



# San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, June 1st, 2020

5:45 pm-8:45 pm

**Public Comment Call-in:**

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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. March 2nd, 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.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)
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  
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## **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)
- B. [Inform] Updated Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority Timeline for FY 20-21, 21-22  
Presenters: Staff  
(Document E)
- D. [First reading] Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 20-21, 21-22  
Presenters: All committee chairs
- E. [Inform] YC Application & Reappointment Process  
Presenters: Staff

## **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, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

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

Chair Cheung called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. There is quorum. Commissioner Santos is absent. There is no public comment. Motion to excuse Commissioner Santos’ absence, by Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. February 18th, 2020

[\(Document A\)](#)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Dong. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

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



A. [Inform + Decision] TeenTechSF: STEM Inclusivity Summit 2020  
Presenters: Shavonne Hines-Foster, Forum Co-Chair, Communications Team, and Colton Lum,  
Finance Chair  
(Document B)

TeenTechSF is presenting first as Director Tumlin is waiting for the staff person to come with a presentation.

Shavonne Hines-Foster, Forum Co-Chair, Communications Team, and Colton Lum, Finance Chair introduce themselves.

They are here to request SFYC support for their mission and the TeenTechSF STEM inclusivity forum on April 11, 2020. Please see slides from agenda packet on March 2, 2020

In 6<sup>th</sup> year and each year connect 2000 students in the bay area.

Many youth are isolated from opportunities that tech provides and strive to engage more youth to be comfortable with coding and other resources. All TeenTech SF activities are organized and led by teens.

Many youth who attend their conferences do not have access to tech companies or to decrease the digital divide.

Having events youth led makes it less intimidating.

D6, 9, 10, 11 are districts they are focused on again to be a part of their teams and in attendance at their events.

Data shows that AA and Latinx has dramatically declined in STEM programs.

Looked at districts in SF with lower incomes and high risk youth and most of these are in 6,9, 11 districts and that their events and conferences are welcoming and affirmative of marginalized agendas.

Have funding for transportation to the event and will provide food for participants.

Focus on opportunity, diversity, and inclusivity and provide opportunities for youth to have access to STEM and tech. Hope to encourage coding and careers in tech and provide new opportunities for youth.

Venue: College Track in D10, keynote is Sheryl Davis, received funding from YFYI.

Requests from YC:



- Endorse and support mission and activities
- List events on the YC calendar
- Help with outreach to orgs and schools
- Help with planning and development forum on April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Come to planning meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-2 at the Mix
  - Attend the forum

Q&A:

Commissioner Versace: In slide 6, when you say you connect youth to opportunities across the Bay Area, what kind of opportunities?

Shavonne: when we say opportunities, we mean our events and networking opportunities

Commissioner Jones: How do you all plan to target the communities you mentioned?

Shavonne: reaching out to Community Orgs and go to places in the community and hosting their events where they are trying to target particular communities. Communications team: eventbrites, be in areas where youth are at so easy access to the event.

Commissioner Quick: we all understand divide and the gap in the tech industry especially with marginalized communities, so when talking about networking opportunities with big tech companies, what is the level of engagement and responsiveness that you get from the tech companies? Are they open/actively seeking or do they do it for show?

Shavonne: it's not for show and they send a representative to interact with the youth and they are taking out time to interact with the youth. Feels like a pretty good response from them.

Commissioner Jones: but how often are young people being pushed into opportunities, how is this being tracked?

Shavonne: No they are not tracking it but they are offering exposing them to leaders and opportunities to learn about.

Commissioner Jones: so have internships taken place because of this?

Shavonne: Yes, some.

Commissioner Jones: so would you say that's likely or not likely?

Shavonne: It's based on the youth networking and following up. They don't have control over that. 5-10 kids get internships, roughly, but we don't have a way to know.

Commissioner Jones: trying to get a feel for how many would walk away with some offer.



Commissioner Versace: you mention you like having tech leaders to come and speak but you mentioned it's Sheryl Davis, who are the tech speakers?

Shavonne: Didn't include the tech leaders but they will have a tech panel (from LinkedIn, Google home, and Girls who Code, Black Girls Who Code, etc.)

Commissioner Cureton: cosponsored this last year, and going over asks. Endorsing and outreach is cool, but for SFUSD schools we aren't the best resource for that but could do outreach.

Shavonne: Hack a thon: grab students all over CA and find a tech solution to problems facing youth.

Commissioner Hylton: what you do is cool. Going to schools what are your plans for this?

Shavonne: Last year I went to SF International and now I'm going to College Track which connects 10+ schools and think this is a hub for a lot of schools.

Commissioner Jones: can we commit to something in October?

Commissioner Cureton: YC – not really since it's a new term should come back in the new term. Maybe this is something we can be in contact with you in July/August.

Shavonne: if you can't do the october one, please support with the April summit. We can keep in contact about the hack-a-thon.

