 16.127 to establish a baseline appropriation and set aside the equivalent of the available annual tax of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property tax valuation for the next fifteen (15) years to support affordable housing programs; require the Mayor's Office of Housing, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services, to prepare an affordable housing plan every three (3) years and an annual affordable housing budget; affirm City policy urging the Redevelopment Agency to use at least (50%) of its tax increment funds for low and moderate income housing; and set an expiration date of July 1, 2024. <i>Actions; 12/3/2007 – YC voted to adopt this. Commissioners provided public comment at full BOS/Committee of the Whole. Set to be on the November 2008 ballot for voters.</i>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
2/4/2007	<b>Leg Referred - File #080144 [Impact of Proposed Statewide Budget Cuts ] – Hearing to consider the impact of the proposed 10% cut in state education funding on the San Francisco Unified School District.</b> The hearing will discuss what programs may face decreases in funding as well as possible alternate funding sources. [Duffy]  <b>Leg Referred - File #080142 [Rainy Day Reserve Fund] Hearing on the Rainy Day Reserve Fund as it relates to projected SFUSD Budget shortfall</b> [Ammiano, Duffy]  <b>Leg Referred- File #080143 [Public Education Fund (Proposition H)] Hearing to consider the Public Education Fund planning process</b> , including an update of the Public Education Fund 2008-2009 proposals, as submitted to the city by the Board of Education [Duffy]	<b>SUPPORT/ MONITOR/ COMMENT</b>
3/17/2008 to 4/21/2008	<b>File # 080320 - Ordinance amending the San Francisco Business and Taxation Code by adding Sections 2300 to 2310 to enact a fee on fast food restaurants, convenience markets and gasoline station markets to defray the cost of litter and trash clean-up</b>	<b>SUPPORT (amended)</b>

	<p>resulting from their operation.[Sandoval] Carvalho draft Assembly Bill on restaurant recycling.</p> <p><i>3/17/2008 – YC voted to support Carvalho’s draft assembly bill. 4/7/2008 – YC moved to support File 080320. Will work with Supervisor Daly to add Assembly Bill. 4/21/2008- No new updates, tabled until call of the Chair.</i></p>	
4/7/2008	<p>Legislation referred <b>File #080403</b> – Hearing on the status and future plans for agency coordination for San Francisco children and youth needing residential treatment placed through probation, behavioral health, and child welfare [Maxwell]</p> <p><i>4/7/2008 – YC voted to support and comment on file. Hearing to be scheduled in May, will be about Edgewood residential treatment center funding. YC plans to submit a statement regarding housing.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
4/21/2008	<p>File #080538- <b>Resolution expressing opposition to Initiative 07-0094, the Runner Initiative</b>, a proposed ballot measure that would shift state resources from education, crime and violence prevention toward increased incarceration of youth and young adults from low income communities of color with limited opportunities for education, employment and rehabilitation. [Daly]</p> <p><i>4/21/2008 – YC voted unanimously to express support of resolution. Endorsement letter signed by Chair Carvalho. 4/22/2008 – Adopted by Board of Supervisors. Set for November 2008 ballot.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
4/21/2008	<p><b>Educational Equity resolution- Closing the Achievement Gap in San Francisco Unified School District [Maufas, Mar, Kim, Coleman Advocates]</b></p> <p><i>4/21/2008 – YC unanimously endorsed it and submitted formal letter/statement of support to Coleman Advocates. 4/22/2008 – Full Board of Ed voted to endorse resolution to keep district accountable to goals.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>DECLARATIONS/STATEMENTS</b>		
10/1/2007	<p>Statement in support of Eddy X. Zheng to the San Francisco Ninth Circuit Court [Eddy Zheng]</p> <p><i>10/1/2007 – YC unanimously voted to re-approve statement in support of Eddy Zheng from 2006-2007, with updates.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
3/17/2008	<p>Potential legislation on regular Youth Commission report to Board of Supervisors (BOS) to be introduced to Rules Committee or as a BOS motion.</p> <p><i>3/17/2008 – Staff submitted request to the City Attorney. No new updates, tabled during 4/7/2008 until call of the Chair.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT/ TABLED</b>
4/7/2008	<p>Addressing the recent Sunnydale violence [Frierson/James]</p> <p><i>4/7/2008 – YC unanimously supported. 4/21/2008 – Commissioners James/Frierson may organize a safe community event. Staff hopes to work with Chief Fong’s Fair/Impartial Policing committee to forward this item.</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
5/19/2008	<p>Peace and Dignity Journeys 2008 Commendation</p> <p><i>6/3/2008 – Adopted by the full Board of Supervisors – declares July 7,2008 as Peace/Dignity Journeys Day</i></p>	<b>SUPPORT</b>



