



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, July 20th, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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United States, San Francisco (Toll)

Conference ID: 605 731 422#

There will be public comment on each item.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. July 6th, 2020
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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200735 [Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement]
Sponsors: Supervisor Walton
Presenter: Natalie Gee, Legislative Aide, District 10
(Document B)



- B. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200744 [Hearing - Status of Socioeconomic Equity in San Francisco]
Sponsors: Supervisor Haney
Presenter: District 6 Staff

- C. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200743 [Hearing - Funding Assessment for Racial Equity and Vulnerable Populations]
Sponsors: Supervisor Fewer
Presenter: District 1 Staff

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. A. [Inform + Decision] AB 1007 Support Letter Needed: Reinvest \$100M+ in CBOs/Youth Services
Presenter: Renee Menart, Communications and Policy Analyst, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ)
(Document C)

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Second Reading] Resolution No.1920-AL-14 [Free Muni For All - Transportation Equity]
Sponsors: Commissioners Quick, Hirji
(Document D)

- B. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-15 [Urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Survivors of Sexual Harassment and Assault]
Sponsors: Commissioners Cureton, Cheung, and Chan
(Document E)

- C. [First Reading] Resolution No.1920-AL-16 [Urging the City and County of San Francisco to Implement a Universal Basic Income Program]
Sponsor: Commissioner Chan
(Document F)

- D. [First Reading] Motion No. 1920-AL-17 [Motion to Approve a Letter on the Lack of Board of Supervisors Action on the Proposed Caltrain 1/8th cent Tax, and Rejection of the City's 47-year-old Transit First Policy]
Sponsor: Commissioner Hirji
(Document G)

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee



- a. Comms
- b. LAO
- c. General Committee Updates
- b. Civic Engagement
- c. Housing and Land Use
- d. Transformative Justice
- e. OCOF

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, July 6th, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chair Cureton calls the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. We have quorum.

Sarah Cheung - present
Valentina Alioto-Pier - present
Maggie Dong - present
Josephine Cureton - present
Calvin Quick - present
Khatab Alameri - present
Crystal Chan - present
JoJo Ty - present
Ariana Arana - present
Rome Jones - present
Amara Santos - present
Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - present
Stephen “Rocky” Versace -present
Arsema Asfaw - present
Alexander Hirji - present
Sarah Ginsburg - absent



Vice Chair Sarah Cheung and Chair Josephine Cureton will call recess by item 7A to acknowledge long meeting time and need to take care of self.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. By roll call vote, the motion passes with 15 aye, 2 not present.

Sarah Cheung - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Maggie Dong - aye
Josephine Cureton - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Khatab Alameri - aye
Crystal Chan - aye
JoJo Ty - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Arianna Nassiri - not present
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - not present (staff mistakenly said she did not give advanced notice but she did)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. June 15th, 2020
[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve of June 15th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Versace. By roll call vote, the motion passes by 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Sarah Cheung - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Maggie Dong - aye
Josephine Cureton - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Khatab Alameri - aye
Crystal Chan - aye
JoJo Ty - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Amara Santos - aye



Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

No public comment.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200682 [Urging the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to Require All Funded Organizations to Have a Youth on Their Board of Directors By 2023]
Sponsor: Supervisor Walton
Presenter: Natalie Gee, Legislative Aide, District 10
(Document B)

Natalie Gee, Legislative Aide, Chief of Staff, District 10:
all funded organizations to have youth on the BOD, youth voice on leadership team and provide direction for organization. Met with Maria Su (DCYF). Timeline 2023 to recruit train and provide leadership

Discussion:

Commissioner Quick: FOR PROGRAMS currently contracted with DCYF - where is cycle right now for open up for RFP - part of that process and links up with no services cut short.

Natalie G: July 1st - June 30th, would not affect any programs funded right now - but by 2022 - it will affect and to be part of capacity thinking to have youth on BOS

Commissioner Santos: well needed and recommendation, is there conversation about stipends for youth to get paid to be part of this.

Natalie G: dpd on organization and own budget - stipend for BOD, who reaches out to us in the office for those conversations

Commissioner Chueng: what is the impact when so many of these orgs have high staff turnover rate?

Commissioner Cureton: currently funded, youth board members? success stories? to keep and train and compensate youth

Natalie G: check with Director Su for board members

Commissioner Jones: does DCYF - have youth board members?

Natalie G: youth empowerment fund, are it i believe



Commissioner Cureton: 2 /3 youth seats sit in the advisory board / oversight and advisory committee

Staff Hosmon: they do get paid and stipend 3 year term limit

Commissioner Santos: wording and disclosing to try to emphasize orgs in economic stipends
Commissioner Quick: MOTION to support with the recommendation that if financially possible that youth orgs provide stipend to this youth and training for youth but DCYF

Commissioner Jones: DCYF give programs money - couldn't DCYF tells programs to put it in their ask for money to pay a youth board member.

Staff: yes.

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick motions to support this resolution with the two following recommendations:

1. DCYF to highly encourage youth stipends to be included in the budget asks from organizations during the RFQ process, 2. cultural competency training to be required in these organizations, seconded by Commissioner Alameri.

The motion passes by roll call vote with 15 ayes and 2 absent.

Sarah Cheung - aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye

Maggie Dong - aye

Josephine Cureton - aye

Calvin Quick - aye

Khatab Alameri - aye

Crystal Chan - aye

JoJo Ty - aye

Ariana Arana - aye

Rome Jones - aye

Amara Santos - aye

Arianna Nassiri - absent

Nora Hylton - aye

Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

Arsema Asfaw - aye

Alexander Hirji - aye

Sarah Ginsburg - absent

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Decision] NICOS Chinese Health Coalition - GOT GAME (Going Overtime - Gaming and Media-Use Education)

Presenter: Tiffany Wang, Health Educator & Michael S. Liao, Director of Programs
(Document C)



Presentation:

As Crystal mentioned, we recently launched a new project called GOT GAME (Going Overtime - Gaming and Media-Use Education), which aims to raise awareness and prevent video game addiction among youth through educational workshops.