Commissioner Dong: says work with YCers to translate YC priorities and is it a conflict of interest for sarah cheung?

Commissioner Quick: no because there is no money involved.

Commissioner Versace: What ideas have been generated by youth at the hack-a-thon?

Shavonne: our 2019 civic hack-a-thon, our winners created an app to help students during school shootings. College Eats encourages affordable eating for college students.

Commissioner Cheung reiterated the requests for endorsements:

- endorse the STEM 2020 Forum
- outreach
- mission

No public comment. Commissioner Cureton motions to support the mission of Teentech SF and cosponsor 2020 TeenTech Inclusivity Forum, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.





B. [Input + Discussion] SFMTA Budget for FY 2021-2022  
Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Civic Edge Consulting

Peter is not presenting, SFMTA Director Jeff Tumlin and Jonathon R. SFMTA staff are presenting. Here to discuss SFMTA's 2 year budget.

Key indicators are in decline for SFMTA, for many reasons. We are in a peak economy, jobs are available in SF and San Mateo county. Only 400 housing units. Puts pressure on this region and transportation. Increased driving – increased congestion – decreased transit performance – reduced transit ridership.

SFMTA has done work and success especially with vision zero and muni forward, particularly in corridor focus. San Bruno avenue, Fulton ST, Turk ST, etc. and have prioritized movement of people vs. vehicles. Significant increases in ridership and especially with 5 and 5R.

Looking at learning from the problems that are forced on them from the outside. Want to prioritize people over vehicles, improve passenger comfort, increase safety from injuries, parking, supporting CTA efforts, invest in own agency and dealing with HR problems that has resulted in 1000 vacancies in the department.

Confronting cultural obstacles: agreement on overall goals, but deep disagreement on details, ongoing staffing shortage exacerbated by strong economy and affordability crisis, general misunderstanding of issues such as bunching and congestion.

Challenges and initiatives: Johnathan R.

Going to different commissions, open house for the public, to solicit people's feedback before going to the board March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Common Customer Frustrations: safety, transit, driving, service and public trust.

Proposals: advancing vision zero, capital funding of projects and programs

Prop D RideShare business Tax

Vision Zero Education Programs, further invest on this and on education relating to behavior

Parking Enforcement Options

Multi Tiered Approach: contract security, capital improvements, munit transit assistance program, staff training, SFPD partnership

Muni Transit assistance Program (MTAP) – increase staffing



Strategic Initiatives: ongoing operator hiring and training, increased supervision, congestion relief, subway enhancements, revamped customer information, enhanced security, vacancy reduction

Jonathan reviewed, in detail, strategic initiatives.

Service Expansion Priorities: connectivity/travel time, school services and crowding, support for existing service

All of the above is what people have asked them to do.

Long term financial objectives: financial sustainability and economic resilience.

Revenue Based projection 1209M, expenditures – adjusted based.

5 year capital program

157 projects, 2.5 Billion investment (down from 3.4 billion FY 2017-21)

If there was a downturn (recession) they would lose 200M\$. Very reliant on the economy and would impact the services.

Transportation funding efforts and opportunities: bonds, props, community benefit district, federal and state grants. Prop K sales tax reauthorization, +1/4 cent sales tax, congestion pricing.

Operating budget financial proposals: cost of all proposals is 69 and 90 M. Trying to raise revenue and keep the agency delivering what it has in the past.

Parking options: extending parking rates, fare options (minimal cost/revenue impact)

Standard inflation and cost of labor for MTA (index up period so everyone's salaries costs went up): supporting fare equity

Fare options cost anywhere from \$1-8M

Big ideas aligned with our transportation goals

Budget next steps: they are in their outreach process right now. Have done public forums, tomorrow will discuss fines and permit fees, big open house on March 11<sup>th</sup>, all feedback they hear will be integrated into the full budget proposal on March 17<sup>th</sup>

Q&A:

Commissioner Hirji: thanks for showing up. Free passes for students in city cars and expand free muni to all kids...would the intro of city college passs...HLU is advocating for Free Muni be expanded so could there be an expansion alongside with city college/TAY or this not on the table?



Answer: YC could suggest a definition of ages. These are not proposals but ideas and if they were to find money they would have to cut somewhere else.

Commissioner Dong: services that are near schools. Noticed that there would be more plans but could you expand on that right now what's going on? A plan for 29Sunset that impacts youth and is the longest route of daytime and most unreliability.

Answer: Would like to move forward on the 29Rapid idea to expand capacity and to make travel time more reliable. Can't fund that without closing deficit and adding new revenue

Commissioner Alameri: how would you go about finding stops for 29R? Would you keep in mind the school stops?

Answer: Yes, they would be priority stops and have policies on how to pick/choose stops between schools. There are standards and vary depending on equity, topography, etc.

