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**YOUTH COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Derek Evans, Clerk, City and School District Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday October 21, 2014
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 140987

At our regular meeting of **Monday, October 20, 2014** the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 140987, hearing on educational and support services for unaccompanied immigrant children.

During discussion on this item, the youth commission proposed and approved the following comments regarding this legislation:

Youth Commissioners would like to recommend that efforts are undertaken to link unaccompanied immigrant students to transit resources through the Free MUNI for Youth program.

Youth Commissioners request that the Board inquire about the access points through which unaccompanied youth are identified, and what type of support they are given to quickly navigate the school enrollment process and reduce out-of-school time.

Youth Commissioners recommend developing mechanisms to hear directly from unaccompanied immigrant youth to evaluate how service coordination efforts are going.

Finally, Youth Commissioners recommend exploring ways to link unaccompanied minors to leadership and growth opportunities where they can develop their self- and community-advocacy skills around issues affecting them. By including the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families in this discussion, considerations might be made for how unaccompanied immigrant youth can be included among the city's youth organizing and youth philanthropy strategies.

We thank the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education for their attention to this issue. Please inform us of forward movement on any details about this item.

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.



Chair, Michel Li
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