



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, June 15th, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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United States, San Francisco (Toll)

Conference ID: 854 908 881#

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. June 1st, 2020
[\(Document A\)](#)
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. 200592 [Resolution Urging the Civil Service Commission to Establish Disqualifying Standards for Applicants for Position of Police Officer and Sheriff Deputy Applicants Based on Misconduct]
Sponsors: Supervisors Walton, Yee, Preston, Peskin, Fewer, Ronen, Haney, and Mar
Presenter: Tracy, Legislative Aide, District 10
(Document B)
6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**



- A. [Inform + Decision] Floyd Rule Legislation
Presenter: Dakshina Thanksy and Namrata 'Nimi' Dayana, USF School of Law
(Document C)

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

- A. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-12 [Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of Understanding]
Presenter: Commissioner Hylton
(Document D)
- B. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-11 [Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic]
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document E)
- C. [Second Reading] Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 20-21, 21-22
Presenters: All committee chairs

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - b. Comms
 - 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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San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes~Draft

Monday, June 1st, 2020

5:45 pm-8:45 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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Conference ID: 501 175 742#

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

At 5:45 PM Youth Commission meeting Convenes.

Sarah Cheung (Vice Chair) and Josephine Cureton (Chair) reads the Beginning Statement:

SC: Good evening and welcome to the San Francisco Youth Commission’s first digital meeting since the outbreak of COVID-19.

This pandemic has had unprecedented impacts on San Francisco, and we, as the City’s only chartered youth advisory body, are committed to advocating for the rights, needs, and voices of all San Francisco youth in this crisis. During this time, COVID-19 has affected us all but especially has disproportionately impacted communities of color, so it’s important for us to leverage our power and continue our work advocating for an equitable and healthy San Francisco. Our hearts go out to all of the people who have been impacted by the pandemic and all those who live with the constant fear of racist violence. We also want to thank all essential workers and medical staff that are risking their lives to make sure that their communities stay safe and healthy.



JC: We want to also take this time to acknowledge that our city's bureaucratic systems are built on racism, most notably anti-blackness, especially institutionalized in our police department. Our city has a track record of police brutality, environmental racism, and gentrification, among many other injustices towards BIPOC. This current onslaught of outrage is not just a result of the murders of George Floyd, Tony McDade, and Breonna Taylor - it is a buildup of tensions from countless incidents of police brutality, hate crimes towards the Black community, and a system that enforces white supremacy. We support peaceful protesting and standing in solidarity with our African American community, keeping in mind that our City's residents are already hurting from economic loss. We know that our struggles are connected. Now we urge our community, especially those of us who are not Black, to show up and speak out. If you have the capacity, we urge you to safely protest, donate to abolitionists, bail relief, and legal aid organizations, educate yourself and others around systemic racism, and demand action from the government at all levels. Let us all, do the hard work of interrupting racism in ourselves, our families, and communities.

Together, we will win justice and safety for BIPOC and that will bring justice and safety to all of us.

Commissioners, we hope that everyone has been taking our time off to take care of your family, your community, and ourselves.

Let's Begin.

Roll Call for Attendance: All are present, quorum is met.

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, present
Nora Hylton, present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Alexander Hirji, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)



No Public Comment. Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Santos, motioned to approve with the amendment of item 7D-E to 7C-D. By roll call vote, 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, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. March 2nd, 2020 [\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Commissioner Hylton, seconded by Commissioner Quick, motioned to approve the minutes. By Roll Call vote, the motion has been approved.

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, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye



Sarah Ginsburg, aye

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.200477 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections] Sponsors: Supervisors Yee, Ronen, Fewer, Haney, Walton, Mar, and Safai
Presenter: Civic Engagement Committee
(Document B)

Commissioner Cheung-amendment of the voting age to 16, able to vote in all citywide elections (BOS, School Board, props)

Commissioner Arana -Vote16 current updates, legislation introduced on May 12th, currently sending out endorsement requests to CBOS, unions, and neighborhood associations.

Commissioner Ginsburg-32 endorsements from CBOs, 13 elected officials, 8 BOS co sponsorship with 2 BOS supporting.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier: next steps, possibly June 29th might be at Rules Committee, continue with endorsements, lobbying all BOS members, canvassing (based on rules), phone banking and lobbying

Commissioner Nassiri-support via social media, transitioning to Youth Empowerment Academy, attending press conferences, town halls, dialogue, learn the talking points, main power right now is word of mouth

Commissioner Cheung: please speak in public comment at any meetings forthcoming

No Discussion.

No public comment.

Commissioner Nassiri motions to support the legislation, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by Roll Call vote.

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, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Alexander Hirji, aye

Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Commissioner Cureton shares thanks for the hard work that Civic Engagement has done on the legislation and campaign. And is very proud of the press conference, too.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Students for Education Equity Call to Action: Advocating for Sufficient Education Funding During Unprecedented Times of COVID-19
Presenter: Alvin Lee, Executive Director & Benjamin Salop, Director of Governmental Affairs & Operations, GENup Staff
(Document C)

Benjamin Salop, chair of Oakland Youth Commission, director of Governmental Affairs & Operations.

GENup is leading the Students for Education Equity Coalition (SFEE), which includes youth-led organizations and education stakeholders from across California, from prominent student board members to student-led educational advocacy organizations. The Students for Education Equity Coalition is dedicated to advocating for sufficient education funding during the COVID-19 pandemic. California is rapidly losing money, causing the education system to become severely underfunded. Roughly 300,000 jobs will be lost in the education sector alone, and school districts may have to end school as early as March or April next year because they cannot afford to remain open. Currently, schools that provide resources such as technological support will be relied upon by up to twice as many students, costing significantly more money, and making it all the more essential to fund these programs in order to protect a vulnerable and weakening education system.

Currently asking for call to actions:

- petitions to the CA Legislature, Congress
- social media publicity
- join the coalition
- endorse our letters to Governor & Congress

Questions:



- Commissioner Santos:
 - Thank you for presenting. Question about equity. Where is the work being done re: local student perspective?
 - Answer: Their main goal is equity and recruiting a diverse body that represents the CA student population, and allows them to decide what the needs are. Main need is to find as much support as possible and would appreciate any ideas as possible.
- Commissioner Dong:
 - Thanks. From our agenda packet one of the recommendations is to create a youth body that will oversee how the money will be spent. How would this body be recruited to represent the population of CA?
 - Answer: That's a good question. Use CA Department of Ed files and statewide data that has combined 7 million students and demographics that are in CA schools. Work in partnership to draw on these on how the break down on the commission would be established, then choose applicants who are most diverse.
- Commissioner Cheung
 - an ask is the YC to be a member of the coalition. What does this mean re: meetings and commitment?
 - Answer: Wide range of opportunities, one is symbolic as a sign on to be a member. Would appreciate someone join the meeting and get more involved. Commissioner Cureton is already a member and they are creating staff for this. Don't need more than one YC'er to serve on the steering committee. Can contact Ben to get more involved.
- Commissioner Cureton:
 - Available and willing to be primary liaison - unless other folks are interested

No further questions.