Commissioner Ty: SFMTA seems like you are putting effort into policing youth and how does FMTA improve the services of muni?

Answer: SFMTA is very separate from fare enforcement/policing. All members are community members and are NOT enforcement officers and aren't there to inspect fares, they are there to support the community and to start conversations and civic behavior. They are there to welcome everyone, especially children and youth. Customer service present...community response unit. Have been positive on the response they've received.

Commissioner Alameri: has there been conversation on getting SFMTA to do some surveys with the impacted lines, especially those that youth ride.

Answer: Yes, they are there to engage and to pass along suggestions for what they hear from the passengers.

Commissioner Asfaw: re: policing youth specifically on strengthening SFPD partnership what does this look like?

Answer: Enforcement of the fare rules and police presence so people feel safe. Sometimes this is at night, or to help support the operator. Meant to have police available and so riders feel safe and comfortable. Making sure the officers are available when they are needed and responsive. It's a safety element.

Commissioner Quick: had discussion on section of the fines and fees portion of the transportation code where there is differentiation for fare infraction for fare officer and infraction

for SFPD, wants to clarify on this but believes there is something on the code that SFPD could be enforcing fairs.



Answer: SFPD chooses not to enforce them but thinks it's an authorization but typically it's fare inspector. MTAP supports customers, fare inspectors to inspect fares, SFPD for safety.

Commissioner Quick: have heard from others about people driving down market and it not being enforced now that it's no cars on market. Who is enforcing this?

Answer: Split is between SFMTA and SFPD. SFMTA is for those that don't involve movement and if it does, then it's SFPD which has already issued 1000 citations. SFPD can't be out there all the time every day. Lower level than expected on those who are driving on it now. Tolerable level of not following the rules and finding the balance. Trying to figure out limited resources and do the best for the higher good.

Commissioner Quick: would rather see SFPD enforce market than the other things they do.

Commissioner Hirji: you talked about Alice in Wonderland aspect that the public is not educated about difficulties of SFMTA, many Lowell students took initiative and got this off the ground, is SFMTA acting on integrating youth or CCSF students who are interested in advocating improvements of 29, and how youth could be involved? Is there outreach to schools, libraries, etc.?

Answer: Doing continual outreach mainly in corridor places. Very eager to hear YC advice. Try to encourage more than the usual suspects. You are all not aware of the power you have when you show up and frame things in the right way.

Commissioner Jones: 1) is it SFMTA who puts up street cleaning signs?

Answer: No, it's DPW but we give the tickets.

Commissioner Jones: 2) Free Muni and expanding that, how do people get the tickets and how do they assess who is a youth?

Answer: Been a difficult issue to deal with. This has come up in fare discussion at the MTA board and in public meetings and because it's so difficult to make the determination the inspectors aren't supposed to ask for your id. Have been told you should trust people. Maybe they should set up a system for SFers to behave responsibility and trust that you are and get the pass. Today's program they work with schools district for those who are eligible via low and free lunch program and outreach to those so technically there are a number for those who are eligible. So technically if you don't have the clipper card that's how they base this.

Commissioner Hylton: YC did some work on a resolution on this, many youth aren't signed up and this causes a problem for citations and then can't pay. Have also heard that outreach and application is really adding a layer and is inaccessible for youth. One suggestion-make it so that you qualify for free lunch you are automatically guaranteed free muni.



Commissioner Versace: How do you square the equity issue and rising fares? Without new revenue they would have to cut muni services to not increase fares. How to target the subsidy.

Commissioner Versace: how long would it take to outreach to the youth who don't have the pass? Trying to simplify the process to get it in their hands. Priority for youth, seniors, and low income programs.

Answer: Cost of services have increased and SFTMA is also not happy about this. Cost of not increasing fares means cutting service. Or find a new source of revenue just to hold steady.

Commissioner Quick: have presented to BOS to not increase your fares and it's clear that BOS doesn't want you to increase fares so if they ask you not to do that would that mean you would talk to them to help raise revenue and would this be productive?

Answer: Starting the conversation with BOS and ways to close the deficit and to raise money to improve service for SF to function. It's a big gap. Tension on BOS for those who want to keep fares discounted and raise money and help to steer conversations in a productive way.

Commissioner Asfaw: still doesn't understand police issues. So you're saying that SFPD doesn't have the right but they could. Every time she's seen a ticket given it was by SFPD.

Answers: SFPD does have the right to ticket but not to enforce the fares. The position of SFPD is that they don't want to do that. However, fare inspectors could have a police officer with them.

SFMTA is one of the top 10 transportation agencies. Don't have our own independence police force and created inspector program so to de escalate interaction with SFPD. Also made it decrease from criminal act to administrative. Objective is not to punish people but to continue to get fares. Want operators to feel safe as many situations involve assaulting bus drivers.

Commissioner Asfaw: so when you have officers do you want them to protect the operators or to catch fare evaders? She sees them trying to catch fare evaders and not the former.

