



# San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

*There will be public comment on each item.*

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**
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  - A. February 18th, 2020  
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- 4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
- 5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
  - A. [Input + Discussion] SFMTA Budget for FY 2021-2022  
Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Civic Edge Consulting
  - B. [Inform + Decision] TeenTechSF: STEM Inclusivity Summit 2020  
Presenters: Shavonne Hines-Foster, Forum Co-Chair, Communications Team, and Colton Lum, Finance Chair  
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- 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)
  - B. [Inform] Budget and Finance/Budget and Appropriations Committee Presentation Debrief  
Presenter: Chair Cureton



- C. [Inform] Vote 16 Training & Update  
Presenter: CEC and Youth Commission Staff

## **7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

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

## **8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

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

## **10. Adjournment**

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## San Francisco Youth Commission

### Minutes ~ Draft

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

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

Chair Cureton calls the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Commissioners Alioto-Pier, Arana, Jones, Hylton, Ginsburg are absent. Commissioner Ginsburg notified us yesterday that she will be late. Commissioner Arana and Alioto-Pier gave notice prior to the deadline. Staff present: Itzel, Austin, & Kiely. There is quorum.

Commissioner Santos asked about why people are not here. Commissioner Arana is out of the country, Commissioner Alioto-Pier did not give an explanation. Commissioner Santos noted that this can be an action of accountability. Commissioner Cureton mentioned this came up last year re: mental health issue and family issues and that it might be something people should disclose

Commissioner Jones comes in at 5:02 PM. Commissioner Hylton arrives at 5:04 PM.

There is no public comment. Commissioner Santos motioned to excuse Commissioner Arana’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Nassiri motions to excuse Commissioner Alioto-Pier, seconded by Commissioner Versace.

Commissioner Cheung asked how many absences? Commissioner Alioto-Pier has one excused absence for Full Youth Commission meetings.

Commissioner Cureton notes there is nothing in the bylaws that says we have an explicit reason in the absences and there is a sense of trust. Commissioner Asfaw says it’s not about trust, it’s about accountability. Commissioner Nassiri accountability stated that it is excused at a



reasonable time. Commissioner Jones notes that this is planned - and some reasons could be acceptable. Commissioner Versace notes that this isn't an issue based on her attendance record - this is not an egregious concern and we should accept that this was given notice ahead of time.

Roll call vote on the motion to excuse Commissioner Alioto-Pier's absence:

Aye: Commissioner Cheung, Commissioner Dong, Commissioner Cureton, Commissioner Quick, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Ty, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Santos, Commissioner Nassiri, Commissioner Hylton, Commissioner Versace, Commissioner Asfaw, Commissioner Hirj

Naye: None

Absent: Commissioner Valentina Alioto-Pier, Ariana Arana, Sarah Ginsburg.

Moving forward, a concrete reason and could be a bylaw amendment for reasonable excuses.

Commissioner Quick will solicit opinions from all commissioners who would like to create a process through EXEC and come back to FYC. Staff will put this item on the agenda

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

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick: on page 4 please edit with NAYE.

Commissioner Alameri motions to approve the minutes with the amendments mentioned, seconded by Commissioner Hirji.

The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

Commissioner Cheung introduces Michelle Li, OAC seat 2. Sophomore at Lowell high school, found out about OAC through an interview with Dori, wanted to be more involved with the community, involved with youth mojo and do more and give back, wanted to do more and try something new. Passionate about students learning more resources, through youth mojo - healing in our hands and won more money for schools, that victory really boosted my confidence in helping my community.



Asja Steeves, Police Department, Chief Assistant, brief update on the KYRs brochure and have had conversations with their version and say hello. Commissioner Jones will be the alternate with Commissioner Asfaw. The brochure came out in 2008, updated in January 2018 and effected in April. Brand new version with 96 ordinance. DPA has their own KYR brochure and youth feedback session to do your KYRs brochure and invite them for feedback questions and would like to sit and how SFPD can help for our group.

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

There was no legislation.

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

### A. [Input + Decision] YAD 2020 Presentation

Presenter: Monica Flores, DCYF  
(Document B)

Presenters: Monica Flores and Colin Kimzey are here to share updates on YAD.

Agenda:

- Goals
- Program Overview
- Issue Areas and Guests
- Youth Leaders
- Questions

2020 theme: political participation. Youth have ways to make their voices heard even without the power to vote.