Discussion:

Commissioner Santos-concerned how, as YC, we wouldn't be able to speak directly to the public high school experience. Worried about this. Is there something we can do to get another appointment for them? Many public high school students are leaders, how can we get them engaged?

Commissioner Quick-in support of signing on to the letters and echoes Commissioner Santos' concerns. Would want to be sure we know what the intentions are to sign on. Fully support the letters but not so sure on the coalition.

Commissioner Cureton-echos the above. Majority of YC is from private school. Clarify-becoming a member means it would be part of many orgs representing. Blue Ribbon coalition would be appointed as part of a different body.

Commissioner Cheung-hears a support for the letters but not members of the coalition.

Commissioner Quick-willing to sign on to coalition so long as we are aware we should leverage to direct attention to public school students, especially from marginalized communities.



Commissioner Cheung - agree with Quick's recommendation

Commissioner Cureton-if we join the coalition we could use our connections with our CBOs to get those voices in the body and the coalition.

Benjamin - coalition itself is a symbolic gesture and want to include as many orgs as possible. Governor would develop the Blue Ribbon Coalition and is separate.

Commissioner Santos-wary of lack of equity focus. Uncomfortable to hear that it's not at the forefront.

Commissioner Cheung - hopefully if YC is a member, we can advocate for more equity focused and include community partners

Commissioner Asfaw - adding on to Commissioner Santos' statement. A simple acknowledgment in the letter of the different impacts on different communities is helpful and would reassure the reader you won't forget about it.

Commissioner Cureton - Benjamin said there is a mention of marginalized communities as a focus. In the most recent draft there is a paragraph stating that specific marginalized communities have been disproportionately impacted and specifically requested extra funds and resources for them and to be included in the measure.

Commissioner Santos - clarification on using our connections to support.

Commissioner Cheung- if we have a YC representative for membership, through our membership we could advocate for an equity focus.

Commissioner Quick- pg. 2 paragraph stated out loud.

Ben-yes, that is part of it and below that paragraph is specific budget requests on ERATE are all specific plans that promote equitable education. He has a different letter than YC was given.

Commissioner Quick-would be helpful to have more descriptive paragraphs on equity.

No public comment.

Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to sign onto the letter and join the coalition but to add an equity focus to the letter and coalition. The motion passes with 16 Ayes and 1 Nay through a roll call vote.

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, nay
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Commissioner Santos shared why she voted no - with no equitable focus on the forefront, even well-intentioned cannot motion to support.

Clerk reminder: After the vote is taken on an item, discussion is closed unless we rescind the vote and allow additional discussion.

Benjamin Salop: Thank you SFYC for your support. I would love to hear about your recommendations for improving the SFEE letter. If you'd like to reach out to me and offer any suggestions, you can contact me.

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

- A. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-11 [Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic]
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document D)

Commissioner Quick-general context on the importance of this resolution and read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Quick-city's data collection on race and ethnicity has been sparse and not scientifically usable that part has been left out. But if the YC feels like we should incorporate it in some way then he is happy to include it.

-Staff has also reached out to Chinese Progressive Association on youth specific data and has been told we would have information by the next meeting and could have this passed at the next meeting.

Questions:

Commissioner Jones-should we address protests/riots in this resolution?

Commissioner Quick-leave that out of this resolution, but should have conversation about this in general.



Commissioner Hirji-there is room for including more recent events and thinks this would be a separate resolution. Have legislation dedicated to the protests and one dedicated to COVID-19 and the city's response to that.

Commissioner Alameri-agrees with Commissioner Hirji. Would also personally help with this by writing something.

Commissioner Cureton-TJ is having a discussion and that they might write a resolution and if anyone else wants to contribute let TJ know. Covering the Impact on curfew and ending MOU with SFPD for SROs.

Commissioner Jones-wants to make sure he just brought it up. Does think there are direct correlations. As a black person there are things that are being talked about at a larger scale and it feels awkward, almost as if people are stuck in their house and must deal with it.

Commissioner Hirji-question for Commissioner Quick. Has there been any updates on the financial outlook for the city. What is the city considering to cut? More detailed revision that was proposed. There will be a deficit.

Staff said yes, there will be major budget cuts of 10-15% for city departments and looking at major budget cuts for the next two years.

- B. [Inform] Updated Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Timeline for FY 20-21, 21-22
Presenters: Staff
(Document E)

Budget Timeline presentation from Director Kiely Hosmon:

- Budget is being redirected to COVID Relief, except the deficit budget will be signed in October.
- Our timeline - first reading - is allowing our intentions of writing in our bpp.
 - June 1st - first reading
 - June 15th second reading and possible approval

Commissioner Quick: because BOS will not be having august recess, are we expected to have normal yc stuff in august too?

Commissioner Nassiri: what does the term look like for those who are going off to college?

Staff: We don't know about that. It might mean we still do virtual and we are in flux on that.

- C. [First reading] Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 20-21, 21-22
Presenters: All committee chairs



Commissioner Nassiri-Vote16 campaign for a charter amendment to expand voting rights to 16 & 17 year olds. Is going through the process to be put on the ballot, we are recycling the document to update the majority of it.

Commissioner Dong-increase emergency shelter, transportation equity, and rolling over similar BPPs from last year

Commissioner Hylton-rolling over BPPs as well, still about expanding alternatives to incarceration, closure of 850 Bryant and closure of juvenile hall, believes it will also be taking in current issues into account regarding Black Lives Matter

D. [Inform] YC Application & Reappointment Process
Presenters: Staff

-Getting a higher turn out right now. So far we have 68 applications with a majority still being Lowell and private schools. We do have some college students.