Answer: Yes, they want to keep operators safe and not the latter. Operators might have requested additional SFPD to protect them and passengers. You are correct – yes we choose to disperse where a number of incidents happen against operators, and will add officers for people to feel safe, but the majority of situations is to keep employees safe and secondarily to be available for fare inspectors.

Commissioner Ginsburg: have witnessed fare evaders get kicked off or have a warning so where's the consistency?

Answer: The protocol is to remove them and to write a citation after the fact. Free muni for youth there is confusion on who is a youth so they might get a warning .

Commissioner Versace: do you have an estimate you think is lost by fare evaders?



Answer: \$20M in lost revenue. Doing a new study now.

Commissioner Versace: what about citations that people have to pay?

Answer: Only get about \$6-7 M back. Many people don't pay.

Commissioner Versace: once fares are increased do you expect people to stop paying?

Answer: Not necessarily, not much difference. Widening gap in income and corresponding sense of unfairness also breeds resentment in people thinking it's inappropriate for people to pay their fares. See housing costs not following rise in jobs and how much rent costs. In the midst of a complex problem.

Commissioner Hirji: lack of visibility of Free Muni for Youth program, and how cumbersome it is to apply, YC recommends for SFMTA to simplify/water down the process to get youth into the program (simpler application form, broader advertising campaign). YC resolution speaks to encouraging SFMTA TFI to give out flyers rather than citations to youth. Also, equity strategy...include routes that serve large amounts of education services that those routes be monitored as KPIs separately and it be a goal/requirement that it shows it meets its requirements and a strategy for implementing the strategy.

Answer: Could look at time periods differently, too vs. typical work. Would love to hear from all of you about key performance indicators and how serving or failing youth.

Commissioner Asfaw: would recommend their own youth advisory board or have youth involvement on the issues impacting them.

Answer: Bayview Community plan and yes should include youth voice in their process. As they come up with major policy they will need to include a group to solicit feedback. Jonathan will make it a personal mission to do this!!

Commissioner Nassiri left at 6:50pm due to fever.

Commissioner Cureton: you made a point to hear youth feedback, who can we contact to give feedback? Also suggested youth friendly time for meetings that are after school hours.

Jeff asked about youth friendly locations.

YC: Yes, near public transportation.

Open House is on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 S. Van Ness in the Atrium. From 4-7pm. Stations on different topics.

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

- A. [Inform + Input] [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-10 Problem Gambling Awareness Month - Youth Problem Gambling Curriculum and Outreach

Sponsor: Commissioner Chan



(Document C)

Commissioner Chan read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Cureton: Any feedback? If planning to pass today can not make substantive changes.

Commissioner Arana: on page 2, line 17 can you change Latinos to Latinx?

Commissioner Hylton: change last resolved clause to Finally resolved

Commissioner Cureton: can we do a Board of Education urge?

Staff: not really but we can put it in there for just having it on the record.

Staff: input a whereas clause that states the language from the first portion is taken from a previous resolution written by the BOS

Commissioner Versace: is NICOS an acronym?

Commissioner Chan: Yes, I can include it in there.

Commissioner Quick: We have to waive bylaws section 9.C paragraph 2 to pass this today.

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick motions to suspend 9.C paragraph 2 pertaining to this resolution only, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

No public comment.

Commissioner Hylton motion to pass resolution with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Chan said it wasn't as hard as writing a resolution as she thought. Encourages other Commissioners to do more.

B. [Inform] Budget and Finance/Budget and Appropriations Committee Presentation Debrief  
Presenter: Chair Cureton

Supervisor Walton wants to work with TJ cmte re: know your rights work



HLU's part was smooth and BOS seemed interested. Mandileman had experience himself of riding the 29R

Commissioner Versace – warm reception for CEC in that 4 out of 5 have endorsed Vote16 and are excited it's moving forward

Commissioner Cureton- Fewer's main qualm was that we didn't have concrete numbers on budget needs so that is something we are working on. Try to get numbers for upcoming terms. Important to get numbers so the BOS can see what to work with.

### C. [Inform] Vote 16 Training & Update

Presenter: CEC and Youth Commission Staff

Commissioners participated in a mini-training to prepare to engage with the community and other stakeholders regarding the Vote16 campaign.

## 7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

### a. Executive Committee

#### a. LAO

nothing to report

#### b. Comms

gearing up for YC open house and application season. Contact Commissioner Chan if you would like to support.