NICOS' new project GOT GAME (Going Overtime - Gaming and Media-Use Education), which is a free, interactive, educational workshop to raise awareness and prevent video game addiction among youth.

Findings from study shows that API are susceptible to gaming addiction and how it correlates to gambling addiction.

Strategies: denormalize gaming, highlight exploitation of gaming industry - reward, harm reduction, advisory panel to guide GOT GAME (adding discussion of funding)
- referring, data collection

Discussion:

Commissioner Chueng: asks - outreaching to get youth in the advisory board?

ML: to promote & recruit to join the youth panel, cohost - cosponsor community wide presentations or educational efforts, help connect or provide linkages to orgs and groups in different district from such educational resources

Commissioner Cureton: falls on personal responsibility and comms team,

Commissioner Chan: thanks for presenting - cohosting a workshop, personally doing that if I help cohost to have commissioners put us in contact, motion to support I can take on that responsibility

No public comment.

Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Santos, motions to support Nico's 3 asks.

1) promote and recruit youth to the youth panel 2) cohost/co sponsor community wide presentations/education efforts 3) provide linkages to groups and organizations in different districts to promote their educational efforts.

By roll call vote, 15 ayes and 2 absent - the motion passes.

Sarah Cheung - aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye

Maggie Dong - aye

Josephine Cureton - aye

Calvin Quick - aye

Khatab Alameri - aye

Crystal Chan - aye

JoJo Ty - aye

Ariana Arana - aye

Rome Jones - aye

Amara Santos - aye



Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] Proposed 2019-2020 Youth Commission Bylaw Amendment Regarding Required Trainings, Absences, and Formalizing the Youth Commission's Commitment to Equity and Justice
Sponsor: Commissioner Asfaw, Santos
(Document D)

Commissioner Santos reads the bylaw amendments in to the record.

Discussion:

Commissioner Versace: mechanism to let people know.

Commissioner Santos: this is just about baseline excuse

Commissioner Quick: admin - support all three of the amendments, proposed amendments to Article IV not Article VI, as that's attendance not committees

Commissioner Cureton: after committee attendance section 3.

Commissioner Chueng: support all 3 amendments, question for amendment 1 - one training or multiple trainings

Commissioner Asfaw: dpd on staff discretion

Commissioner Quick: training (s) as a slight addition

Commissioner Cureton: full support all three of amendment - for the proposed amendment number 2 - capitalize Youth Commissioner. Question of language on number 2 - but to be disclosed to commissioner and staff - is it for notification for who

Commissioner Asfaw: will edit

Commissioner Quick: can you formally state EC bc we review attendance anyway

Reminder. Bylaw amendments get one reading. Nonsubstantive changes, 1 reading only.

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, motions to approve with the minor changes as set

1. Proposed Amendment 1:
 - a. Add under Section C to Article IV.
 - b. Training (s)
2. Proposed Amendment 2:
 - a. Capitalize Youth Commissioner



- b. same language for notification - "Executive Committee and Youth Commission Staff"

Motion passes by roll call vote - 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Sarah Cheung - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Maggie Dong - aye
Josephine Cureton - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Khatab Alameri - aye
Crystal Chan - aye
JoJo Ty - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent

Three minute recess. Meeting called back to order at 6:03 PM.

- B. [First Reading] Resolution No.1920-AL-13 [Urging the Defunding of San Francisco Police Department and Investment in Community Health and Safety]
Sponsors: Commissioners Asfaw, Santos
(Document E)

Commissioner Asfaw reads the resolution to the record.

Trigger warning - statistics on sanctioned police violence - step out and take a break.

Discussion:

Commissioner Dong: PROP C - 4000 housing units instead of 4,000 houses on page 6 line 25

Commissioner Versace: page 1, 20 - 23, resolved clauses - on homelessness and stick out on defunding and putting them in resolution - not mentioned after that.

Commissioner Asfaw: for Prop C - housing units, and referring to quality of life crimes, how does it relate to young people and survival crimes,

Commissioner Santos: housing instability and harassment from police - suspicious behavior and microaggressive behavior with law enforcement, vulnerable population that's been intimidated - equitable housing to relate on why

Commissioner Chueng: page 6, 4 - 10, how did you get that percentage?

Commissioner Santos: 6.2 - 8.8% - did own math given fiscal year of SFPD



No public comment.

Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Quick, motions to suspend Article 9 Section C of the bylaws to pass this resolution on a first reading. Motion passes by roll call vote - 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Sarah Cheung - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Maggie Dong - aye
Josephine Cureton - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Khatab Alameri - aye
Crystal Chan - aye
JoJo Ty - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent

Commissioner Asfaw, seconded by Commissioner Arana, motions to approve this resolution. Motion passes by roll call vote - 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Sarah Cheung - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Maggie Dong - aye
Josephine Cureton - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Khatab Alameri - aye
Crystal Chan - aye
JoJo Ty - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Arianna Nassiri - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Alexander Hirji - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent

C. [First Reading] Resolution No.1920-AL-14 [Free Muni For All] Transportation Equity
Sponsors: Commissioners Quick, Hirji



(Document F)

Commissioner Quick debriefs on rationale, to make clear we have our stance for Free Muni For All, which is to reiterate what we suggested in meeting with Director Jeff Tumlin. Most recently, the expansion of the Free Muni for Youth program to all of San Francisco's children and young adults has been put on hold, a casualty of the budget crisis now faced by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Commissioner Hirji reads the resolution into record.

Discussion:

Commissioner Versace: diversification of funding? are we asking MTA to figure it out?

Commissioner Hirji: some proposals (bonds, taxes, national legislation in House of Rep - for free transit for all) but as a general is a deeper analysis needs to be considered about how SFMTA is resourced.

Commissioner Cureton: timeline or normal process?