Timeframe:

- Staff has informed the BOS and MO that those who want to return should return.
- Staff will review applications and rating them for this week and next
- non returning commissioners are invited to be a part of virtual interviews
- Preliminary training to discuss implicit bias as well as what qualified applicants will hold. Itzel will send out a doodle poll for training
- June 12th-June 22nd interview sessions
- After interviews we will look over our top 3 recommendations which we will send to the BOS and the MO (stronger conversation regarding new applicants and prepping them of what interviews will look like with elected officials and/or their staff...basically interview practice and support)
- after that we wait to see who they will appoint, and then we give our recommendations to the Mayor
- most likely virtual day training (online modules/webinars) to cover fall orientation. Online press conference for swearing in ceremony is in the works
- if we can reconvene in person we do have the North Hall Court reserved for us

Questions: Commissioner Dong-will terms be ending around the same time?

Answer: Your term does go until the end of August or when we wrap up BPPs and finish your chartered duties. Trying to float along and see how it goes.

Commissioner Asfaw-more clarification needed on the interview panel. What would you have to do if you want to help out with that?

Answer: Because you are reapplying to be a commissioner you might be on the waitlist since you could be interviewing your competitor so as of now it's those who are not returning to the YC.



Commissioner Hylton, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Cureton, Commissioner Nassiri are interested in helping with interviews.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

a. Executive Committee

a. LAO

i. Numerous pieces of legislation:

1. March 31st-ordinances that established COVID-19 emergency family relief fund to fill the soft gap from federal relief that didn't cover everyone. Specifically focused on undocumented members and black and brown communities left out of federal stimulus bill. Both passed
2. May 5th-hearing on suicide and domestic violence
3. May 12th-resolution to support early care educators and a resolution urging congress for money to give relief to childcare. Motion to authorize Police Commission to meet
4. May 19th-items relating to policing and law enforcement oversight. Charter amendment on police staffing that would be on November's ballot. Authorizing of commissions to meet.

b. Comms

- i. Featuring pets on instagram. Thanks to Commissioners who have sent in their pet pictures for some lightness.
- ii. Outreach for town halls and connection for Supervisors to connect with their communities. Low capacity for fully engaged outreach but did engage with CHALK.
- iii. If you have ideas on how YCers are getting through the day for social media or have other ideas to share please do
- iv. This Wednesday at 4:30 comms has a meeting with the Sac Commission and they want to learn how their digital media works. Request from SoCal on how they developed
 1. sac - asfaw, ginsburg
 2. social - quick, cureton, nassiri, cheung, asfaw, ginsburg, alameri

c. General Committee Updates

- i. working on COVID-19 preface for BPP. Hopefully have that done within the next couple of weeks. Still in the research and formatting phase.
- ii. Having good conversations about YC culture and microaggressions. Thanks to Commissioner Asfaw and Jones for joining these conversations. Bringing good changes from these conversations and Commissioners Santos and Asfaw proposing new bylaw amendments.

b. Civic Engagement

- a. Meeting weekly and gathering endorsements for Vote16, press release, interviews, presentations and are preparing to form as a separate organization.
- b. Confirmed a BLING grant and gave us \$10,000 which is very exciting

c. Housing and Land Use



- a. YFYI grant discussion-Grand Challenge concert transportation and in person workshops but now uncertain on what will happen

- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. Wrote a letter of support for the Police Commission to meet.
 - b. Online campaign to close 850 Bryant
 - c. Bi weekly meetings and check ins
 - d. Response to Black Live Matters events
- e. OCOF
 - a. nothing to report as they haven't met

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- staff is doing the best we can and are in a state of constant fluctuation and if we haven't given you information it's not because we're withholding it, it's because we don't have it
- all meetings will be on Teams
- all Commissions and policy bodies can now meet
- anticipate your terms will go through August and a recess is debatable
- expect to be online for the rest of the term and staff is trying to be creative for orientation, trainings, and swearing in ceremony
- acknowledge the heaviness of what is happening around protests/riots/upheaval. Staff are here to hold space if anyone wants to connect
- a lot of calls to action and there is a shared responsibility to take and there is a role for everyone. Protesting on the streets is not for everyone and taking to the streets is not required as a way to show up for black liberation
- there are virtual community grieving and healing

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Cheung - Covid Connect in Tech @TeenTechSF Sat June 6th

Staff Estrada - youth led peaceful protest June 3rd Mission High at 4pm

Commissioner Jones - youth art showcase is live! Submit art online by June 8th. Flyer with google form link will be provided. Chance to win a \$150 gift card.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

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

DATE: June 10, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following resolution, introduced by Supervisor Walton on June 2, 2020. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 200592

Resolution urging the Civil Service Commission to adopt rules to disqualify any applicant for employment in the Uniformed Ranks of the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office based on prior acts of misconduct.

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 [Urging the Civil Service Commission to Establish Disqualifying Standards for Applicants for
2 Position of Police Officer and Sheriff Deputy Applicants Based on Misconduct]

3 **Resolution urging the Civil Service Commission to adopt rules to disqualify any**
4 **applicant for employment in the Uniformed Ranks of the Police Department and the**
5 **Sheriff’s Office based on prior acts of misconduct.**

6
7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and the San Francisco
8 Sheriff’s Office are entrusted with keeping all community members in San Francisco safe and
9 enforcing laws; and

10 WHEREAS, All San Franciscans equally deserve to feel safe when interacting with
11 police and should be able to trust that the officers tasked with protecting them have no prior
12 history of excessive force, racial bias, or other significant misconduct; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a national crisis over repeated instances of police brutality and
14 killings of Black people and persons of color; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a longstanding history of racial bias in policing nationwide,
16 especially towards Black people; and

17 WHEREAS, George Floyd, a Black Man, was killed by a Minneapolis Police Officer
18 who kneeled on his neck for over eight minutes while he struggled to breathe and who had 17
19 prior complaints against him and multiple officer-involved shootings but was permitted to
20 remain on the police force; and

21 WHEREAS, Video footage taken in San Francisco recently depicted a police officer
22 using a similarly violent tactic of kneeling on a Black man during an arrest; and

23 WHEREAS, SFPD and the San Francisco Department of Police Accountability are
24 actively investigating the actions depicted in the video; and

1 WHEREAS, There have been over 70 officer-involved shootings in San Francisco in
2 the past decade; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Community Corrections Partnership, Juvenile Justice
4 Coordinating Council, Reentry Council, Juvenile Probation Commission, Police Commission
5 and Sentencing Commission all voted affirmatively to prioritize racial equity so that all people
6 may thrive; and

7 WHEREAS, Various San Francisco criminal justice policy bodies have acknowledged
8 that communities of color have borne the burdens of inequitable social, environmental,
9 economic, and criminal justice policies, practices, and investments; and