#### c. General Committee Updates

HLU & TJ need to let us know who the moderators are for YAD. HLU: chose Charloz/Jasmine from Ride or Die Team, Noora from Larkin, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Calvin and Sasha for transportation, culture: DeAnthony, Grabiella Alman , Honey from D6 office

### b. Civic Engagement

Met with President Yee, leg sponsor to Vote16 to discuss campaign and finalized community endorse email template, planning stakeholder meeting and town hall

#### c. Housing and Land Use

did YAD discussion and finalized dates for Grand Challenge community workshops. Three dates picked, April 16<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. ConnectSF survey reminder link is in weekly internal. 888 Post was finalized at BOS and Planning Commission

### d. Transformative Justice

social justice conference on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lick Wilmerding, Austin and Rome are going to a conference in North Carolina.

#### e. OCOF

nothing to report.

## 8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)





## 9. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Ty is sitting on panel tomorrow 3/3 along with Mark Leno. Free event and JoJo can give you free tickets and there will be a reception. Will be at the new National LGBTQ Center for the Arts on Valencia St. at 7pm.

Commissioner Quick: D5 Youth Forum on March 14<sup>th</sup> please spread the word and pass out flyers

Commissioner Hylton: Social Justice Conference - opportunity for Vote16 outreach.

Commissioner Jones: Police Commission has a meeting on Wednesday 3/4 and will be considering how they report their data and stats on how it relates to race. Rome can't attend.

Commissioner Cureton: in collaboration with Commissioners Ginsburg, Cheung, and Versace are planning a D4 West Side forum.

## 10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director
Youth Commission

FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board by Victor Young

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter, Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 200477

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee.

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RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ No Comment

\_\_\_ Recommendation Attached

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Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November**  
4 **3, 2020, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths**  
5 **aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections.**

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7 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City  
8 and County, at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, a proposal to amend the Charter of  
9 the City and County by revising Article XVII, to read as follows:

10 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.  
11 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
12 **Deletions** are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.  
13 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter  
14 subsections.

15 **ARTICLE XVII: DEFINITIONS**

16 For all purposes of this Charter, the following terms shall have the meanings specified  
17 below:

18 \* \* \* \*

19 "Elector" shall mean a person registered to vote in the City and County.

20 \* \* \* \*

21 "General municipal election" shall ~~*mean the election for local officials or measures to be*~~  
22 ~~*held in the City and County on the Tuesday immediately following the first Monday in November*~~  
23 ~~*in every year until and including 2015. Thereafter, "general municipal election" shall*~~ mean the  
24 election for local officials or measures to be held in the City and County on the Tuesday  
25 immediately following the first Monday in November in all even-numbered years and in every

1 fourth year following 2015. For the purpose of this definition, "local officials" shall mean the  
2 elected officials identified in Section 13.101.

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4 "Special municipal election" shall mean, in addition to special elections otherwise  
5 required by law, the election called by (1) the Director of Elections under Section 14.101 or  
6 14.103~~with respect to an initiative, referendum or recall~~, and (2) the Board of Supervisors under  
7 Section 13.103 or 14.102~~with respect to bond issues, election of an official not required to be~~  
8 ~~elected at the general municipal election, or an initiative or referendum.~~

9 "Statewide election" shall mean an election held throughout the state.

10 "Voter" shall mean an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state  
11 law, except that for general and special municipal elections, "voter" shall also mean any person  
12 who is at least 16 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with  
13 state law other than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the  
14 Department of Elections.

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
17 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

18 By: /s/ Andrew Shen  
19 ANDREW SHEN  
20 Deputy City Attorney

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## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Charter Amendment - 16- and 17-Year-Olds Voting in Municipal Elections]

**Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections.**

### **Existing Law**

Article XVII of the Charter defines “voter” as “an elector who is registered in accordance with the provisions of state law.” State law provides that voters must be at least 18 years old to vote. See Cal. Const., art. II, § 2 (“A United States citizen 18 years of age and resident in this State may vote.”); Cal. Elec. Code § 2000(b) (“Any person who will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election is eligible to register and vote at that election.”).

### **Amendments to Current Law**

The proposal would amend the Charter’s definition of “voter,” for the purpose of municipal elections, to be “any person who is at least 16 years old, meets all the qualifications for voter registration in accordance with state law other than those provisions that address age, and is registered to vote with the Department of Elections.”

### **Background Information**

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors submitted a Charter amendment to the voters that would have authorized 16 and 17 year olds to vote in municipal elections. See File No. 150267. The measure appeared as Proposition F on the November 8, 2016 ballot, but failed to obtain the voters’ approval.



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**STATE DRAFT:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,

On behalf of the undersigned youth represented in this letter, we are writing to you to request a significant infusion of resources for our state's education in the next stimulus package. Our student-led coalition **Students for Education Equity** include youth-led organizations and youth-led education stakeholders from across California - from student board members to student-led education advocacy organizations. During the COVID-19 crisis, education has served as one of the institutions supporting our most needy students. Teachers and mentors have worked tirelessly to provide safe spaces for their students to learn and engage, as well as provide emotional support for students who may worry about loved ones in this crisis. Our students strongly believe in their right to education, and identify schools as the one bastion of society they remember from before. One student in Southern California believes that the absence of quality schooling has hurt her mental health.