Commissioner Hirji: could pass at next meeting - does not need to suspend bylaws

Commissioner Santos: page 1, line 14 - 15, being able to specify why it's not widely known - inaccessibly for LEP, sharing of resources for BIPOC, Commissioner Ty & Asfaw when we did our resolution, SFMTA officers giving resources than punishment, bureaucratic process - specify more on page 2 - underserved populations -

Commissioner Quick: work on page 1 and expand more on specifics, but will refer back to previous resolution covered on fare evasions than anything

No action was taken on this item.

D. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-15 [Urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Survivors of Sexual Harassment and Assault]

Sponsors: Commissioners Cureton, Cheung, and Chan

(Document G)

Commissioner Cureton gave a trigger warning. Commissioner Chan read the resolution into the record.

Discussion:

Commissioner Santos: Thanks for getting this written and read onto the record

Commissioner Cureton: shout out and appreciations for staff, Commissioner Santos, Commissioner Quick and cosponsors.

No action was taken on this item.

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a. Executive Committee

a. LAO

i. hearing re: sfpd budget and bla on current staffing



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: July 15, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Walton on July 7, 2020. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 200735

Ordinance amending the Police Code to make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to contact a person solely to discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; creating a civil cause of action and providing for damages for violating the prohibition.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
- Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Police Code to make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to**
4 **contact a person solely to discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's**
5 **race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity;**
6 **creating a civil cause of action and providing for damages for violating the prohibition.**

7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
8 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
9 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
10 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
11 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
12 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
13 subsections or parts of tables.

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12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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14 Section 1. Findings.

15 (a) There have been numerous incidents across the country involving individuals
16 contacting law enforcement to report innocuous behaviors as suspicious, or to falsely report
17 alleged criminal behavior, for what appear to be solely discriminatory reasons. Discriminatory
18 law enforcement reports against people of color for racially motivated reasons are common
19 enough that many people of color have experienced one or more incident of being contacted
20 by law enforcement when engaging in normal day-to-day activities. These incidents cause
21 serious harm to the person falsely accused of a crime, cause anxiety and distrust among
22 people of color, and put an unnecessary strain on law enforcement officers responding to
23 frivolous and false calls.

24 (b) The misuse of law enforcement by members of the public to discriminate against
25 others should not be tolerated and the City should take action to stop such behavior in every

1 way possible. Creating a means for people who suffer this kind of discrimination to seek
2 redress from those who have targeted them through a civil cause of action for damages will
3 discourage this type of behavior and provide a tangible way for these victims to be
4 compensated for this wrong.

5
6 Section 2. The Police Code is hereby amended by adding Section 637, to read as
7 follows:

8 **SEC. 637. DISCRIMINATORY REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

9 (a) Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement Prohibited. It shall be unlawful to knowingly
10 cause a peace officer to arrive at a location to contact a person with the specific intent to discriminate
11 against that person on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, ethnicity, religious affiliation,
12 gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

13 (b) Civil Cause of Action. Any aggrieved person may enforce the provisions of this Section 637
14 by means of a civil action.

15 (c) A person found to have violated subsection (a) in a cause of action under subsection (b)
16 shall be liable to the aggrieved person for special and general damages, but in no case less than \$1,000
17 plus attorneys' fees and the costs of the action. In addition, punitive damages may be awarded in a
18 proper case.

19 (d) Nothing in this Section 637 shall preclude any person from seeking any other remedies,
20 penalties, or procedures provided by law.

21
22 Section 3. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this
23 ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not
24 assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it
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1 is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused
2 injury.

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4 Section 4. No Conflict with Federal or State Law. Nothing in this ordinance shall be
5 interpreted or applied so as to create any requirement, power, or duty in conflict with any
6 federal or state law.

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8 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
9 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
10 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
11 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

15 By: /s/
16 BRADLEY A. RUSSI
17 Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to contact a person with the specific intent to discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; creating a civil cause of action and providing for damages for violating the prohibition.

Existing Law

It is not currently unlawful under City law to cause a peace officer to contact a person with the intent to discriminate against that person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to contact a person with the specific intent to discriminate against that person on the basis of race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The ordinance creates a civil cause of action for the victim of such discrimination against the person who caused such contact to occur, allowing a successful plaintiff to recover special and general damages of at least \$1,000 plus costs and attorney's fees, and punitive damages in the proper case.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Walton, Ronen, Stefani, Yee, Preston, Safai, Haney, Peskin, Fewer, Mar

Subject:

Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Police Code to make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to contact a person solely to discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; creating a civil cause of action and providing for damages for violating the prohibition. This ordinance is also known as the Caution Against Racially and Exploitative Non-Emergencies, the CAREN Act.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann Walton

For Clerk's Use Only

July 10, 2020
The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety
California State Capitol, Room 2117
PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0059

RE: AB 1007 (Jones-Sawyer) — Support – Promoting Reinvestment and Oversight Measures for Individual Success and Empowerment (P.R.O.M.I.S.E.) Act

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer:

NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION is proud to support AB 1007, which will amend California's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) to ensure the state effectively invests these hundreds of millions in grant dollars to support youth locally. This bill will ensure that youth: (1) Are protected from contact with the juvenile justice system through an investment in community-based youth development, prevention, and intervention services; (2) Benefit from improved planning and coordination of youth-serving agencies by local counties, including greater community and youth representation in decision making; and (3) Receive support that aligns with best practices by increasing county reporting and state oversight, as recommended in a recent state audit of JJCPA grant administration.¹

[Optional: Insert a short paragraph on why this legislation is important to you/your organization.]

AB 1007 addresses chronic shortcomings of JJCPA implementation and will distribute grant funds, serving as a stimulus for community-based organizations (CBOs) and public health and education agencies. Specifically, AB 1007 will ensure that 95 percent of JJCPA funds are distributed to CBOs and/or non-law enforcement public agencies providing youth development services in schools and/or communities. AB 1007 requires that JJCPA-funded programs be modeled on trauma-informed and youth development approaches. Additionally, the bill improves reporting requirements to assess each program's effectiveness. Under AB 1007, counties' Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils, which decide how JJCPA funds are allocated, will have a balanced representation of government and community stakeholders.