10 WHEREAS, The legacy of these injustices has caused deep racial disparities
11 throughout San Francisco’s juvenile justice and criminal justice system; and

12 WHEREAS, Various San Francisco criminal justice policy bodies, have committed to
13 the elimination of racial disparities in the criminal justice system; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the public cannot fully trust law enforcement officers or feel
15 safe if they are uncertain whether an officer with whom they interact had a prior history of
16 significant misconduct or abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, It is difficult, and in some cases prohibited, especially under California law
18 for members of the public to know about prior complaints or findings related to law
19 enforcement officer misconduct; and

20 WHEREAS, Public trust, including in San Francisco, is badly damaged between law
21 enforcement and many of the communities they serve, particularly communities of color; and

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors aspires to hold the San Francisco Police
23 Department and the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office to the highest standard of professionalism
24 and integrity; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED. That the Board of Supervisors urges the Civil Service Commission to
2 adopt rules requiring the disqualification of any applicant for employment in the Uniformed
3 Ranks of the San Francisco Police Department or San Francisco Sheriff's Office if:

4 (1) The applicant has been the subject of a sustained finding or two unsustained
5 complaints by different complainants against the applicant by any law enforcement agency or
6 oversight agency, following an investigation and opportunity for administrative appeal by the
7 applicant, that the applicant, while employed as a peace officer, engaged in serious
8 misconduct, which includes but is not limited to the following: use of excessive force, racial
9 bias, sexual assault. discrimination against any person or group based on race, gender,
10 religion, nationality, or sexual orientation. or dishonesty directly relating to the reporting,
11 investigation, or prosecution of a crime, or directly relating to the reporting of, or investigation
12 of misconduct by another peace officer or custodial officer, including, but not limited to, any
13 sustained finding of perjury, false statements, filing false reports, destruction, falsifying, or
14 concealing of evidence; or

15 (2) The applicant resigned or retired from their employment as a peace officer in any
16 jurisdiction during the pendency of a disciplinary proceeding related to alleged serious
17 misconduct by the applicant while they were employed as a peace officer, and the proceeding
18 was suspended or terminated as a result of the applicant's resignation or retirement, until
19 such a time that the applicant has been exonerated for the pending allegation.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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

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Sponsor(s):

Walton, Yee, Preston, Peskin, Fewer, Ronen, Haney

Subject:

Urging the Civil Service Commission to Establish Disqualifying Standards for Applicants for Position of Police Officer and Sheriff Deputy Applicants Based on Misconduct

The text is listed:

Resolution urging the Civil Service Commission to adopt rules to disqualify any applicant for employment in the Uniformed Ranks of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Sheriff's Office based on prior acts of misconduct.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann Walton

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I. Introduction of Legislative Intent

Police, in the course of their duties administering the criminal justice system over infraction and misdemeanors, have frequently exceeded the lawful use of force in San Francisco which has resulted in unwarranted injuries and deaths to City residents. The dynamic between police and the rest of the community has become too dissociated. The result is police view themselves as having the absolute authority of what is appropriate and with absolute and unchecked discretion to inflict injury onto the public. Likewise, the community observes police officers exercising arbitrary and frequently lethal force to which they have no recourse and allow wrongful police actions to go uncorrected.

The recent events highlighted by George Floyd's death (May 25, 2020) show how racist policing can lead to the exercise of lethal force by police officers which resulted in the senseless death of a non-resisting Black man. This story is similar to the events surrounding Eric Garner's death (July 17, 2014).¹ Both events were videotaped, and the facts are not in dispute. Individuals who witness these types of wrongful actions taken by police need the tools to de-escalate situations such as these and save a life without fear of being arrested themselves, or other retribution from the police.

The purpose of this legislation is to improve the dynamic between the police and the civilian community and to create a more holistic approach to law enforcement. This legislation proposes to revoke the absolute police authority to use force and to instead reintegrate police officers as members of the community whose primary duty is to ensure order in non-violent ways.

First, this legislation gives San Francisco residents the tools to peacefully require a police officer to cease inflicting excessive force that could result in death to a non-resisting person.

Second, this legislation protects all residents of San Francisco, including members of the Black community, from encountering racist policing by encouraging permanent termination, from the police force, a police officer who has a demonstrated history of violence and bigotry toward people of color.

II. Community Engagement Against Police Brutality Ordinance ("Floyd Rule")

(1) A private civilian, or group of civilians, whom themselves are not engaged in criminal activity, may require a police officer to cease all actions and step away from an unarmed and subdued person:

1. When the officer is inflicting excessive force that could result in death or severe injury to a person; and
2. The person who is subdued is not resisting or is otherwise evidencing a desire to comply with officer's commands, or otherwise claiming that the policing technique is causing them to fear for their life.
3. When a civilian, or group of civilians, ask a police officer to cease the use of excessive force, the police officer must comply.
4. Failure for the police officer to comply under this law shall result in police suspension and/or removal from their position on the police force, regardless of whether the non-compliance results in death or severe injury to a person.

(2) A civilian will enjoy all legal immunity from potential arrest to themselves by invoking this rule, so long as the civilian made a peaceful request without physical intervention.²

¹ Eric Garner was placed in a chokehold by a police officer long past Garner's plea that he could not breathe.

² This section is modeled after California's citizen's arrest law. CA Penal Code Section 837.

(3) The following must be adopted into the police department policy:

1. Any police officer shall be removed from the police force if, by a preponderance of the evidence, it is reported to the chief of police, or police commissioner, that such officer has demonstrated racist or bigoted views or conduct while on duty and in the capacity of a police officer;³ or

2. Shall be removed from the police force if the police officer has engaged in any acts of violence against any person, whether on or off duty. If the police officer engages in two acts of excessive force or violence the officer will be removed from their position.

(4) Any civilian, including fellow officers, who report a police officer who falls within this section shall remain anonymous.⁴

(5) The chief of police, or police commissioner, shall inquire into such a report against the officer and exercise prompt action to ensure the officer does not pose a threat to the community.⁵

(6) It shall be the public policy of the City of San Francisco that citizens have a right to photograph, videotape, or make an audio recording of officers in the conduct of official policing duties without intimidation, fear of bodily harm, arrest or confiscation of electronic equipment making such recording. Citizens shall have the right to make such recordings of police officers in the conduct of their official duties provided such citizens are not otherwise interfering with the conduct of legitimate policing activities.

³ Mandatory sensitivity training before termination from the police force may be available for first-time offenders and where the circumstances are less severe.

⁴ An anonymous reporting system should be adopted to encourage reporting from fellow officers.