“The coronavirus has had an immense impact on me both physically and mentally. It has been extremely difficult for me to learn and complete work which has caused my grades to drop. Without the escape of school and being able to be outside, my anxiety has increased and being stuck inside with my family members has been very hard on me. Overall, coronavirus has impacted me negatively in several ways, and has made my life much more difficult and challenging than I originally imagined.”

-Iley Wotring, Torrance High School

Students from across the nation value their education and the community established by a school, and so without other forms of activities, classes are essential to improve morale and well-being. Our millions of teachers and students depend on you to fund these vital institutions of America. We appreciated the recent passage (by Congress) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provided \$13.5 billion for public education and represented an important first step. However, this level of funding is not nearly enough to cover the massive revenue decrease caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and not enough to protect future education when facing an imminent recession - especially for such a large state like California.

During this challenging time, we believe it is important to remember our great nation's response to their crisis in prior precedence. In 2009, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided a total of \$100 billion in national education funding, investing in both the state fiscal stabilization fund and categorical programs for public schools such as Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. By comparison, the CARES Act provided \$13.5 billion to directly stabilize public school funding nationwide, which is half of one percent of the total \$2.2 trillion relief. This is just simply not enough money for the California Education System. In the face of an even bigger shortfall, this relief package



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pales in comparison to the ARRA act. Right now, school districts are confronting new unforeseen costs and a significant drop in revenues similar to the 2008 crisis, and we as students worry that the COVID-19 pandemic will prevent sufficient funding to support our educational programs. We know from our experience with the 2008 recession it will take many years for state education budgets to recover. We, as students in the California education system, have already faced the heat of serious budget cuts and inadequate school funding in school districts across CA - and we as students, are some of the primary victims and worst benefactors of such issues.

The COVID-19 pandemic has far exceeded the unemployment rate during the peak of the Great Recession, with 4.7 million people filing for jobless benefits. This is directly impacting students and their families, and thus we are seeing more students with a greater need for school-based support. 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 right now in order to protect a vulnerable and weakening education system. Students in distance learning programs are more likely to succeed with quality lesson plans facilitated by effective technological solutions instead of rudimentary or ludditic technology programs. According to another high school student, technology is the main impediment to continuous learning;

“Our current situation regarding COVID affected me personally more than it did academically. Academic-wise, adjusting to a new learning style with a brand new schedule was not difficult at all because I was able to maintain good time management. I feel [that] the only struggle I have is trying to learn the material for each of my classes through this new learning style. Each Zoom call was not enough [instruction] time so of course I would have to set my own personal time to learn the raw material myself and ask questions as much as I can. Overall, this experience just pushed me to continue my studies in preparation for [end-of-year] exams and eventually it will be all over.”

-Kylamae Repollo, Academy of Medical Arts, Carson Complex

Stabilizing public school funding over the next few years will be critical to our futures and our wellbeing. In order to effectively prepare and support local schools, we urge the California Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to explore the student-proposed solutions below:

- Enact a statewide utility surcharge to generate a new funding source to provide all California students with universal access to a device and internet at home.
- Use funding in our State’s 16 billion dollar Budget Stabilization Account to cushion impacts on a newly revised state education budget.
- Ensure student opinion, student input, student voice, and student perspective is heard and taken into consideration in the use of the \$4.4 billion federal funds for summer school and reopening of school campuses.





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We also request that:

- A state-student taskforce, consisting of chosen student-representatives from across California schools, is created to advise the governor on best uses on the allocations of the State Budget Stabilization Account as well as any additional State stabilization Funding or Stimulus Funding provided for by Congress
- When students return to school in Fall, administrators will need fiscal support in order to protect the health and safety of all California students. We request the use of funds not sourced from Proposition 98, to buy medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), thermometers, and other similar necessities in order to safely transition, Us Students, back to in-person learning.

Lastly, we request the inclusion of new fiscal and scheduling modifications through the 2023-24 school year:

- Allow school districts to quantify average daily attendance (ADA) based on a rolling average from the past 2 or 3 years, instead of allocating funding attendance based on the 2019-20 school year alone, where the ADA was significantly affected by the onset of school closures and new adaptive measures to online learning.
- Provide school districts the ability to still receive money through school funding formulas for absences related to COVID-19, as many students will still not feel comfortable with attending school in-person in fear of transmission.
- Allow students the option of resuming remote, independent studies after the official reopening of schools.
- Revise the maximum and minimum limits on class sizes to ensure students, administrators, staff, school personnel, and educators alike can adequately social distance on campus and in school classrooms.
- Delay the implementation of new curriculum and/or material until the 2022-23 school year so as not to overwhelm educators in these unique and daunting times.
- Ensure school districts have the flexibility to adapt revised school year instructional calendars without penalty, whether that be shortening or lengthening school years; thus done in an effort to create best instructional practices in unique times of learning.