Youth Advocacy Day Pitch: we are the city is an all-day event that celebrates, cultivates, and amplifies the power of SF's youth to make change in our city. On Tuesday, May 12th we invite youth to come through and participate.

YAD 2020 Goals:

- Safe space for all attendees
- opportunity to highlight past/current work
- opportunity to engage meaningfully with public officials
- fun experience for all youth
- supports/honors existing campaigns

Program Overview:



Time	Program	Location
8:30 - 9:15	Registration and Inspiration Stations	
9:15 - 9:30	Opening Ceremony	
9:30 - 9:45	Enter City hall	
9:45 - 10:15	light court breakfast	
10:15 - 12 pm	skill building workshops	
12 - 1:15	lunch + meet and greet with public officials	
1:30 - 2:20	hot seat discussion i	
2:30 - 3:20	hot seat discussion ii	
3:20 - 4:30 pm	after party + meet + greet with public officials	

Hot seat discussions:

- flipping the “panel” dynamic: 2 - 3 public officials in the “hot seat’ listening to and answering questions from youth
- leaders of depts related to 5 issue areas with different (sometimes conflicting) roles
- community moderators will help guide discussion toward major problems youth face

Issue Areas & Guests: sent in the last week, confirmations are rolling in  
Justice - Chesa boudin, Katy miller

Transportation: Jeff Tumlin, Lateefah Simon

Housing: Jeff Kositsky, Judson True, Dan Adams

Policing And Immigration: Bill Scott, Manohar Raju

Culture And Gentrification: Joaquin Torres, Shakirah Simley, Julia Sabory

Youth Leaders:

- will facilitate the mornings small group skill building workshops
- recruiting 25 youth leaders from yc, dcyf university, former yad participations, dcyf programs
- commit to 2 workshops/planning meetings, dress rehearsal, and day of participation



Commissioner Ginsburg walked in late at 5:32 PM

Commissioner Cureton summarizes asks:

- recruit youth leaders when applications come
- selecting moderators/community experts for hot seats

**Questions:**

Commissioner Hylton: moderators are you looking for adults or youth?

Monica Flores: either work, the idea is leveraging YC as a liaison for community organizations because of DCYF current role as a granter, you know who is doing the work given the campaign and priorities

Commissioner Santos: what is the process look like and equitable resources to be able to speak to the issues? and compensation for members?

Monica Flores: hours and compensations, estimated \$300 15 hours worth of training. process is still being determined using past processes as a reference point, in the application hope to solidify dates as accountability - make sure we have dedicated and committed 25 youth. Hope to have info session and interview process, there are folks that are better in applications and some that are better in person - I want to make sure there are date time and place for young people to check out and can understand the lift and get the information.

Commissioner Cureton: the date changes reflect the light court reservation but what about the testing schedule such as AP exams. there will be a turn out but there are SAT or AP exams that some folks

Monica Flores: not to that level just knew it's a time before school ends. we hope to do this in outreach - i know that public, private and charter schools are different - if you can generate discussion to get teachers bringing young people out as a fieldtrip, we can provide outreach and promotional materials, and we hope to bring an endorsement from SFUSD BOE and superintendents. i want to have different forms of permission slips to break barriers from attendance.

Internal Discussion:

Hylton: have specific - assign the task of bringing moderators within committee,

TJ: Justice/Policing and immigration

HLU: transportation, housing, culture and gentrification

March 3rd, deadline to get back to monica

Commissioner Jones: March 2nd is FYC, come March 3rd.

Commissioner Nassiri: CEC will have a role in Vote16 during YAD.

Commissioner Chueng: Staff can you please call item 7a?





B. [Inform + Input] Presentation Regarding a Mental Health App  
Presenter: Max Savage, Co-Founder of Atlas Mental Health Inc.

Presenter is not present. There is no public comment.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Motion No.1920-AL-08 [Motion to Support Letter for Valeria Thais Suarez Rojas, CIYJA Organizer from Deportation]  
Sponsor: Commissioner Santos, Asfaw, & Chan  
(Document C)

With motions, given the urgency of this matter we can pass during a first reading.

Commissioner Santos reads the letter into record.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick: in providing refuge for all people, and putting youth commission after the TJ committee, can we say the but not only Youth Commission and speaking on behalf of the whole city is it because of sanctuary city - we can separate it a little. we can say it as a body of the youth commission as the sanctuary city.

