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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Beth Rubenstein, Legislative Aide to Supervisor John Avalos, Rules Committee Chair

FROM: 2014-2015 Youth Commission

DATE: Friday June 5, 2015

RE: Youth Commission Recommendations for Seat 7 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Pursuant to Administrative Code Sec. 2A.233, seat 7 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) is reserved for “[a] person who is a Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, as that term is used in Charter Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth and with services, programs, and systems for them.”

In order to fulfill their duties outlined in the administrative code concerning recommendations for seats 1 and 2, youth commissioners conducted an outreach and application process in which they reached out to youth-serving community organizations across San Francisco to help identify youth interested in serving on the OAC. In the process, they also identified several eligible candidates for the transitional age youth seat, seat 7. Youth commissioners invited OAC youth applicants to an in-person interview, and considered applications at their Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Executive committee and Monday, June 1, 2015 full commission meeting. Youth commissioners reviewed the OAC legislation (BOS File No. 141215) in detail, working carefully first to reach out to, and later select, youth who they believe can provide valuable insight on the diverse experiences and challenges of young people in San Francisco, as well as bring a systems-informed and solution-oriented lens to the work of the OAC.

Youth commissioners are pleased to share their **recommendation for Mia Tu Mutch Satya for appointment to seat 7 on the OAC.** Youth commissioners found that Ms. Satya is well positioned to bring unique and important insights to the work of the OAC through her own experiences and challenges as a young San Franciscan, as well as her involvement in and dedication toward community programs that serve young people in our City. Her full application is attached for your review.

Ms. Satya, 24, is a student at Mills College, having previously transferred from City College of San Francisco. Mia has worked with several youth-serving community programs, including the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center and the LGBT Center Youth Program. She previously served as a youth commissioner for two years where she led work to improve LGBTQ cultural competency in youth-serving city services. Mia served on the Citywide TAY Advisory Board where she led the youth engagement strategy for the reauthorization of the Children's Fund and is a 2014-15 TAY Advocate Fellow. She was previously appointed by Mayor Lee to serve on the DCYF Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mia is a recent graduate of Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. She has heavily invested in building her insight and analysis as a white-identified young person committed to racial justice as a participant in the Anne Braden Anti-Racist Training Program for White Social Justice Advocates, which she completed in 2011. Mia has identified her own experiences as a working class-raised, queer, transgender woman who is formerly homeless and a survivor of violence as experiences that condition her commitment to ensuring equitable access in public services and programs for all youth. It is youth commissioners pleasure to recommend Mia Tu Mutch Satya for appointment to the OAC.

Once again, youth commissioners would like to thank members of the Board for passing legislation providing for the inclusion of three youth seats on the OAC, and look forward to continuing to support the process of confirming youth appointments for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. We hope you will inform our office if commissioners can be of further assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 554-7112 or adele.carpenter@sfgov.org if you have any questions. Thank you.