All of our school districts are working hard to ensure every student has the opportunity to continue to learn during this crisis. The State of California must effectively fund these programs supporting technology and connectivity to ensure all children have access to meaningful distance learning, and to ensure no students are left behind.

Districts can use these funds for initiatives preparing for changing schooling, including responding to long-term school closures, purchasing educational technology to support online learning for all students, and meeting the social and emotional needs of our children.



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Once again, thank you for your leadership and continued support and we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and further discuss how the State of California can support student stakeholders and leaders from across our diverse education system.



Youth Reps/Orgs/Leaders:

Adult Allies/Supporters:

Draft Youth Commission Resolution Factsheet: *(updated to March 7, 2020)*  
**Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

File Number: [---]

Author/Sponsor: Commissioner Quick

Co-Sponsors: Commissioners Jones, Santos, and Cureton

Date of Introduction: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

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;<sup>1</sup>
- 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 providers<sup>2</sup> 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](#),<sup>3</sup> along with anecdotal evidence from SF youth);
- Additionally, the City needs to be particularly attentive to the vulnerability of the incarcerated and unhoused youth populations during this time, 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<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>) and undocumented youth and children of undocumented

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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

<sup>4</sup> Horowitz, David Mamaril. ["Lockdown making it harder for domestic violence victims to get help."](#) *San Francisco Examiner*, March 22, 2020

<sup>5</sup> Sandler, Rachel. ["Domestic Violence Hotline Reports Surge In Coronavirus-Related Calls As Shelter-In-Place Leads To Isolation, Abuse."](#) *Forbes*, April 6, 2020

parents, who will largely not receive support from the federal government's economic stimulus legislation.

Budget background:

- According to the [latest numbers](#),<sup>6</sup> 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);
- 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;"
- 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) "recommends that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors instead enact **immediate cost-saving measures by permanently closing the Youth Guidance Center<sup>7</sup> and County Jail Number 4<sup>8</sup>, and by freezing planned increases in the number of sworn peace officers** employed by City departments;"<sup>9 10</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Budget Outlook Update (March 2020 Joint Report) by the City Controller, Mayor's Budget Director, and Board of Supervisors Budget and Legislative Analyst

<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>9</sup> 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](#)

<sup>10</sup> These proposed savings total a minimum of \$102.9 million over the combined period of FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022

- 6) “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;”
- 7) “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;**”
- 8) “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 release youth receive full reentry support and services;”
- 9) “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;”
- 10) “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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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, On March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and  
15 County of San Francisco (“the City”), along with five neighboring Bay Area Counties and the  
16 City of Berkeley, issued a Shelter in Place Order, on file with the Department of Public Health  
17 in File No. C19-07, Order of the Public Health Officer, requiring residents of San Francisco to  
18 stay at home except to perform essential activities, as specified, from March 17, 2020 through  
19 April 7, 2020; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17           WHEREAS, In particular, the incarcerated population is currently at great risk of  
18 contracting COVID-19, as City, State and Federal leaders have so far refused to make  
19 significant adjustments, including closing jails and prisons, to allow for social distancing; and

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

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

1           WHEREAS, Many students are at placed at a disadvantage due to the Shelter in Place  
2 Order, such as those who may not be able to graduate school on time, those struggling with  
3 online school as a learning medium, and those do not have access to virtual devices; and

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

6           WHEREAS, Various hotlines for victims of domestic abuse and violence in San  
7 Francisco, such as the Asian Women’s Shelter and WOMAN., Inc, have seen an increase in  
8 calls since the Shelter in Place Order, following a nationwide trend showing that as of April 6,  
9 2020, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has received well over 2,000 calls in which  
10 COVID-19 was cited as a condition of abuse; and

11           WHEREAS, The Department of Children Youth and their Families (“DCYF”), which  
12 contracts outside organizations as service providers for educational and recreational services  
13 and programs for youth and families in San Francisco, currently funds approximately 446  
14 programs; and

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

18           WHEREAS, According to a Service Providers Working Group survey of 28 programs  
19 from 27 unique agencies providing a broad range of services funded by DCYF published on  
20 April 15, 2020, 67.9% of the 28 programs had reduced direct service programming, while  
21 21.4% had somewhat reduced direct service programming; and

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



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

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

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

12           WHEREAS, A survey of United Kingdom (“UK”) youth, who are currently under  
13 comparable restrictions as San Francisco youth, by the UK youth mental health charity Young  
14 Minds showed that 83 percent of respondents agreed that the coronavirus pandemic had  
15 made their mental health worse, with 32 percent saying it had made their mental health “much  
16 worse”; and