## Policy Recommendations

When we began writing this report, San Francisco has already experienced its forty-eighth homicide for the first half of the year. As the city continues to see the rise in violent deaths and a ballooning budget deficit that can no longer fund new programs, the Youth Commission offers these key policy recommendations that would ably augment current city efforts, and challenge others, to think more creatively and paradigmatically different on youth perspectives in solving violence in our own communities.

Re-entry services, meaningful youth input, positive relationships, educational opportunities, jobs, primary and mental health care all prevent violence. We offer these policy positions and broad themes all as a means to curb violence, especially within a harsher context that budget advocacy items are increasingly unrealistic.

### SUPPORTING TRUE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

#### **1. GANG INJUNCTIONS: Secure RE-ENTRY SERVICES and enforce a MORATORIUM on future gang injunctions.**

San Francisco recently adopted the use of civil gang injunctions, a strong-armed tactic used in the “suppression model” of anti-gang enforcement. The Youth Commission has categorically objected the city’s approach. The US Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) emphasizes that multiple strategies, such as social opportunities and community mobilization along with intervention are necessary elements to effectively solve this issue.

Therefore, we urge San Francisco’s policy leaders to:

- Commit to re-entry services for individuals on the current and future gang injunctions list;
- Enforce a moratorium on future gang injunctions until a complete evaluation has been conducted to analyze the success and challenges of this model.

#### **2. OPPOSE THE RUNNER’S INITIATIVE: Seriously consider the negative social and economic ramifications that San Franciscans will incur if the “Safe Neighborhoods Act,” if passed in the November 2008 election.**

The Youth Commission lent its voice in support of the statewide movement to oppose the Runner’s Initiative that will criminalize young adults, curtail human services to them, and cost California half a billion in its first year. In May 2006, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor voted to oppose this

measure. This initiative is inconsistent with San Francisco's historic commitment to promote alternatives to incarceration and our value of seeking community input in solution building. If passed, the troubling and costly changes to our state infrastructure include: removing community mental health input from Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils; increasing sentencing for gang related offenses and subjecting recipients of federal housing subsidies to annual criminal background checks.

### **3. Develop a YOUTH-LED, PEER BASED EVALUATION TOOL to assess the success of city-funded organizations through focus groups with disconnected youth.**

The City boasts of plethora of non-profit organizations that serve youth. While dozens claim to do work with disconnected youth, there is no cross-departmental youth-led tool to hold organizations accountable. Such a tool could assist organizations that currently use effective strategies to communicate their success and introduce new evidence-based practices to the field. The Youth Commission would like to collaborate on the following process:

- Implement focus groups with disconnected youth to develop criterion for effective strategies by which organizations can be measured;
- Develop a cross-departmental effort to assist in the implementation of a youth-led, peer-based tool.

### **4. YOUTH CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING FOR POLICE: addressing the relationship strain**

The Youth Commission urges the SFPD to consider our Cultural Competency training proposal. This proposal asks community based organizations to partner with the Commission in training four youth to administer orientations to the Police District stations within the neighborhoods most affected by violence and most saturated with police presence – Districts 5, 6, 9, and 10. An effort such as this will empower youth, educate the Police Department, and create a consistent dialogue in addressing youth-culturally competent issues within law enforcement. As the salaries of the Police Department have increased, so have our expectations and continued concern around the issue of violence, intimidation and cultural competence.