Black, Brown, and Indigenous youth bear the brunt of our state's most harmful justice system investments. As a state, we must confront the legacy of policy choices that have resulted in disparate impacts on youth of color and unconscionable inequities in our communities. With AB 1007, we can ensure that state funds no longer prop up a system that has consistently failed youth and communities of color. Instead, we can invest in youth development and equity.

The JJCPA grant program was originally created by the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act (2000), which authorized non-competitive funding for county juvenile justice programs and designated the Board of Corrections, now the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), as the administrator of funding. Community leaders originally conceived of the JJCPA as a response to the over-incarceration

¹ California State Auditor. (2020). Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: Weak Oversight Has Hindered Its Meaningful Implementation. At: <http://auditor.ca.gov/reports/2019-116/summary.html>.

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of youth in California and tough-on-crime measures² that came with high social and fiscal costs. According to the original author and former Assemblymember Cardenas, “The JJCPA funds were intended to reduce youth involvement in the justice system, ensure that there is a diverse membership in the JJCC in counties for decision-making, and a meaningful performance assessment.”³

Unfortunately, JJCPA funds have been distributed with little local or state oversight, resulting in poor spending decisions. The majority of funds have been “distributed” by county probation departments for their own staffing, or to other law enforcement agencies, running counter to the bill’s collaborative goals. In some cases, counties have used JJCPA grants to implement harmful “voluntary probation” programs, which impose invasive probation conditions on youth who have not been arrested for any crime.⁴ Law enforcement contact and probation involvement – including the “net-widening” effects⁵ of excessive supervision – does more harm than good.

The recent state audit verifies these long-held concerns, as insufficient planning and reporting has led to irresponsible spending. The audit finds that counties maintain outdated spending plans and that reports do not adequately assess program effectiveness. Many counties left mandatory stakeholder seats vacant on their Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, with 20 percent of all California counties lacking a JJCC entirely during the audit review period. In Fiscal Year 2017–18, four of the five counties spent over 75 percent of their JJCPA funds on probation departments despite massive declines in youth contact with probation,⁶ leaving youths’ needs unmet when they could be best served in the community.

AB 1007 supports youth development and counters the historic harm of youth criminalization throughout California. It is time to invest in a new vision for California’s young people – one that recognizes that health, education, and community-based services are essential in preventing youths’ exposure to violence and involvement in the justice system.

For these reasons, we strongly support AB 1007.

Sincerely,

NAME, TITLE
ORGANIZATION

cc: Michael Lucien, Office of Assemblymember Jones Sawyer (michael.lucien@asm.ca.gov)
Renee Menart, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (renee@cjcj.org)

² For example, Proposition 21 (2000) increased penalties for youth in the justice system, including incarceration, and placed youth at greater risk of transfer to adult court. See: Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO). (2000). Proposition 21. At: https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2000/21_03_2000.html.

³ Congressman Cardenas details the JJCPA’s intent in a letter sent to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee on June 14, 2019.

⁴ ‘Voluntary probation’ programs have come under harsh criticism due to questionable legality and ethicality. For an example, see Sigma Beta Xi v. County of Riverside (2018). At: <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/cases/sigma-beta-xi-v-county-riverside>.

⁵ “Net-widening” refers to administrative or practical changes that result in more individuals being controlled by the justice system. See Leone, M. (2002). At: <https://sk.sagepub.com/reference/crimepunishment/n286.xml>.

⁶ Arrests of youth under 18 in California declined by over 80% between 2000 and 2018. See California Department of Justice (DOJ). (2019). Open Justice: Arrests. At: <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/exploration/crime-statistics/arrests>.

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-14

1 [Transportation Equity - Free Muni for All Youth]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board to**
4 **include the Free Muni For All Youth fare proposal in its FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-22**
5 **budgets.**

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7 WHEREAS, Public transit is the most efficient and equitable way for large numbers of
8 people to travel to access opportunities and resources in a dense urban area; and

9 WHEREAS, Over 60 percent of San Francisco high schoolers take public transit to
10 school; and

11 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has previously advocated for the establishment of
12 the Free Muni for Youth Program (FMFY) within the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
13 Agency (SFMTA); and

14 WHEREAS, The FMFY program suffers from a complex application process and is not
15 widely known, particularly for people with limited English proficiency and people who do not
16 have easy access to the SFMTA offices at 1 South Van Ness Ave. and/or internet facilities,
17 who are disproportionately Black, Indigenous and/or people of color; and

18 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has previously urged the SFMTA to distribute the
19 FMFY pass through SFUSD, allowing youth to utilize the FMFY program without having to
20 apply (YC File No. 1920-AL-09); and

21 WHEREAS, The SFMTA had proposed in its original budget to roll out Free Muni for All
22 Youth (FMFAY), which would eliminate the nominal fare for youth up to age 19 (with provision
23 for a future expansion of FMFAY to Transitional Age Youth) without an application; and

24 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in far less transit ridership and a
25 worsening economy which has decimated the SFMTA's revenues; and

1 WHEREAS, This has entailed a worsening financial outlook for the SFMTA, rendering
2 budget cuts necessary; and

3 WHEREAS, In the most recent budget passed unanimously by the SFMTA Board of
4 Directors on June 30, 2020, which was crafted in response to Board of Supervisors opposition
5 to fare hikes on the adult non-discounted fares, the FMFAY program was cut from the
6 proposed budget; and

7 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission advocates for equitable transit options, especially
8 for underserved populations who do not have many other options and who are
9 disproportionately affected by harmfully punitive fare enforcement, as further detailed in YC
10 File No. 1920-AL-09, a Youth Commission resolution on fare evasions inclusivity and
11 accessibility and the Muni Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program; and

12 WHEREAS, The SFMTA would offset a part of the cost of FMFAY by the correlated
13 elimination of bureaucratic and administrative costs needed to process the current application-
14 based FMFY program; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to include the FMFAY fare
16 option in its FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 budgets; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to work with
18 the SFUSD to increase the visibility of the existing FMFY program, particularly for people with
19 limited English proficiency and Black and Indigenous people and people of color; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA and Board of
21 Supervisors to work with local, state and federal officials to diversify the SFMTA's funding
22 stream so that fare increases and unspecified general fund transfers do not affect the
23 agency's budget.

