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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Evans, Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2015
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 141042

At our regular meeting of **Monday, February 2, 2015** the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 141042, Resolution recognizing the inauguration of the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, as detailed in this Resolution, on October 18, 2014.

The Youth Commission’s support for the legislation is based on its respect for the efforts of the multi-agency partnership of the San Francisco Children and Nature Forum dedicated to ensuring all young people have access to recreation in outdoor space. Youth commissioners discussed several ways in which the Board and the Recreation and Parks Department, as the primary purveyor of outdoor experiences for children and youth in the City, can help ensure the full implementation of the rights detailed therein.

Youth commissioners believe that safety in public parks is a fundamental component of ensuring outdoor access for youth in San Francisco, and recommend that the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Parks Department consider policies to extend evening lighting in parks and play fields; as well as explore how to best ensure adequate staffing, including the re-stationing of park monitors to promote safety.

Youth commissioners recommend that the rights included in the bill of rights be surveyed for their relevance to youth and teenagers. Finally, commissioners recommend that the resolution recognizing the bill of rights include information regarding the City’s plans for implementation of the individual rights included in the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michel Li".

Chair, Michel Li
Adopted on February 2, 2015
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