### **5. Support the RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE DREAM ACT to make higher education within the grasp for all youth.**

San Francisco's sanctuary city policy must be asserted as it relates to education even in the face of mounting state budget cuts. We support the effort to provide more students hope during these challenging times regardless of citizenship or origin. We recognize that a large number of immigrant youth in San Francisco are unable to attend college due to the restrictions associated with financial aid, therefore we support the re-introduction of the federal DREAM Act and would like to see this city stand behind it as well.



# SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

## Budget Recommendations

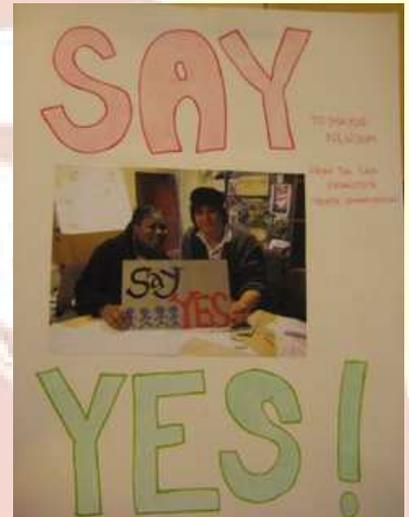
### Our Reality

The Youth Commission has historically served a key role in advising the city's budget on behalf of young people across the City. In strong budget years, the Commission has successfully advocated for specific projects and programs that have resulted in direct services and benefits for youth. Alternatively, in more trying fiscal realities, as in this year's case, we have decided to take an alternative approach, and have joined many organizations in urging the City to preserve the most essential services and operations while being prudent to consider the most pressing needs toward promoting San Francisco's long term stability for youth and their families.

**We urge our city policy makers to SAY YES! to children and youth....**

### 1. Preserve Last Year's Add-backs

In the last year, the Commission assisted in winning several key services and programs through the City's annual budget add-back process, a traditionally community-oriented approach for the Board of Supervisors to "add back" needs that were not recognized by proposed city department or Mayoral budgets. In trying fiscal years, these items are usually the first to be cut. Critical services won such as behavioral health staffing at wellness centers, LGBTQQ and transitional youth employment programs face the chopping block this time. No Mayor has ever cut the budget only to meet the minimum of the legally required Children's Baseline. We are again advocating that as a City, we must preserve last year's funding wins through this process, and consider the current \$103 million as the acceptable and real Children's Baseline for the FY 2008-2009.



**2. Ensure an Equal Budget Burden** While other city departments are facing severe across-the board cuts in their budgets, it seems illogical that others are allowed increases. We respectfully request that the Police Department and the Fire Department share the burden in this budget crisis. Children and youth face devastating strains associated with cut backs in education, health and human services, and community-based services. SFPD received a 15% increase in their budget. The Commission acknowledges that the SFPD plays an important role in the safety and wellbeing of our city's residents; however, we must all share the pain of this situation.



# Education

## Committee Report

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Members from the SFUSD Student Advisory Council and Youth Commission met as an ad-hoc joint education committee. The committee concentrated on forwarding two major issues this term: youth civic engagement through YouthVOTE, and transportation accessibility through budget advocacy.

Authored by Youth Commissioners and SAC representatives from previous terms, the YouthVOTE resolution was passed unanimously by the Board of Education this year. This enabled the YouthVOTE Initiative to have unprecedented institutional, staffing and financial resources to truly fulfill the promise of authentic youth engagement.

The committee participated in hiring the YouthVOTE coordinator for the project, and worked closely on designing the ballots and planning elections procedures. 8,200 students participated in the February primary mock election and student survey, setting a record turnout of a much neglected constituency to policymakers. The election decisively indicated Senator Barack Obama as the student choice for the 2008 Democratic presidential candidate. In May, 4,200 students elected Lowell High School student Maxwell Wallace to become the Student Delegate to the Board of Education.

