



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: September 12, 2013

RE: Youth Commission's support and statement on Board of Supervisors file no. 130764 proposed Due Process for All ordinance.

At our special inaugural meeting on September 9th, 2013 the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support file no. 130764, a proposed ordinance which would amend the Administrative Code, by adding Chapter 12I, to prohibit law enforcement officials from detaining individuals on the basis of an immigration detainer after they become eligible for release from custody.

We would like to give you some context for the position expressed above.

Our motion to unanimously support the proposed action by the Board of Supervisors to provide due process for all comes from the consensus amidst Youth Commissioners that federal immigration enforcement and our criminal justice system should be separate and should treat all residents equally regardless of immigration status, and that these tenets form the basis of a strong relationship of trust between local law enforcement and residents that is in the interest of public safety.

During discussion on this item, Youth Commissioners proposed the following comment and recommendations regarding this legislation:

The Youth Commission supports the framing of this legislation as a due process issue, and supports due process for all, regardless of immigration status or background.

Should the proposed ordinance pass, the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to request or prepare a report following one year after the ordinance takes effect to see how the ordinance has worked and how trust is being restored between immigrant communities and local law enforcement.

The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to undertake an extensive outreach campaign to reach immigrant communities throughout San Francisco, as well as people detained, that would include multilingual resources regarding their rights in the criminal justice system and with local law enforcement. Some recommendations to include in an outreach campaign include, but are not limited to a bus ad campaign, pamphlet distribution in public spaces and through community based organizations, through ethnic media, and school-based announcements.

If you have any questions about these recommendations or anything related to the Youth Commission, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446 or your Youth Commissioner.