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1 [Survivors of Sexual Harassment and Assault - Support and Supportive Services]

2 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to support Survivors of Sexual**
3 **Harassment and Assault.**
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5 WHEREAS, Sexual violence is a social and cultural problem, rather than an individual
6 problem; and

7 WHEREAS, Systemic gender-inequality, toxic masculinity, and power imbalances
8 foster an environment that perpetuates and promotes violence; and

9 WHEREAS, That all institutions have a role, one that supports survivors and their
10 healing and builds a climate of accountability and culture free of sexual violence; and

11 WHEREAS, Recently, sexual harassment and assault allegations have been widely
12 shared by San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students and other Bay Area
13 students via social media, including an accusation against former Youth Commissioner Drew
14 Min; and

15 WHEREAS, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that
16 prohibits sex discrimination in education, including K-12 schools; and

17 WHEREAS, SFUSD's sexual harassment policy (State Education Code and Board
18 Policy 5166) states that "the Board prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students,
19 employees or other persons, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities;"
20 and

21 WHEREAS, According to Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), the
22 nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, someone is sexually assaulted in America
23 every 73 seconds; and
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1 WHEREAS, Those aged 12-34 are at the highest risk of rape and sexual assault, as
2 the majority of sexual assault victims are under 30; and

3 WHEREAS, Females aged 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to
4 be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

5 WHEREAS, 21 percent of transgender, genderqueer, and nonconforming (TGQN)
6 college students have been sexually assaulted, compared to 18 percent of cisgender females
7 and 4 percent of cisgender males; and

8 WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) are disproportionately
9 victims of sexual assault, especially Native Americans, who are twice as likely to experience
10 rape or sexual assault than any other race; and

11 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the California Coalition Against Sexual
12 Assault (CCASA), in California, more than 86 percent of women (compared with 81 percent
13 nationally) and 53 percent of men (compared with 43 percent nationally) report having
14 experienced some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Police Department, instances of rape in
16 San Francisco rose 7.31 percent from 2017 to 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, On May 6, 2020, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos passed new
18 Title IX regulations, where college institutions must presume that all those accused of sexual
19 misconduct are innocent prior to the investigative process, which protects perpetrators of
20 sexual misconduct; and

21 WHEREAS, According to Inside Higher Ed, these new regulations set higher evidence
22 and cross-examination standards, which can retraumatize and prevent victims from reporting
23 sexual assault; and

24 WHEREAS, According to RAINN, the likelihood that a person suffers suicidal or
25 depressive thoughts increases after sexual violence, as 94 percent of women who are raped,

1 experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) two weeks after the rape, 33
2 percent of women who are raped contemplate suicide, and 13 percent of women who are
3 raped attempt suicide; and

4 WHEREAS, In partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers,
5 RAINN operates a national sexual assault hotline (1-800-656-4673) that provides confidential
6 support from trained staff members, support in finding local health facilities that are trained to
7 care for survivors of sexual assault, and local resources that can assist survivors in the
8 healing and recovery process; and

9 WHEREAS, There are numerous community organizations in San Francisco that offer
10 emotional and legal support for sexual assault survivors, including LYRIC, Asian Pacific
11 Islander (API) Legal Outreach, and San Francisco Women Against Rape, all of which have
12 local programs and resources that support survivors; and

13 WHEREAS, These programs are not actively promoted in schools, so students are not
14 aware of or connected to these organizations and the resources available to them; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed legislation in 2016 to
16 create the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force, which met monthly from November 2016
17 to November 2017; and

18 WHEREAS, The Task Force met monthly to analyze state and federal laws regarding
19 campus sexual assault, recommend best practices for colleges and universities in San
20 Francisco to reduce sexual assault, and recommend steps that the City can take to reduce
21 sexual assault on college and university campuses; and

22 WHEREAS, The Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and
23 Recommendations did not include any specific recommendations for reducing sexual assault
24 on elementary, middle school, and high school campuses; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Task Force did not invite young people to provide input and feedback
2 on the report and recommendations; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2017, the United States Department of Justice conducted an audit of
4 the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and produced 272 reform recommendation,
5 none of which addressed the conditions in the department's Special Victims Unit and its
6 treatment of rape survivors; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, ABC7 News reported that SFPD had found 753 untested rape kits
8 from 2003 to 2013, despite a law passed four years earlier by the Board of Supervisors
9 mandating that all rape kits be tested; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2004, the Youth Commission and the SFUSD Student Advisory Council
11 (SAC) hosted a community hearing with representatives of community-based organizations
12 and various government agencies to understand the current situation of sexual harassment
13 and assault in San Francisco schools; and

14 WHEREAS, In April 2005, the Youth Commission and SFUSD SAC produced the San
15 Francisco Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault and Harassment in San Francisco
16 Schools, including information from the hearing, SFUSD student input, and recommendations
17 to City agencies; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission stands with all survivors of sexual
19 harassment and assault and condemns the actions of all perpetrators of sexual harassment
20 and assault; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the District Attorney's office
22 and SFPD to test all rape kits and begin an investigation within 48 hours of receiving them;
23 and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFPD to properly and
25 legally assist survivors in filing a police report, getting medical care, holding the perpetrator

1 accountable, and maintaining a survivor's legal rights in a timely manner, without causing
2 increased trauma; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFPD to have survivors
4 solely interact with experts trained in trauma-informed counseling, such as social workers and
5 domestic violence counselors, unless necessary under law, to ensure survivors do not endure
6 further trauma and gaslighting; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
8 Department of Police Accountability to ensure SFPD supports all survivors of sexual
9 harassment and assault and follows all laws and regulations; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFUSD to follow the
11 recommendations of SFUSD SAC in their Title IX resolution; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFUSD to adopt
13 mandatory trainings for youth, educators, and school site staff on the definitions of sexual
14 harassment and assault, reporting procedures, supporting students, and identifying and
15 preventing these crimes; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Education to
17 pass a resolution affirming survivor's rights and access to supportive resources when sexually
18 assaulted or harassed on a SFUSD campus and/or by a SFUSD student or employee.