The committee also worked on creating a budget proposal to provide free MUNI fast passes to all SFUSD middle and high school students through the Commission's heavy involvement with the Proposition H: Public Education Enrichment Funds process. The \$2M budget recommendation proposed providing free bus passes to students to address transportation accessibility and rising family costs. We presented the budget plan successfully to the Prop H Citizens Advisory Committee where it passed. Unfortunately, state budget cuts categorically prevented it from full implementation.

We worked intimately with the Student Advisory Council and thank them for their exciting ideas, great company, and common interests in working towards educational justice in San Francisco.



# Youth Justice

## Committee Report

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The Youth Justice committee continued to ensure that youth are stakeholders in juvenile justice advocacy efforts.

Civil gang injunctions imposed on the Western Addition and Mission neighborhoods immediately emerged as an organizing point at the beginning of the term. Commissioners rallied behind the community-based efforts to oppose this punitive and suppression model strategy. The Youth Commission worked to request public officials to take action on this controversial public safety plan that profiled and policed members of the community as gang members, many of them under 25, that initially provided a non-definitive process in opting out, seek legal services, or limit the disclosure of private information. In early 2008, the committee made commendable movements by talking to leading grassroots organizers in an attempt to propose a gang injunctions council, with general fund dollars, to appropriately address next steps.

Under the direction of Commissioner Cassandra James, the committee continued to think creatively on how police and youth relationships could improve. An initial budget item on requiring all police officers to undergo a youth-culturally competent training was pursued. This issue may be re-routed to the Fair and Impartial Policing Committee that Chief Heather Fong has convened.

In May 2008, the Youth Commission was invited to speak and comment with the Police Commission to pass the SFPD DGO 7.01, a huge community victory that corrected structural and cultural issues of youth detention procedures.

The Commission also maintained regular support for Peer Courts (through budget advocacy) and the Juvenile Advisory Council (with staffing).





# Recreation, Arts & City Services

## Committee Report

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RACs committee actively sought to raise the quality of life for youth. Saving and creating public parks were major triumphs. The committee advocated for and served on the Golf Task Force, formed in 2008, to explore how the City can generate more money from its public parks and golf courses and increase youth utilization instead of forgoing them for privatization. Championed by Supervisor McGoldrick, this body will continue to include youth voice and create cost-saving strategies for public recreational facilities.

Moreover, a new skateboard park will be launched next year on Kezar and Waller Streets, thanks to longstanding community efforts that Commission spent two budget advocacy cycles supporting. This proposal authored by Supervisor Mirkarimi will effectively sustain recreational alternatives for the City's youth.



Youth transportation advocacy was also a hallmark. We utilized YouthVOTE data to make recommendations to MUNI's Transit Effectiveness Project on how to improve city services and bus routes, particularly to and from school sites. A budget proposal to install bike racks at every SFUSD middle and high school gained initial monetary support from the school district before the year's budget cuts. We remain positive that promoting more environmentally friendly and independent transit means for youth will be in the purview for coming years.

Finally, the Youth Commission sponsored "Senior Appreciation Day" where Commissioner Do organized a successful awareness project to bridge intergenerational gaps between youth and elderly and fundraised for victims of elder abuse through the District Attorney's Office.



# Youth Employment

## Committee Report

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The Youth Employment committee focused on advocating for systemic change this term. Commissioners elected not to advocate for specific employment programs or service providers. Rather, they sought a paradigm shift in how San Francisco approached youth employment to cover service gaps and eliminate inefficiencies. Towards this end, committee members were consultants that created a youth inclusion work plan for the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (MOEWD) and the Youth Council, the decision-making body that disperses federal Workforce Investment Act dollars for youth subsidized opportunities. The Youth Commission co-sponsored Supervisor Chris Daly's "From New Deal to the Real Deal" event in March 2008 as a joint effort to push city-policy makers to realize the promise of job security and career outlook for San Franciscans in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



The committee also supported funds for the site development and planning for a youth and young adult multi-service center, ideally located in the South of Market Area. DCYF's Transitional Aged Youth Initiative, an outgrowth of the Youth Commission's work in 2005 for disconnected young adults, is currently working with key community partners to plan for this one-stop shop model. This center would be suited to act as the incarnation of a realignment of youth employment services.



