

1 **Motion [RE: Support for the Latino Task Force Budget Request of \$6 Million for the**
2 **Fiscal Years of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025]**

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

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6 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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RE: Support for the Latino Task Force Budget Request of \$6 Million for the Fiscal Years of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Dear Mayor and Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the requested budget of \$6 million for the Latino Task Force. This budget would ensure that the Latino Task Force can continue providing aid and pertinent resources to the 12,000 low-income and marginalized clients they serve annually, especially since 80% are immigrants and 60% are undocumented San Franciscans. This budget would also serve the low-income and historically marginalized communities of San Francisco that the Latino Task Force serves: Mission, Excelsior, Bayview-Hunters Point, and Visitacion Valley.

The Youth Commission is composed of seventeen youths, between the ages of 12 to 23, who represent the diverse communities of San Francisco. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Youth Commission advises the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San Francisco on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

The Youth Commission's Transformative Justice Committee specifically has a longstanding history of advocating for the needs of TAY (Transitional Aged Youth) and marginalized youth to ensure their voices are being heard and uplifted, as well as that they have the necessary resources available and accessible in their communities. As a result of the Latino Task



Force's basic needs and service navigation, extended education and childcare, employment, and housing opportunities, the Transformative Justice Committee sees how crucial the Latino Task Force is for thousands of low-income and people of color in San Francisco.

In the past two years, the Latino Task Force has provided free, low-barrier after-school academic support; hosted programs during summer, winter, and spring breaks with extended Hours, serving 100% low-income, 40% living in transitional housing/shelters, and 88% of newcomers; offered education enhancements (i.e. ESL and computer skills) for students behind academically; obtained housing through the city's DAHLIA system and provided rent relief for over 200 clients; and placed 69 households in permanent housing.

Thus, the impact that the \$6 million budget proposal would have on youth, specifically transitional-aged youth, marginalized communities, and low-income people, would be trailblazing and continue to have a positive impact on many people.

For all these reasons, the Youth Commission supports the Latino Task Force and its budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal years. We thank the Latino Task Force for its unyielding dedication to being a centralized organization where people, including youth, can receive the resources they need from the city now and, with this funding, for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Emily Nguyen, Chair
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2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission

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