⁵ An oversight committee composed of local community members should assist in reaching the decision on whether the officer is fit for the position.

FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-12

1 [Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco
2 Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of Understanding]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with**
4 **the San Francisco Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of**
5 **Understanding**

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7 WHEREAS, We hold the humanity and precious life of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor,
8 Tony McDade, Alex Nieto, Mario Woods, Amilcar Lopez Perez, O’Shaine Evans, and all those
9 victims of racist violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The system of policing in America, and its systemic targeting of and use of
11 deadly and brutal force against people of color, particularly black people, stems from the long
12 legacy of slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws, and the War On Drugs in the United States and
13 has been perpetuated by violent and harmful law enforcement practices; and

14 WHEREAS, A system that enforces white supremacy, police brutality and the use of
15 excessive force have inflicted intergenerational harm and trauma to families, and are
16 intensifying our nation’s mental and spiritual health crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, Our city of San Francisco has a track record of police brutality,
18 environmental racism, and gentrification, among many other injustices towards queer, trans,
19 black, indigenous, people of color; and

20 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission, as the city’s only chartered youth advisory body,
21 are committed to advocating for the rights, needs, and voices of all San Francisco youth; and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”) serves different
23 communities all over San Francisco; and

24 WHEREAS, SFUSD defines its core values as to “put students’ needs first” and “stand
25 with those most vulnerable in [their] community;” and

1 WHEREAS, All students in SFUSD should feel socially, emotionally, and physically
2 comfortable at school, and should not feel targeted based on their racial identity, religion,
3 sexual orientation, or any other core-identifier; and

4 WHEREAS, The current relationship between SFUSD and SFPD does not align with
5 the values SFUSD’s commitment to racial equity; and

6 WHEREAS, Black men received 39% of all instances of San Francisco Police
7 Department’s (“SFPD”) reported use of force and black youth comprised 63% of all juvenile
8 arrests, despite the fact that African-American’s only comprise of 3 – 4% of San
9 Francisco’s population; and

10 WHEREAS, According to a study by the Harvard University School of Sociology,
11 students of color are more likely to be stopped and/or harassed by officers, whether at their
12 school or in their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2018 – 2019 SFUSD data showed that the count of students arrested,
14 cited or detained has been on the decline in recent years, with 28 incidents reported in the
15 2018 – 2019 school year compared to 79 in 2016 – 17; and

16 WHEREAS, The SFUSD’s data showed that black and brown students continue to
17 have the highest rates of police interactions; and

18 WHEREAS, It also referenced two incidents in 2019 in which elementary students were
19 placed in police custody; and

20 WHEREAS, Having officers present on school campuses and SFUSD having an
21 affiliation with SFPD can make students who come from overpoliced communities feel unsafe
22 or uncomfortable in institutions that are meant to help them learn; and

23 WHEREAS, The system of policing upheld by the SFPD unjustly targets communities
24 of color and low-income communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, According to a study done by the University of California, Los Angeles,
2 students who feel unsafe at school because of an increased police presence have lower rates
3 of academic success; and

4 WHEREAS, According to SFUSD, African-American and Latinx students in SFUSD
5 have the lowest rates of graduation, and only 13% of African-American students and 22% of
6 Latinx students are considered proficient or above by grade level in mathematics, while 51%
7 of SFUSD students as a whole are considered proficient or above by grade level in
8 mathematics; and

9 WHEREAS, School Resources Officers, nation ally, set the stage for students of color
10 to be criminalized at school sites, increases arrests and pipelines students into the criminal
11 justice system, as the school to prison pipeline; and

12 WHEREAS, African-American and Latinx communities in San Francisco have been
13 systemically disinvested in due to war on drugs policies that have increasingly resourced
14 police departments over public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, The SFUSD-SFPD MOU was created to ensure the safety and wellbeing
16 of SFUSD students; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission condemns all acts of police
18 brutality and excessive use of force especially to youth of color; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San
20 Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco Police
21 Department by ending the SFUSD/SFPD Memorandum of Understanding; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police Department budget should be
23 redirected towards SFUSD to fund and increase culturally competent and trauma-informed
24 learning curriculum, mental health services, art programs, and restorative justice programs, to
25 help young people heal and grow.

Draft Youth Commission Resolution Factsheet: *(updated to June 12, 2020)*
Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

File Number: 1920-AL-11

Author/Sponsor: Commissioner Quick

Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Jones, Santos, and Cureton

Date of Introduction: 06/01/2020

Date of Final Passage: __/__/__

Background information:

- The City is currently sheltering in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning that youth are confined to their homes and unable to go to school or to outside programs in person;¹
- Not all schools, and especially not all youth educational and recreational programs, have been or are able to switch to at-distance learning, for logistical and financial reasons;
- Notably, as of April 1, 2020, only a total of 136 of the 446 programs that DCYF currently funds were still operating, that is, only about 30%;
- Additionally, a survey of a broad range of DCYF service providers² found that 67.9% of 28 programs had reduced direct service programming, while 21.4% had somewhat reduced direct service programming, and according to the same survey, 51.9% of 27 agencies reported incurring increased, unexpected costs due to COVID-19, related to the costs of working from home, additional cleaning, acquiring personal protective equipment, or providing emergency support for clients;
- While DCYF is providing trainings for providers on how to do at-distance learning, this does not look like it will result in the resumption of all activities, and in any cases, many youth do not have consistent access to online resources from home, or may struggle with at-distance learning as a pedagogical medium;
- Nonetheless, the need for educational *and* recreational programming for youth has never been higher, given the negative impacts this is having on youth mental health (see [UK study](#),³ along with anecdotal evidence from SF youth);
- **The City must keep in mind that the effects of the pandemic, both in terms of public health and in terms of economic impact, have been felt hardest in historically and currently underserved communities, specifically Black, Indigenous and Latinx communities, with the highest concentrations of cases in the Japantown, Tenderloin, SoMa, Mission, Potrero Hill, Bayview Hunter's Points, Excelsior and Outer Mission as of June 12, 2020⁴;**
- Additionally, the City needs to be particularly attentive to the vulnerability of the incarcerated and unhoused youth populations during this time (**the resolution**

¹ See the [original](#) and [updated](#) City-issued Shelter in Place Orders, as well as the State-issued [Stay at Home Order](#)

² Published on April 15, 2020 by the Service Providers Working Group, including responses from 28 programs from 27 unique agencies, see [here](#) for full report on survey results.