Commissioner Quick: as a chartered body as the youth commission.

Commissioner Jones: do we need the TJ if we didn't approve it in TJ, you are in the TJ committee - there are two members in the committee

Commissioner Hylton: approve - without tj

Commissioner Jones: we haven't voted on it, and if fyc is supporting it anyway we can support it as a separate committee

Staff Hosmon: in alignment with rules are - as the TJ hasn't itself taken a vote in full body, you can say the fyc supports this and it's important to us as the TJ is related to the issue of this concern. The TJ committee will keep an eye on this and make it happen on this

Commissioner Quick: I would like to say having FYC approve with TJ - that makes more sense, but writing in committees, no override, set bad precedent down the road.

Commissioner Cureton: two members of the TJ committee come from the SF youth commission and amend the sentence in the sub-committee.



Commissioner Santos: 2 members of urgency and logistics - TJ has talked about in terms of our committee and comm - rep of tj technicality, necessarily doesn't matter again most likely pass - precedent TJ support it and the process relates to issue based committee, and HLU with tay navigation center and researched

with time sensitive, whoever can try to do it knowing that TJ has worked on this in general beef up to YC

Commissioner Quick: agree with rationale, i worry slightly from just a how the commission functions, if we start to inflate what is happening in the committee, we can keep this in mind to have separate options

Commissioner Cureton: the label doesn't make too much of a committee, let us know but if you're not a member of the committee

Commissioner Alameri: rise acronym - after Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education

Commissioner Santos: logistics, taken from the template, i appreciate the feedback - nitpicky - sincerely and Commissioner Jones and Hylton taking out the Transformative Justice, general content want feedback.

Amendments we heard on our end:

- para 1, Separating youth commission as youth commission and the city and county of sf
  - providing refuge in
- para 2, delete TJ,
  - as the youth commission, had the transformative justice committee history of advocating for
- para: Rise
- ending - taking out the transformative justice committee from sincerely

There is no public comment. Commissioner Hylton motion to approve motion with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

- B. [Inform + Decision] Proposed 2019-2020 Youth Commission Bylaw Amendment Regarding Formalizing the Process for Youth Seat Recommendations  
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer  
(Document D)

Commissioner Quick reads into the record. Commissioner Quick explains that subsection (g) and (h) came from our communication.

Questions:

Commissioner Alameri: getting section b?

commissioner quick: just the youth advocacy council



Commissioner Hirji: is it the appointing authority - scratched.

Staff Hosmon: if exec does make a recommendation, if fyc rejects then transfer of responsibility on the lift for outreach

Commissioner Alameri motions to approve of the bylaws as stated in the record, seconded by Commissioner Cureton.

The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

- C. [Second Reading] Resolution No.1920-AL-09 Fare Evasions – Inclusivity and Accessibility – Muni Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass Program  
Sponsor: Commissioners Ty, Santos, & Asfaw  
(Document E)

Commissioner Asfaw reads the resolution into record.

Questions:

Commissioner Ginsburg - technical question on the 3rd page line 4 - therefore, be it or is it an and, be it. - now AND

7 - 8, is it a whereas or resolved clause based on demanding - FURTHER RESOLVED

Commissioner Quick: 5 -8, we urge and phrasing both as a **resolved** clause

line 6, 8 : And be it

Commissioner Jones: can we vote on it?

Staff Hosmon: not substantive, can vote on it

Commissioner Jones: we are calling people to do things, what is the process to get that happen?

Commissioner Santos: with boe, meet with boe on the weekend - stevon cook, reaching out to dhsh and orgs that work with that, for sfusd

Staff Hosmon: going to sfusd - will be harder, student advisory council, but if you got an in you can do both, sac may not be the best route when asked and requested,

Commissioner Jones: meeting have public moment

Commissioner Cureton: they feed their committee



Commissioner Hylton: page 2, last whereas clause - line 22 - fine prices increasing, employment is going up and fare prices is going up, hard claim to make - confusion versus correlation and causation, more clarification in the clause,

Commissioner Versace: pg 3 5 - 6, and line 18 -20, what are the differences if it's a resolved clause?