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-16

1 [Universal Basic Income]

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3 **Resolution urging the City of San Francisco to implement a Universal Basic Income**
4 **Program.**

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6 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has led to soaring unemployment rates
7 worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, The global crisis has sparked renewed interest in Universal Basic Income
9 (UBI) as a solution to address this problem by providing citizens with a guaranteed income
10 payment; and

11 WHEREAS, UBI is a cash payment that citizens receive every month from the
12 government with no strings attached; and

13 WHEREAS, Government officials across the world are considering implementing UBI
14 programs to alleviate financial losses and uplift underserved communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Experts believe that a basic income can help curb poverty, allow for
16 creative and useful forms of unpaid labor to flourish, improve mental well-being, and provide
17 financial security for communities in need; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1967, Martin Luther King Jr. proposed a guaranteed income for
19 American citizens, stating that it could reduce income inequality and abolish poverty; and

20 WHEREAS, Economist Milton Friedman proposed a negative income tax to allow
21 people from lower-income backgrounds to receive a tax credit; and

22 WHEREAS, UBI was popularized by former 2020 Presidential Candidate Andrew Yang
23 as a way to offset job losses caused by automation and artificial intelligence; and

24 WHEREAS, UBI has many proven benefits, including increased financial security,
25 improved mental well-being, and overall better quality of life; and

1 WHEREAS, UBI can expand financial freedom for recipients so that college students
2 can pay for tuition and caregivers can take sick days to care for family or relatives; and

3 WHEREAS, UBI can improve the quality of life and mental well-being for citizens,
4 particularly those who come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; and

5 WHEREAS, UBI can allow people to expand on their hobbies and creative pursuits,
6 such as music, arts, and entrepreneurship; and

7 WHEREAS, As seen during COVID-19, a basic income can help stabilize the economy
8 during recessions; and

9 WHEREAS, A basic income has no specific income conditions, so there would be less
10 bureaucratic work on auditing payments; and

11 WHEREAS, It would cost less to administer UBI than many existing welfare programs
12 by eliminating processes like auditing income-verification paperwork; and

13 WHEREAS, UBI also has fewer restrictions than many traditional welfare programs that
14 perpetuate structural inequalities by setting income and background restrictions; and

15 WHEREAS, UBI recipients won't have to go through a lengthy approval process or
16 adhere by existing income restrictions; and

17 WHEREAS, Grassroots organizations such as Humanity Forward, Income Movement,
18 Youth For UBI, The Gerald Huff Fund for Humanity, and many others, are working to pass
19 UBI legislation across the country; and

20 WHEREAS, There are successful UBI pilot programs that have shown positive results;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The state of Alaska has had an active UBI program since 1982; and

23 WHEREAS, Stockton Mayor Michael D. Tubbs started the Stockton Economic
24 Empowerment Demonstration (SEED), a pilot program that gives \$500 a month to 125 local
25 families in Stockton, California; and

1 WHEREAS, SEED has found that providing a cash payment to residents has increased
2 economic security for working-class families, who spent the money on basic necessities like
3 paying for groceries, utilities, transportation, and rent; and

4 WHEREAS, A 2017-2018 national, government-backed basic income experiment by
5 the Finnish government gave 2,000 unemployed residents aged 25-58 a monthly basic
6 income with no specific requirements while a control group received normal unemployment
7 benefits at the same time; and

8 WHEREAS, The study found that basic income recipients had improved overall well-
9 being, and were generally more satisfied with their lives and experienced less mental strain
10 and depression than the control group; and

11 WHEREAS, The researchers also noted that children and families who received a
12 basic income had greater feelings of autonomy, financial security, and confidence in the
13 future; and

14 WHEREAS, Participants who were freelancers, artists, and entrepreneurs said UBI
15 created opportunities for them to pursue their dreams; and

16 WHEREAS, Participants also volunteered more often and got involved with community
17 initiatives at higher rates than before; and

18 WHEREAS, A basic income study called 'Mincome' was conducted in a small, rural
19 town of Dauphin, Canada, where families were guaranteed \$16,000 annually; and

20 WHEREAS, The study saw rates of hospitalizations fall, improvements in mental
21 health, and a rise in the number of children who graduated from high school; and

22 WHEREAS, There was an 8.5% decline in hospitalizations due to a decrease in stress-
23 induced mental health issues; and

24 WHEREAS, Researchers of the experiment believe this was a direct result of the
25 added security in people's lives provided by a basic income; and

1 WHEREAS, The Hawaii State Legislature passed a bill asking the government to
2 implement a UBI program to help citizens receive permanent financial security; and

3 WHEREAS, Canada is experimenting with a three-year UBI program by giving 4,000
4 residents living in poverty with monthly payments; and

5 WHEREAS, Scotland committed 250,000 pounds to four pilot programs that pay
6 citizens for life; and

7 WHEREAS, Finland gave 2,000 unemployed citizens 560 euros a month for two years;
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9 WHEREAS, Recipients of the basic income in Finland said the payment reduced
10 stress, with many of them saying they received financial freedom to start their own business;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Since 2011, the international nongovernmental organization GiveDirectly,
13 Inc. has provided Unconditional Cash Transfers (UCT) to poor households in Kenya; and