³ Conducted between March 20 and 25, 2020 by the UK youth mental health charity Young Minds with 2,111 young people with a history of mental health needs

⁴ Data from the City's COVID-19 Data Tracker, [Map of Confirmed Cases and Deaths](#), retrieved June 12, 2020

incorporates data shared with the Youth Commission by Larkin Street Youth Services, one of the main service providers for youth experiencing homelessness), as well as to youth who may not be safe at home (including, but not limited to LGBTQ+ youth, and victims of domestic abuse and violence, who are seeing COVID-19 cited as a condition of abuse^{5 6}) and undocumented youth and children of undocumented parents, who will largely not receive support from the federal government's economic stimulus legislation.

Budget background:

- According to the [latest numbers](#),⁷ the City is projected to have a combined budget shortfall of between \$1.1 billion and \$1.7 billion over the next two fiscal years (that's between \$167 million to \$287 million for the rest of this fiscal year, between \$528 million and \$779 million for FY 2020-21 and \$444 million and \$612 million for FY 2021-22);
- **The Mayor has requested that departments cut their budgets by 10% in FY 2020-2021 with an additional 5% contingency cut in FY 2021-2022 to offset revenue loss and balance the budget as required by law;**⁸
- An anticipated recession (or possibly even depression) would hit youth hardest, and the City should not be cutting programs for those who will need them most;
- Furthermore, as a deeply affected population, youth should have a seat at the table at the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force, convened by the Mayor and President of the Board of Supervisors, and on any other bodies tasked with shaping how the City responds to this economic crisis.

Resolved clauses, stating that the Youth Commission:

- 1) **"declares and affirms its full support for the local and statewide Shelter in Place and Stay at Home Orders** and such other measures that public health officials have deemed necessary to save lives, especially of vulnerable populations such as seniors and those with underlying conditions;"
- 2) "urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to **direct departments serving youth to increase at-distance programming for youth**—educational and recreational—for the duration of the Shelter in Place Order, with the object of making such programming accessible to all youth in San Francisco;"
- 3) "urges the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District and the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco to provide **educational assistance for students who are at placed at a disadvantage by the Shelter in Place Order**, such as those who may not graduate on time, those struggling with online school as a learning medium, and those do not have access to virtual devices;"

⁵ Horowitz, David Mamaril. "[Lockdown making it harder for domestic violence victims to get help.](#)" *San Francisco Examiner*, March 22, 2020

⁶ Sandler, Rachel. "[Domestic Violence Hotline Reports Surge In Coronavirus-Related Calls As Shelter-In-Place Leads To Isolation, Abuse.](#)" *Forbes*, April 6, 2020

⁷ Budget Outlook Update (March 2020 Joint Report) by the City Controller, Mayor's Budget Director, and Board of Supervisors Budget and Legislative Analyst

⁸ Joshua Sabatini. "[Breed orders departments to make 15 percent budget cuts to close deficit.](#)" *San Francisco Examiner*, May 20, 2020

- 4) “urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to **not cut funding for youth-oriented services and programs** in response to an anticipated budget shortfall;”
- 5) “urges the City, SFUSD, and CCSF to center the needs of Black communities, in particular those of Black youth, to not cut programs and funding that serve those communities, and to increase funding for ethnic studies programs and restorative practice programs in schools, especially for communities experiencing disproportionate rates of violence and/or trauma;”
- 6) “recommends that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors instead enact **immediate cost-saving measures by permanently closing the Youth Guidance Center⁹ and County Jail Number 4¹⁰**, freezing planned increases in the number of sworn peace officers employed by City departments, **halting the purchase of additional law enforcement equipment, eliminating law enforcement personnel and equipment from SFMTA fare enforcement and homelessness response protocols**, and otherwise reconsidering the portion of the City’s budget devoted to policing;”^{11 12}
- 7) “requests that **one or more representative(s) of the Commission**, to be designated by an internal process, **be appointed to all committees, advisory bodies, and taskforces created to make recommendations and take action directing the City’s response to the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic**, and that such representative(s) have all the same powers and duties of other members of such committees, advisory bodies, and taskforces;”
- 8) “urges SFUSD and CCSF to prioritize youth leadership in co-designing and co-shaping fall school reopening plans, and to ensure that schools do not reopen until all communities are safe, and schools are equipped with health and hygiene measures, masks, sanitization, and proper social distancing protocols;”
- 9) “urges the City to provide **logistical and financial aid** to outside non-profit organizations providing assistance **to undocumented workers who do not qualify for federal assistance and their families;**”
- 10) “urges the City to **immediately house all youth experiencing homelessness** in a dignified manner and **release all remaining incarcerated youth** into their communities, making sure that all released youth receive full reentry support and services;”
- 11) “urges the City to **work with community based organizations that work with unhoused youth and youth experiencing homelessness, especially service providers**, to meet the increased needs both of those youth and of service providers, **particularly with respect to mental health services and shelter;**”

⁹ Approximately \$18.2 million in savings in each fiscal year, amounting to \$36.4 cumulatively over FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022, see the [2019 Mayor’s Proposed Budget](#) p.251

¹⁰ Approximately \$24.7 million in savings in each fiscal year, amounting to \$49.5 million cumulatively over FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022, see the [October 17, 2019 BLA’s Policy Analysis Report](#) p. 2

¹¹ A possible \$17 million in savings by halting the planned hiring of more SFPD staff in FY 2020-2021, as laid out in the [FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 Salary Ordinance](#)

¹² Not including the elimination of additional law enforcement equipment, fare evasion and homelessness response duties, these proposed savings total a minimum of \$102.9 million over the combined period of FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022

- 12) “urges the City to provide **increased resources for youth who may not be safe at home, especially victims of domestic abuse and violence**, in the form of remote counseling, guidance, and support to move into a safe environment if necessary;”
- 13) “urges the City to increase resources for pandemic response in marginalized communities, that have been and are most impacted by COVID-19, notably Black and Indigenous communities;”
- 14) “urges the City to **maintain consistency across all services and programs made available to youth** for the duration of the Shelter in Place Order **as well as when the City is able to transition back to normal** operating conditions.”