Commissioner Hirji: sending an sfpd officer to do fare officer to evasion to do, so to not address sfmta they should handle flier

Commissioner Alameri: same confusion, resolved

Commissioner Hirji: if this is aiming to TAY than youth legislation, i'm not totally - something about the bureau of labor statistics, what's the reasoning to include people in schools and adult fares, slightly confused how with adult fares

Commissioner Santos: higher unemployment rates and increase fares, how do you pay for fares if you have a job, you have tay and not be employed, wealth gap,

Staff Hosmon: suggestion for youth focus, whereas young people work and the us bureau statistics

Commissioner Cheung: pg 4, line 2, Clipper - capitalized

Commissioner Dong: pg 3, line 11 - given **and**, must inform broken up

Commissioner Quick: pg 3, 5-8, Resolved as that fare evasions is a non-violent act, the YC urges, SFPD officers to stop giving fare evasions citations as SFPD office time can be spent

and be it further resolved, that the YC urges SFMTA to provide the youth lifeline pass, free of charge, to qualifying youth to allow SFUSD to...  
things stay the same on like 4.

Staff Hosmon: including on page 1, line 12: ages of TAY - need by noon tomorrow

Commissioner Cureton: can you share this with us?

Commissioner Quick: I can help with edits.

Commissioners Quick, Cureton, Ginsburg, Versace can all support with edits.

Public comment: line 5 - URGING polices and procedures adding to SFPD, revision of policies and procedures will get SFPD and DPA onboard, procedures will get accountability to add on it - all the policy bodies involved



Commissioner Jones: TJ presentation to Police commission once a month, will get it to that

Public comment is now closed.

Commissioner Quick motion to approve with amendments as stated in record, second by Commissioner Versace. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

## 8. **Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### a. Executive Committee

#### a. LAO

Preston introduced legislation about free muni for all TAY NAV Center Legislation by D6 was heard in committee, Commissioner Quick & Cureton spoke at PC, working with Sup. staff to include our position. The committee is hearing this again because other Supervisors have other amendments.

#### b. Comms

Move onto staff profiles, move into meeting with CBOs, austin is creating template and brochure ready. End of the year celebration, traveling and verbalize it to comms - tentative dates

#### c. General Committee Updates

Consistently tracking attendance and when reach capped limit of 3 excused, one exec will notify via email.

#### b. Civic Engagement

met with the d11 youth board and discussed vote16 in ballot and finalized template for emails to CBOs and we've follow up with supervisors regarding status for Vote16. CEC has a quick check in about stakeholder meetings.

#### c. Housing and Land Use

grand challenge workshop coming in march and looking for a venue, suggestions that might help us, somcan community meeting help show up, lowell peer resources 29 - survey of experiences follow, alameri will check in with june jordan students

#### d. Transformative Justice

4 presentations oac, police commission, hrc, juvenile probation commission on the omnibus budget priorities, in meeting community roundtable with reentry council and public defender's office, fare evasion resolution, will be doing a social justice at LWHS in april

#### e. OCOF

nothing to report

## 9. **Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

community outreach logistics and processes -



budget and finance committee - practice sessions this thursday and next tuesday, will be going over everything you need and cmte presentation on wednesday 3:30 - 4:30pm,

mid year check ins with Staff Estrada.

fragrant sensitive, not wear cologne or strong scents, airflow is difficult

staff communicating through phone and passing notes, remind in bylaws no phone out unless emergency, via post-it in writing

access need for writing

faster if people read it in weekly internal, making suggestions beforehand - 2nd reading, grammatical error - i think you meant this department, suggest those changes before hand and we would get the most up to date and that way we can get people's time and energy and tight turn around,

staff negotiating on the Youth Commission budget, go through the entire budget and part of negotiation and i'm using this great language, that YC will have more money, we can get you food for every meeting that you have.

3/20 - Commissioners Alameri & Chan

Sro training sfpd - 2/27 10 - 12pm: cureton and jones

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

Commissioner Quick: d5 3/14, hylton, asfaw and quick are doing a d5 youth forum - help out and elt us know, who go to school in D5, doing a lot of outreach and send them our way

Commissioner Cureton: D4 lunar new year celebration - khatab, cheung, nassiri, cureton

29R campaign

Commissioner Jones: public defender would like to meet friday 11:30, Commissioner Cureton would like to attend

Staff: big key players please let us know as soon as possible.

