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YOUTH COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Evans, Clerk, Rules Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2015
RE: Referral response to BOS Files No. 150940

At our **Monday, November 16, 2015 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 150940—Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to require an annual baseline appropriation for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund based on City spending for park and recreation purposes in FY2015-2016, and modify the Recreation and Park Department’s planning obligations, at an election to be held on June 7, 2016.

During discussion on this item, youth commissioners submitted the following comments regarding this legislation:

Creating a parks and open space equity analysis was among youth commissioners 2014-15 priorities. Youth commissioners are strongly supportive of bringing an equity lens to funding for parks. Youth commissioners are hopeful increasing the size and stability of funds for the Recreation and Park department will reduce the department’s revenue-generating demands that have led to reservation policies that reduce youth access to popular facilities. Youth commissioners recommended that safety considerations be included in the foregoing considerations about priorities for the fund, noting that safety concerns reduce young people’s access to parks, and specifically citing concerns following the shooting death of a Balboa student in the Excelsior’s McLaren park earlier this year, as well as safety concerns in District 10 parks in general.

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luis Avalos-Nunez".

Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez
Adopted on November 16, 2015
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