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-11

1 [Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic]

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3 **Resolution urging the City to take various actions to support vulnerable youth during**
4 **the COVID-19 Pandemic, to increase at-distance programming for youth in San**
5 **Francisco and to not cut funding for youth-oriented services and programs,**
6 **recommending certain cuts to departments’ budgets, and requesting Youth**
7 **Commission representation on bodies created to respond to the economic and social**
8 **effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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10 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization described COVID-19,
11 an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus, a term designating
12 a family of viruses known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to
13 more severe diseases, as a pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, Since March 16, 2020, the City and County of San Francisco (“the City”)
15 has implemented various iterations of a Shelter in Place order, requiring individuals and
16 families to practice social distancing and stay at home as much as possible to limit the spread
17 of the virus; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of California followed suit on March 19, 2020, and both the City
19 and State are currently undergoing a phased reopening, which however is not anticipated to
20 result in an end to Shelter in Place restrictions for a significant period of time; and

21 ~~WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and~~
22 ~~County of San Francisco (“the City”), along with five neighboring Bay Area Counties and the~~
23 ~~City of Berkeley, issued a Shelter in Place Order, on file with the Department of Public Health~~
24 ~~in File No. C19-07, Order of the Public Health Officer, requiring residents of San Francisco to~~
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1 stay at home except to perform essential activities, as specified, from March 17, 2020 through
2 April 7, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Stay at
4 Home Order, on file with the Executive Department of the State of California as Executive
5 Order N-33-20, mirroring the aforementioned Shelter in Place Order issued by the City; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 31, 2020, the City issued a supplemental order, on file with the
7 Department of Public Health in File No. C19-07b, Order of the Public Health Officer, tightening
8 and extending the aforementioned Shelter in Place restrictions through May 3, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, These successive orders have resulted in the closing of all schools, many
10 daycare programs, and many after-school and community based programs serving youth in
11 San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau, 13.4 percent of the
13 population of San Francisco are persons under 18 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, The youth population of San Francisco includes all of these persons as
15 well as Transitional Age Youth, aged 18 through 25, who are not counted as a separate
16 category in population surveys; and

17 WHEREAS, While the federal government of the United States ("US") has passed
18 legislation to send stimulus checks of up to \$1,200 to most US taxpayers, most
19 undocumented immigrants will not receive this economic support; and

20 WHEREAS, Undocumented youth, and the children of undocumented parents, will
21 therefore not receive the same level of economic support from the federal government as
22 other youth and their families; and

23 WHEREAS, The effects of the pandemic, both in terms of public health and in terms of
24 economic impact, have been felt hardest in historically and currently underserved
25 communities, specifically Black, Indigenous and Latinx communities, with the highest

1 concentrations of cases in the Japantown, Tenderloin, South of Market, Mission, Potrero Hill,
2 Bayview Hunter’s Points, Excelsior and Outer Mission neighborhoods as of June 12, 2020;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Furthermore, youth who are currently unsheltered, unhoused, and/or
5 incarcerated are especially vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus due to those circumstances; and

6 WHEREAS, According to data from Larkin Street Youth Services (“Larkin”), one of the
7 City’s main service providers for youth experiencing homelessness, as of June 12, 2020,
8 COVID-19 and the Shelter in Place Order have had significant impacts on the provision of
9 services for youth experiencing homelessness; and

10 WHEREAS, Notably, Larkin has seen an increase in incident reports related to mental
11 health, suicide ideation, and challenging behaviors related to substance use and mental
12 health symptoms among clients, and a 66% increase in monthly referrals to their behavioral
13 health team; and

14 WHEREAS, Larkin reports that while the number of drop-ins has remained consistent
15 through the progression of the pandemic and implementation of the Shelter in Place Order,
16 the corresponding needs are heightened, including but not limited to showers and services for
17 stress and anxiety; and

18 WHEREAS, Larkin reports that about 40% of their housed clients have either lost a job
19 (1/3 of those impacted) or lost hours (2/3 of those impacted), that having limited staff due to
20 the current situation hinders their capacity to provide in person one-on-one employment
21 services to clients, and that clients having inconsistent contact information due to difficulties in
22 compliance with the Shelter in Place Order makes it difficult to contact Office of Economic and
23 Workforce Development/Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act clients for follow up and
24 employment status; and

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1 WHEREAS, Shelter capacity is reduced due to the necessity of social distancing, with
2 Larkin’s Diamond Youth Shelter at 50% capacity and Lark-Inn at 25% occupancy, along with a
3 dramatic increase in the number of clients housed through emergency housing vouchers; and

4 WHEREAS, Additionally ~~In particular~~, the incarcerated population is currently at greater
5 risk of contracting COVID-19, as City, State and Federal leaders have ~~so far refused to make~~
6 not made or been slow to make significant adjustments, including closing jails and prisons, to
7 allow for social distancing; and

8 WHEREAS, The ~~housed~~ youth population is now cut off both from in-person interaction
9 with support systems such as friends and colleagues, and from in-person educational and
10 recreational resources that are usually available to ~~youth~~; and

11 WHEREAS, Not all schools ~~so far have been~~ were able to promptly switch to at-
12 distance learning, meaning that youth ~~are~~ were not interacting on a regular basis with their
13 teachers and peers, even in virtual spaces; and

14 WHEREAS, Many students are ~~at placed at a disadvantaged by~~ due to the Shelter in
15 Place Order, such as those who may not be able to graduate school on time, those struggling
16 with online school as a learning medium, and those do not have access to virtual devices; and

17 WHEREAS, Additionally, some youth, especially LGBTQ+ youth and victims of
18 domestic violence, may not be in a safe environment when confined to their homes; and

19 WHEREAS, Various hotlines for victims of domestic abuse and violence in San
20 Francisco, such as the Asian Women’s Shelter and WOMAN., Inc, have seen an increase in
21 calls since the implementation of the Shelter in Place Order, following a nationwide trend
22 showing that as of April 6, 2020, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has received well
23 over 2,000 calls in which COVID-19 was cited as a condition of abuse; and

24 WHEREAS, The Department of Children Youth and their Families (“DCYF”), which
25 contracts outside organizations as service providers for educational and recreational services

1 and programs for youth and families in San Francisco, currently funds approximately 446
2 programs; and

3 WHEREAS, As of April 1, 2020, 11 of those programs remained open and 125
4 programs were operating remotely, for a total of only 136, that is 30 percent, of programs
5 continuing to serve youth; and

6 WHEREAS, According to a Service Providers Working Group survey of 28 programs
7 from 27 unique agencies providing a broad range of services funded by DCYF published on
8 April 15, 2020, 67.9% of the 28 programs had reduced direct service programming, while
9 21.4% had somewhat reduced direct service programming; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the same survey, 51.9% of 27 agencies reported incurring
11 increased, unexpected costs due to COVID-19, related to the costs of working from home,
12 additional cleaning, acquiring personal protective equipment, or providing emergency support
13 for clients; and