# Wellness and Social Services

## Committee Report

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The Wellness and Social Services committee focused on a variety of health and housing issues this term. Commissioners consulted with UCSF School of Nursing to advocate for a pilot male involvement program to serve young Latinos, as young men underutilize reproductive health services in the Mission. Although the dreary budget year did not permit this item to move forward, new leadership at the Mission Neighborhood Health Center may facilitate this program function in the near future. In terms of health care, Commissioners monitored and testified at the Health Commission hearing during mid-year cuts to address the potential loss of dental and vision care for young adults in Healthy Young Adults program.

Commissioners also advocated for more youth housing. Select members participated in a six month Mayor's Office of Housing working group to identify and create housing units, emergency shelter, and eviction prevention assistance specifically for young adults exiting systems of care. These recommendations for transitional housing are currently up for adoption within child welfare, public health, and public housing-serving agencies. In addition, the Youth Commission unanimously supported the affordable housing set-aside that will now be on the November 2008 ballot. Keen interest of the San Francisco housing stock led us to conduct a community visit to Chinatown to learn about environmental hazards and density, and single residential occupancy hotels issues at the International Hotel and Chinese Progressive Association.

The committee continually advocated preserving last year's add-backs that funded behavioral health staff at the four newest established Wellness Centers in SFUSD. Prior to the mid-year cuts, Commissioners met with and adopted proposals set forth by the Adolescent Health Working Group to expand primary care hours in teen health clinics in the Southeast sector, integrate social work and wraparound services in three youth clinics, create a wellness center for emancipated foster youth, and increase health insurance enrollment for African American parents/youth.



# Wins

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The 2007-2008 Youth Commission has been honored to play a meaningful part in multiple community efforts to ensure youth voices are heard within City Hall. As we continue to partner with others to advance policy and budget priorities for the next dismal budget year, we would like to share some of our proudest achievements with you as we end our term. Our hope is that the next Youth Commission will continually monitor and build upon the projects and policies summarized below.



## **YouthVOTE**

Funding was secured through the Department of Children Youth and Their Families (DCYF) for the Youth Vote Initiative, a civic engagement program focused on increasing knowledge of the electoral process and providing a platform for youth voice in policy development through mock elections and student surveys in 25 SFUSD High Schools. While the initiative has existed for 15 years it previously received limited staff and fiscal support. The new funding provides for one position and necessary fiscal support to run mock elections for both the February and June primaries, as well as other supplemental activities. This year YouthVote enjoyed it's highest-ever student participation levels and provided student opinion data that is currently impacting the work of local government entities, student councils, and non-profit agencies.

## **SFPD Department General Order 7.01**

On May 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 the Police Commission adopted DGO 7.01. For the past four years the Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Office of Citizen Complaints, developed the proposed revisions to Department General Order 7.01. This General Order revision outlines policies and procedures for the detention, arrest, custody, booking and diversion of juveniles. The adopted revisions include:

- Providing Miranda warnings in language appropriate to the age and the sophistication of the juvenile;
- Audio taping all juvenile interrogations absent exigent circumstances;
- Informing juveniles and their parents that parents can be present during interrogations;
- Permitting parents to be present during their child's interrogation unless the
- Parent is a witness or suspect to the crime or exigent circumstances exist;
- Notifying parents when a juvenile is detained, brought to police station or juvenile facility or transported by an officer;
- Permitting parents/guardians and a juvenile to speak to each other when the officer notifies parents/guardians that a juvenile is in custody;
- Avoiding bringing juveniles to police facilities that have an adult lockup and making reasonable efforts to investigate, facilitate release or transfer from the field or from juvenile facilities

## **Joining the National Movement for Financial Aid Rights**

The Youth Commission authored File #071644, a resolution championed by Supervisor Chris Daly and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, a call onto the U.S. Congress to overturn the section of the Higher Education Act of 1998 that denies access to financial aid based upon

previous convictions for drug related offenses. We believe that denial of eligibility for financial aid for periods ranging from one year to “indefinite” severely hinders the education and future success of youth and young adults. Support is continually needed on the federal level to eliminate the “drug question” from the FAFSA form.