14 WHEREAS, GiveDirectly, Inc. found that distributing cash payments improved the
15 consumption of food, medicine, education, and social events; and

16 WHEREAS, Citizens in the program also had improved overall well-being and
17 increased investments in livestock, furniture, and home improvements; and

18 WHEREAS, Based on a number of pilot studies around the world, there is evidence
19 that a basic income has lasting, long-term impacts on young people; and

20 WHEREAS, Youth who receive a basic income are more likely to complete their
21 secondary school education because the pressure to earn money to support their family is
22 eased; and

23 WHEREAS, Young people can utilize cash payments to pay off their tuition or student
24 debt; and

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1 WHEREAS, UBI grants youth the financial freedom to pursue a third-level education or
2 internships that can provide them with crucial experience for future professions; and

3 WHEREAS, UBI encourages youth to be civically engaged and volunteer more; and

4 WHEREAS, A basic income has been shown to be effective in addressing poverty in
5 families, particularly for single parents and single-income households; and

6 WHEREAS, In Canada, an increase in child benefits led to a drop in poverty rates and
7 addressed economic inequality; and

8 WHEREAS, In Native American communities living along the Rio Grande, the
9 introduction of casino revenue payouts led to a decrease in child and spousal abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, In Eastern Cherokee households in North Carolina, income transfer
11 payments led to increased voter turnout among adults who had been disadvantaged as
12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, A guaranteed basic income could be a good way to increase civic
14 engagement and narrow the gap in political participation between wealthier households and
15 people from underprivileged backgrounds; and

16 WHEREAS, American startup accelerator Y Combinator is paying 100 families in
17 Oakland, California between one thousand to two thousand dollars a month; and

18 WHEREAS, A research team at the University of Chicago, in collaboration with
19 nonprofit organization Point Source Youth, are developing biweekly, direct cash assistance for
20 youth experiencing homelessness in New York City; and

21 WHEREAS, The program will also offer counseling, housing navigation, and
22 connections to services that support young people’s pathways to self-defined success; and

23 WHEREAS, The Santa Clara government recognized the financial impacts of the
24 COVID-19 pandemic, particularly on foster youth; and

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1 WHEREAS, In May 2020, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a
2 plan to provide 72 young adults ages 21 to 24, who were former foster youth, with one
3 thousand dollar monthly payments for a one-year pilot program; and

4 WHEREAS, Santa Clara County officials will provide youth in the program with financial
5 services and will check-in with them regularly to obtain information on how they spend the
6 money and how the basic income impacts them; and

7 WHEREAS, A labor economist at the University of Pennsylvania who has studied
8 social welfare believes that an unconditional cash payment like the one instituted by Santa
9 Clara County officials can improve youth mental health, increase educational achievement,
10 and promote greater voting and civic participation among young people; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Chronicle of Social Change, cash transfers for young
12 people impart what economists call “positive spillover effects”; and

13 WHEREAS, UBI pilot programs geared towards youth has found overwhelming
14 evidence that low-income and vulnerable populations spend the money on basic needs; and

15 WHEREAS, When youth spend cash on goods and services in their community, they
16 help stimulate their local economy; and

17 WHEREAS, According to numerous studies, the Bay Area has the highest income
18 inequality in the state of California; and

19 WHEREAS, The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) analyzed the 2018 U.S.
20 Census Bureau data and found that top income earners in the Bay Area make 12.2 times as
21 much as those who are at the bottom of the economic ladder; and

22 WHEREAS, PPIC also found that Bay Area residents in the 90th percentile of incomes
23 earn on average \$384,000 a year compared to \$32,000 for those in the bottom 10th
24 percentile; and

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1 WHEREAS, The 2018 Census data shows that San Francisco County has the widest
2 income disparities in the Bay Area, with the top five percent of households making an average
3 of \$808,105 annually compared to \$16,184 for the bottom twenty percent of households; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco ranks 84 out of
5 100 regions in the United States for economic inclusion; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2017, the earnings of white residents in San Francisco were \$70,200
7 annually while earnings for people of color were \$41,500; and

8 WHEREAS, That gap continues to widen, having grown by \$2588 in 2017 alone; and

9 WHEREAS, According to The Chronicle of Social Change, legacies of systemic racism
10 in housing and employment has led black and brown families to have less disposable income
11 to give young adult family members to cover basic needs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Brookings Institute found that San Francisco has the sixth-highest
13 level of income inequality in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents at the 20th percentile of earnings make \$31,840
15 per household annually, as compared to those at the 95th percentile, who bring in \$507,824
16 per household; and

17 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 global pandemic has amplified existing inequities in our
18 government and educational institutions, especially for marginalized youth of color; and

19 WHEREAS, The sudden closure of schools in San Francisco has resulted in students
20 not receiving adequate meals, increased rates of job loss for youth and their parents, and an
21 overall decline in educational quality; and

22 WHEREAS, After the San Francisco Unified School District transitioned to online
23 learning, more than 12,000 Chromebook laptops were distributed and loaned to students in
24 need; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite these efforts, in April 2020, an estimated 5,000 students still could
2 not attend class virtually because their family couldn't afford adequate internet service at
3 home; and

4 WHEREAS, A March 2020 study conducted by the Pew Research Center found that
5 workers ages 16-24 make up 24 percent of all frontline workers in the industries most affected
6 by COVID-19 closures; and

7 WHEREAS, Low-income youth of color, who have been most severely impacted by the
8 COVID-19 crisis in San Francisco, should be included in the recovery process; and

9 WHEREAS, UBI would be a viable solution to address this growing income inequality
10 and empower underserved communities; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
12 Board of Supervisors (BOS), Mayor, and City departments to work with community
13 organizations and study the impacts of a guaranteed basic income on San Francisco's
14 children, teens, and families; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor
16 to join Mayors for Guaranteed Income, a coalition of mayors and city leaders from 11
17 American cities who are investing in guaranteed-income pilots and are advocating for state
18 and federal cash-based policies; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the BOS
20 and Mayor to enact legislation to implement a guaranteed basic income program in San
21 Francisco; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the BOS
23 and Mayor to include financial services, housing navigation, and counseling workshops for
24 young people ages 16+ in conjunction with the UBI program.