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

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

23           WHEREAS, While continuing to aggressively respond to the ongoing public health  
24 crisis, the City still has an obligation to serve the unmet needs of San Francisco youth,  
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1 especially given the direct negative impact on the social, mental, and economic wellbeing of  
2 San Francisco youth engendered by this crisis; and

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, It is also a measure of the City's values the extent to which City leaders  
16 solicit and listen to the input of young people in shaping how the City responds to this  
17 economic crisis; and

18 WHEREAS, The City should not let San Francisco's youth pay for this crisis, neither in  
19 their health, both physical and mental, nor in their economic futures, nor in their ability to  
20 make themselves heard when they are at their most vulnerable; now, therefore, be it

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

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

5 FURTHER RESOLED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Education of  
6 the San Francisco Unified School District and the Board of Trustees of City College of San  
7 Francisco to provide educational assistance for students who are at placed at a disadvantage  
8 by the Shelter in Place Order, such as those who may not graduate on time, those struggling  
9 with online school as a learning medium, and those do not have access to virtual devices;  
10 and, be it

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

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission recommends that the Mayor and  
15 Board of Supervisors instead enact immediate cost-saving measures by permanently closing  
16 the Youth Guidance Center and County Jail Number 4, and by freezing planned increases in  
17 the number of sworn peace officers employed by City departments; and

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

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

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

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

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

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## BPP TIMELINE (COVID-19 Version)

### Budget and Appropriations Hearing Calendar

**Budget Process for FY 2020-21 – FY 2021-22** The City has delayed its budget process for the two-year budget for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 given the public health emergency. The Mayor's Office has indicated they intend to issue revised budget instructions to departments in May, and per the revised schedule, is required to submit a proposed balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors by August 1st. The Board will review, amend, and adopt that proposed budget by September 30th.

#### **June 1st**-First Reading at full YC

- Process: Committee Vice Chair state their general issue areas and targeted departments/BOS/MO for recommendations into the record
- First reading of Covid 19 Resolution - if needed could approve on first reading
  - Prior to this meeting, all commissioners should have read and given feedback on the resolution BEFORE resolution is heard
- Since we are in unprecedented times, the YC could take the angle of their BPPs as *"what's not being conducted in the city and do we want it to come back?"* How does this impact YC? *Maybe our BPPs are written this way-what shouldn't the city bring back?... We could look at departments, see what they aren't doing , and do they ever need to do it again? How much would the city save? We'll make enemies but we would do a service to the youth!* This is coming directly from Angela.

June 12th-Departments must submit reduced budgets to MO by this date.

#### **June 15th (TBD)**-Second Reading & Possible Approval at full YC

- Process: titles and all recommendations should be stated into the record.
- Can be passed at second reading as long as general recommendations are made and no substantive additions are identified (ex: a whole new priority to focus on or something outside of what was listed in the omnibus resolution)
- Lobby the Mayor's office: Kelly Kirkpatrick, Mayor's Budget Director and let Jenny Lam, Mayor's Education Advisor know YCers are advocating for budget needs
  - *The Mayor has the budget at this point and has more flexibility with the budget. Basically, she has "first bite of the apple" before it goes back to the BOS for their "bite"*
- Lobby BOS members 1:1 (especially those on the Budget and Appropriations Committee first, then branch out): be diligent and consistent with your message and expect non-committal answers. This is normal.
  - *These 1:1s are important to have direct conversations and accountability and to directly ask for support on your budget requests*

- *Create a ONE page document to be clear about your monetary asks and requests, and that also shows if you are building upon or complementing the Budget Justice Coalition asks. Be as concrete as possible with the money and requests*
- *Continue to monitor budget meetings, have YC speak in public comment, continue to implement 1:1 meetings with BOS members*
- *first two weeks of June will be slow, but then last part will pick up FAST*

**JULY 1st BY MIDNIGHT (TBD)**– Completed BPP Report sections due to staff

- *Staff creates BPP report in Canva (aim to have hard copy ready for July budget hearing to BOS)*

**MID JULY (TBD)**– YC present, via a hearing, to the BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee on their BPP report

- *The YC already presented in February but this was focused more on budget requests*
- *This second hearing would focus in on the recommendations the YC has for the BOS/MO/Dept and any updates they have regarding budget requests*
- *Lobby Mayor's Office (before July 31<sup>st</sup>) and BOS members continued:*
  - *Mayor's proposed budget released July 31<sup>st</sup>*
  - *Read the Budget Chair's Full List of Budget Requests*
  - *Read Budget Chair's 1st Proposed Spending Plan*
    - *These documents will show who is asking for what and it identify if anything is missing*

**LATE AUGUST (TBD)**– memo to be sent to BOS/MO/Dept's re: BPP Report

- *Lobby BOS members continued*
  - *Speak in public comment at any hearing that pertains to YC BPP recommendations ([Department Schedule here](#))*
  - *Attend Public Comment Day (August 22 or 24th-long, slow, huge community turn out)*