### **Juvenile Advisory Council (JAC)**

We are excited to have built a reputation to create advisory bodies at youth-serving City departments. Since 2006, we have collaborated with the Juvenile Probation Department to implement the Juvenile Advisory Council that will offer all probationary youth a peer-based, youth-led orientation and evaluation process. This year, JAC became a line item within the Juvenile Probation Department’s budget, generating an indispensable and permanent decision-making body within the department.

### **Ensuring Youth-Competent Skateboard Parks**

For the past two terms, the Youth Commission has supported Supervisor Mirkarimi’s ordinance #070134 to create a skateboard park proposal at Kezar/Waller Streets. Our participation with the San Francisco Skateboarding Association enabled the Waller Street Skateboard Park to be included in the Park and Recreation Department budget and the Capitol Improvement Plan.

### **Behavioral Health Staff at School-Based Wellness Centers**

The Youth Commission, Family Budget Coalition, the Wellness Initiative, and the Adolescent Health Working Group all came together to secure and protect \$320,000 in funding for four behavioral health staff last year. We appreciate the commitment to annualize the addback of this item that would ensure the mental and behavioral welfare of 3500-4000 SFUSD students at Washington High, Newcomer, Raoul Wallenberg, and June Jordan School for Equity.

### **Transitional Aged Youth Initiative of San Francisco**

The Transitional Age Youth initiative (TAY SF) is an outgrowth of the work of Mayor Newsom's Transitional Youth Task Force. Created in 2006 in response to the San Francisco Youth Commission's legislation highlighting the complex and unmet needs of young people 16-24, the task force's recommendations address the needs of youth transitioning through public systems (such as foster care, juvenile justice, and special education), those youth not on track to graduate from high school, parenting youth, and recent immigrants. We continue to support TAY-SF and its work toward the development of a multi-service, one-stop shop of services for 16-24 year olds.

### **Rainy Day Fund: Saving Our Schools**

The Youth Commission, along with the scores of community advocates, is proud that Mayor Newsom and the Board of Supervisors pledged \$19 million of the City’s reserve, the Rainy Day Fund, for public education. This City and County commitment effectively prevents teacher layoffs and will alleviate the SFUSD deficit for another year. We continue to ask that the City partner with SFUSD to ensure a continued and self-sustainable revenue strategy in foreseeable dismal budget times. The Youth Commission strongly urges our elected officials to continue prioritizing San Francisco’s public education systems so that it is on par with the City’s reputation as an intellectual epicenter.

# Partners



## Transitional-Aged Youth Initiative – San Francisco

The Transitional Age Youth San Francisco (TAY SF) is an initiative to implement the comprehensive recommendations of the Transitional Youth Task Force. TAY-SF is working to create a system of support for young people, aged 16-24, that ensures all youth are successfully transitioning to adulthood. This was first facilitated by the 2005 San Francisco Youth Commission resolution that urged the City to look into the special needs of disconnected young adults. The Youth Commission continues to provide support planning and implementation. TAY-SF's

hallmark projects include securing a one-stop shop multi-use/service center and publishing a comprehensive TAY resource guide for the coming year.

## Youth Empowerment Fund Advisory Board (YEFAB)

YEFAB is a twelve member youth advisory board that evaluates, funds, and organizes youth-led projects through the Youth Empowerment Fund. The Youth Empowerment Fund sets aside 3% of the Children's Fund (roughly \$1M annually), for youth-led projects. YEFAB awarded community based organizations funds to create youth philanthropy, youth organizing, and youth entrepreneurship opportunities. This year, Youth Commissioners on YEFAB have organized several movement building town halls for grantees to present information to elected officials, and facilitated focus groups to evaluate program efficiency.