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MOTION NO.

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1 [Motion to Approve a Letter on the Lack of Board of Supervisors Action on the Proposed
2 Caltrain 1/8th cent Tax, and Rejection of the City's 47-year-old Transit First Policy]

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4 Supplementary Information:

5 Letter of Opposition approved as attached (see below).

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July 20, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

RE: Lack of action on the proposed Caltrain 1/8th cent tax & rejection of City's 47-year-old transit first policy

Dear Supervisors,

The Youth Commission opposes the actions taken by two members of this board on July 14, 2020, where Supervisors Walton and Peskin failed to introduce a critical tax measure that would benefit Caltrain. The Youth Commission supports the tax going on the November ballot.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

On July 14, 2020, a tax measure that would have given a boost to a transit agency should have been introduced, but it was not, due to concerns about governance. For the would-be sponsors, that was more important than the fact that a transit agency's existence was on the line. This happened in San Francisco, not some historically anti-transit locale, and it happened in a city that has had a transit first policy for the past 47 years in its charter. That very policy and section, in its most current form, states in subsection 8A.115-a-1 that "To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods." The mere thought of letting a train die to be replaced by a far less efficient, safe, and environmentally friendly bus (not forgetting that the train supports social distancing and efficient safe movement in current times), violates that subsection. These actions which took place on July 14 also represent a violation in the charter, section 8A.115-a, "The following principles shall constitute the City and County's transit-first policy and shall be incorporated into the General Plan of the City and County. All officers, boards, commissions, and departments shall implement these principles in conducting the City and County's affairs." Letting transit, with all of its environmental benefits, take second priority during a climate crisis is unconscionable. And yet it happened. Here, in San Francisco.

Mass transit is the most efficient, sustainable, and affordable mode of transport for a large number of people who seek to get from point A to point B. To that end, the bigger the vehicle, the better. Also, if said vehicle has its own right of way and dedicated infrastructure, the better. Many youth take mass transit around the world, and in the Bay Area, that is also true. Youth use mass transit to get to school, afterschool activities, employment opportunities, social gatherings, and because traveling on public transit is good for the environment. The youth of today are fully aware that their decisions and decisions of the current government (who they do NOT have the power to elect) will end up affecting their lives in massive ways in the future. Youth deserve the opportunity to choose the sustainable option, and those who can vote deserve the opportunity to vote on the measure to enable youth to ride the sustainable train.

Simply throwing a childish meltdown, and ruining a commuter rail system that other urban areas can only dream of, because of an unsuccessful attempt to reform its governance is downright ridiculous. The Youth Commission agrees that there should be reforms to how Caltrain is governed.

The current system, voted in by Supervisor Peskin, has not worked out. Setting fire to the whole operation accomplishes nothing. To reform how Caltrain is run, Caltrain must exist. A surgeon cannot operate on a patient and expect that patient to one day leave the hospital if the patient was left to die by those who thought the patient was unworthy of saving. Caltrain is needed, reform is needed, and political nonsense is not.

Caltrain would not be the only agency to suffer from this error in judgement made on July 14, 2020. In order for Caltrain riders to be transported safely (as the charter requires), 60-foot long bendy busses would be needed. These would need to be borrowed from other transit agencies, and that would adversely affect the agencies and their riders. As the SFMTA has noted, agencies need to transport as many people as safely possible in order to avoid even worse financial peril. Borrowing a bus, to cover for a train is ludicrous. The Bay Area only has four Federal Railroad Administration regulated commuter railways. It has countless bus lines, and a quarter of that number are corridors served by high capacity busses. It would be a big error to replace a train with a bus, a bus that could save an agency if deployed elsewhere. Youth need to be able to get around when the pandemic and the associated mitigation measures are over. They do not want to be stranded because a San Francisco politician had a grievance and decided to incapacitate the transit system they serve on the board of. The Youth Commission sincerely hopes that this would not be the reality for any youth in San Francisco, and especially not the reality in other locales Caltrain serves. Imagine not having an efficient and sustainable transit system, maybe the only one in your town, because somebody up in a city, spoiled with many mass transit options, did not know how to compromise.

Caltrain needs funding, and it needs it now. As it stands, this board has pushed the SFMTA, and Caltrain to the brink. Yet, the Police and Sheriff's departments have yet to see their budgets cut. Transit services help youth, policing does not. The Youth Commission is dismayed that the Board has yet to make formative action towards editing a budget that would make San Francisco a better place for youth. The action of not introducing the tax measure by Supervisors Peskin and Walton, one as the SFCTA chair, the other as a Joint Powers Board member, make crystal clear their opinions on transit. The rest of the board must realize that it has an obligation to make the world a better place for the next generation, the current youth. We cannot vote, and we would not be able to anyways if the reforms at the JPB that Supervisors Peskin and Walton want enacted come to fruition. We trust the Board to make decisions, and the Youth Commission to make sure those decisions have a positive impact on youth. We see that members of the Board have not acted on this crucial issue, and that decision has a negative impact on youth. One way to create a positive impact for youth would be to call an emergency meeting, not just making statements on a social media platform that is not frequented by youth. The Youth Commission has been, and will always be an advocate for action, not wordplay.

The time to act is now. The tax deserves to be before the voters, and the other counties and advocates deserve an explanation from Supervisors Peskin and Walton. May Caltrain continue to run, and the city finally follow the charter and truly put Transit First.

For all these reasons, the Youth Commission opposes the actions taken by two members of this board on July 14, 2020, where Supervisors Walton and Peskin failed to introduce a critical tax measure that would benefit Caltrain, supports this tax going on the November ballot, and we thank Supervisor Haney for working to make this tax go before voters in November.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Youth Commission