14 WHEREAS, While DCYF is providing trainings for their service providers on how to
15 implement at-distance learning, it is clear that the department and its service providers are so
16 far unable to maintain the same level of service provision during this time of uncertainty for
17 youth, workers, and the City; and

18 WHEREAS, On March 31, 2020, the City Controller, Mayor's Budget Director, and
19 Board of Supervisors Budget and Legislative Analyst released a Joint Budget Outlook Update
20 Report estimating a combined budget shortfall of between \$1.1 billion and \$1.7 billion over the
21 next two fiscal years (FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022), including losses compared to
22 estimated revenue during the remaining span of the current fiscal year (FY 2019-2020); and

23 WHEREAS, The Mayor has requested that departments cut their budgets by 10% in
24 FY 2020-2021 with an additional 5% contingency cut in FY 2021-2022 to offset revenue loss
25 and balance the budget as required by law; and

1 WHEREAS, However, it is just as clear that the need for at-distance programs that
2 engage youth on an educational as well as recreational basis has never been higher; and

3 WHEREAS, A survey of United Kingdom (“UK”) youth, who ~~are currently~~ have been
4 under comparable restrictions as San Francisco youth, by the UK youth mental health charity
5 Young Minds showed that 83 percent of respondents agreed that the coronavirus pandemic
6 had made their mental health worse, with 32 percent saying it had made their mental health
7 “much worse”; and

8 WHEREAS, The same survey, which was conducted between March 20, 2020, the day
9 on which UK schools closed to most students, and March 25, 2020, when further restrictive
10 measures had been put in place in the UK, also showed that 66 percent of respondents
11 agreed that watching or reading the news was unhelpful for their mental health; and

12 WHEREAS, Anecdotal evidence Youth Commissioners have heard from friends,
13 contacts, and constituents paints a similar picture among San Francisco youth; and

14 WHEREAS, While continuing to aggressively respond to the ongoing public health
15 crisis, the City still has an obligation to serve the unmet needs of San Francisco youth,
16 especially given the direct negative impact on the social, mental, and economic wellbeing of
17 San Francisco youth ~~engendered by this crisis~~ has caused; and

18 WHEREAS, The City should not leave youth to solve these issues on their own, but
19 should systematically treat the preservation their social, mental, and economic wellbeing as a
20 key part of its response to the state of emergency it is currently in; and

21 WHEREAS, On the other hand, there are many programs currently in the City’s budget,
22 enumerated below, which either fail to serve a meaningful purpose, or even directly harm the
23 wellbeing of San Francisco youth; and

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1 WHEREAS, While the Youth Commission recognizes that balancing the budget in this
2 time of crisis and increased need will be a difficult task, it will also be a measure of the City’s
3 values in the choices made to preserve or eliminate youth services and programs; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor and President of the Board of Supervisors have convened a
5 COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force to elaborate solutions to the socioeconomic crisis
6 caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

7 WHEREAS, It is also a measure of the City’s values the extent to which City leaders
8 solicit and listen to the input of young people in shaping how the City responds to this
9 economic crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, The City should not let San Francisco’s youth pay for this crisis, either in
11 their health, both physical and mental, or in their economic futures, or in their ability to make
12 themselves heard when they are at their most vulnerable; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission declares and affirms its full support for the
14 local and statewide Shelter in Place and Stay at Home Orders ~~and such other measures that~~
15 ~~public health officials have deemed~~ as necessary to save lives, especially of vulnerable
16 populations such as seniors and those with underlying conditions; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of
18 Supervisors to direct departments serving youth to increase at-distance programming for
19 youth—educational and recreational—for the duration of the Shelter in Place Order, with the
20 object of making such programming accessible to all youth in San Francisco; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Education of
22 the San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD”) and the Board of Trustees of City
23 College of San Francisco (“CCSF”) to provide educational assistance for students who are at
24 placed at a disadvantage by the Shelter in Place Order, such as those who may not graduate
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1 on time, those struggling with online school as a learning medium, and those do not have
2 access to virtual devices; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of
4 Supervisors to not cut funding for youth-oriented services and programs in response to an
5 ~~anticipated~~ the current budget shortfall; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City, SFUSD, and
7 CCSF to center the needs of Black communities, in particular those of Black youth, to not cut
8 programs and funding that serve those communities, and to increase funding for ethnic
9 studies programs and restorative practice programs in schools, especially for communities
10 experiencing disproportionate rates of violence and/or trauma; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission recommends that the Mayor and
12 Board of Supervisors instead enact immediate cost-saving measures by permanently closing
13 the Youth Guidance Center and County Jail Number 4, ~~and by~~ freezing planned increases in
14 the number of sworn peace officers employed by City departments, halting the purchase of
15 additional law enforcement equipment, eliminating law enforcement personnel and equipment
16 from SFMTA fare enforcement and homelessness response protocols, and otherwise
17 reconsidering the portion of the City's budget devoted to policing; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission requests that one or more
19 representative(s) of the Commission, to be designated by an internal process, be appointed to
20 all committees, advisory bodies, and taskforces created to make recommendations and take
21 action directing the City's response to the economic and social effects of the COVID-19
22 pandemic, and that such representative(s) have all the same powers and duties of other
23 members of such committees, advisory bodies, and taskforces; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFUSD and CCSF to
25 prioritize youth leadership in co-designing and co-shaping fall school reopening plans, and to

1 ensure that schools do not reopen until all communities are safe, and schools are equipped
2 with health and hygiene measures, masks, sanitization, and proper social distancing
3 protocols; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to provide logistical
5 and financial aid to outside non-profit organizations providing assistance to undocumented
6 workers who do not qualify for federal assistance and their families; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to immediately
8 house all youth experiencing homelessness in a dignified manner and release all remaining
9 incarcerated youth into their communities, making sure that all released youth receive full
10 reentry support and services; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to work with
12 community based organizations that work with unhoused youth and youth experiencing
13 homelessness, especially service providers, to meet the increased needs both of those youth
14 and of service providers, particularly with respect to mental health services and shelter; and,
15 be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to provide
17 increased resources for youth who may not be safe at home, especially victims of domestic
18 abuse and violence, in the form of remote counseling, guidance, and support to move into a
19 safe environment if necessary; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to increase
21 resources for pandemic response in marginalized communities, that have been and are most
22 impacted by COVID-19, notably Black and Indigenous communities; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to maintain
24 consistency across all services and programs made available to youth for the duration of the
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1 Shelter in Place Order as well as when the City is able to transition back to normal operating
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