## SFUSD Student Advisory Council (SAC)

The Student Advisory Council is the official youth voice and body for the San Francisco Unified School District. Representatives from all public high schools meet to advocate for better school district and youth-relevant policies on the Board of Education. The SAC has taken tough positions on JROTC, student elective options, and Superintendent severance pay. Its hallmark projects include YouthVOTE and the Youth Summit, an annual convener of all student body officers from 8-12<sup>th</sup> grades to introduce them to resources and to the SAC. The SAC continues to make a lasting impact on serving as a bridge between students and the school district. We have had a

standing joint education committee to discuss appropriate city/school district issues. Our work will be further augmented by the increased focus of YouthVOTE for the November 2008 election.

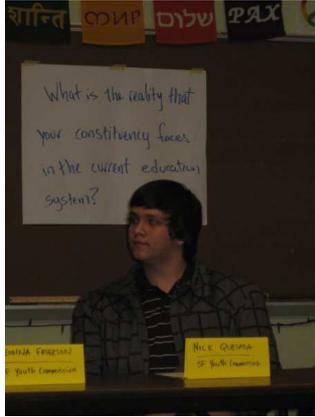
## Juvenile Advisory Council (JAC)

JAC works with the Chief Probation Officer by making recommendations on policy and structural changes within Juvenile Probation Department. JAC is comprised of eight to ten former probationary youth who have displayed exemplary leadership and service to their communities. JAC outreaches to hundreds of youth in detention and their parents: JAC advises current youth on probation by providing youth-competent 1) orientations, 2) exit interviews, and 3) peer to peer juries. Since 2006, the Youth Commission has provided staff support for this initiative.



## Family Budget Coalition

The purpose of the Family Budget Coalition, a coalition of over 50 agencies representing thousands of youth and families, is to increase San Francisco city government's public investment in children, youth and their families through the annual city budget process. The Family Budget Coalition is a project of Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth, whose mission is to make San Francisco a city of hope, justice and opportunity for all children and all families.



# Community Engagements and Consultation

## Youth and Policy Trainings

- Department of Status of Women's (DOSW) Girls Committee
- OASIS for Girls
- Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
- Chinatown Community Development Center's SRO Youth Leadership Program
- Adopt-An-Alleyway Youth Empowerment Program
- Honoring Emancipated Youth, EYAB (Emancipated Youth Advocacy Board)
- SEAYL (Southeast Asian Youth Leadership) Youth Program, Richmond, CA
- ACLU's North California's Youth Activist Committee (YAC)
- Sunset/Stonestown YMCA Youth and Government
- Center for Young Women's Development

## Technical Assistance on Creating Effective Youth Councils

- City of Portland & Multnomah County Youth Commission
- YouthTHINK - Portland, Maine's Youth Advisory Council
- Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth
- San Francisco Youth Council
- Tampa Bay, Florida's Mayor Youth Corps
- League of California Cities, Sacramento, CA.
- National League of Cities
- St. Paul, Minnesota Youth Commission
- Aim High – starting a Youth Advisory Board
- United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area: Starting a Youth Commission
- United Teen Equality Center, Inc. (UTEC), Lowell Massachusetts
- Teachers 4 Social Justice – 411 series on public education and social justice

- Alameda Youth Commission
- UC Berkeley IMPACT Graduate Journal
- Fulton, Texas Youth Commission

## Community Workshops

- UC Berkeley Building Bridges 2: Keeping Youth Connected Symposium
- Francisco Middle School, Career Day 2008
- UC Berkeley Social Justice Symposium 2008
- League of California Cities Forum on Civic Engagement
- San Francisco Department of Environment
- Larkin Street Youth Services ROUTZ program

## Engagements and Media Opportunities

- SFGTV – November 2007 Elections “YouTube You Choose Segment”
- US Department of State: youth leaders from Azerbaijan, Jordan, and Uzbekistan
- Philadelphia Inquirer – interview on starting Youth Commissions
- US Department of State and Institute for Exchange: Brazilian delegation from the Social Service of Commerce - SESC
- San Francisco Examiner – on budget advocacy for bike racks installations; skateboard parks; YouthVOTE statistics
- San Francisco Bay Guardian – on budget advocacy for Free MUNI proposal
- AsianWEEK – on Asian American Youth Commissioners and annual swearing in
- MingPao Daily – on Family Budget Coalition advocacy and foot patrol review participation

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