## 11. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**TTSF**  
TEENTECHSF

**innovate**  
**collaborate**  
**create**

# TeenTechSF Team

Shavonne Hines-Foster: STEM Inclusivity  
Forum Co-Chair, Communication Team

Colton Lum: Finance Chair





**Purpose: Obtain SF Youth Commission's  
support for:**

TeenTechSF's mission and the  
TeenTechSF STEM Inclusivity Forum on  
April 11th, 2020

# TeenTechSF Mission Statement

- TeenTechSF's mission is to inspire and empower the next generation of tech innovators and civic entrepreneurs.
- We are committed to equal access to tech for all teens because diversity fuels innovation.
- Run by and for teens, all our events are free.

## Since launching, TeenTechSF has received:

- Certificate of Honor from Mayor Lee and the Mayor's Office of Civic Innovation
- Official Commendation from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
- Support for our mission and 2019 STEM Inclusivity Summit from the San Francisco Youth Commission

## Now in Year 6...

- Each year we connect 2,000+ students in the Bay Area and on five continents with STEM resources and opportunities through:
  - Conferences with tech leaders from Apple to Zynga
  - STEM Workshops on coding, app, and website design
  - Civic Hackathons to develop tech solutions to community problems

# Statement of Need & Opportunity

Need: SF tops the list of US cities with the largest gap between the top and bottom 20% of income

Opportunity: SF also tops the list of US cities where individuals are most likely to move from the bottom 20% of income to the top within a single generation

# What Makes TeenTechSF Unique

Our “secret sauce” is that all TeenTechSF activities are organized and led by teens

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# TeenTechSF STEM Inclusivity Summit

- TeenTechSF past events
- “Diversity In Tech” Theme
- STEM Inclusivity Summit



# Serving Underserved Districts Focusing on STEM Inclusivity

- Everyone welcome to free TeenTechSF events!
- Outreach to general Bay Area student community, but also emphasize outreach to students from underserved and underrepresented communities
- New! YOOTs Bus transportation to make events more accessible
- Provide diverse role models (speakers & student leaders): gender/ethnicity
- Looking to target Districts 6, 9, 10, 11 to increase STEM inclusivity among:
  - African-American, Latinx, and first-generation Asian students
  - Lower-income families
  - Students from marginalized communities

## Impact of TeenTechSF Activities

- **OPPORTUNITY:** Offer students the opportunity to get involved with Digital Revolution on a local level
- **DIVERSITY:** Include role models and spark an interest in coding and pursuing careers in technology
- **INCLUSIVITY:** Make sure that anyone can come up with the next big tech idea

# TeenTechSF STEM Inclusivity Forum Details

- Taking place on Saturday, April 11 from 9am-12pm at College Track in District 10
- Sheryl Davis, Executive Director of Human Rights Commission, is our keynote speaker
- Have funding from Youth Funding Youth Ideas
- Positive response from speakers and leadership at:
  - SF Human Rights Commission
  - MakeSchool
  - Hispanic Heritage Foundation
  - Girls Who Code
  - Black Girls Who Code
  - Stanford
  - UC Berkeley

## How can the SF Youth Commission Help Partner with TeenTechSF?

- Officially endorse and support TeenTechSF's mission and activities engaging youth in tech and bridging the Digital Divide
- List TeenTechSF events on the Youth Commission calendar
- Help with outreach to community orgs and SFUSD schools for the 2020 STEM Inclusivity Forum, post on YC social media pages
- Help with planning and development for TeenTechSF STEM Inclusivity Forum on April 11th
  - Come to our planning meeting on March 21 from 12-2 pm at The Mix at SFPL!
- If you have the capacity, please attend the STEM Inclusivity Forum!

**TeenTechSF would also like to request support for:**

- **Oct TeenTechSF Civic Hackathon**
  - **Work with YCer Cheung to translate YC priorities into prompts for the hackathon**
  - **YC provides judge -- could be YCer Cheung -- to be part of the panel evaluating tech projects**
- **Dec TeenTechSF Global Youth Summit**

Thank you for Listening

Questions?

FILE NO.

MOTION NO. 1920-AL-10

1 [Problem Gambling Awareness Month - Youth Problem Gambling Curriculum and  
2 Outreach]

3 **Resolution Recognizing March 2020 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco, urging the Board of Education to create**  
5 **and implement a problem gambling curriculum into health classes citywide, and**  
6 **making appropriate recommendations to the Department of Public Health, the**  
7 **Board Of Supervisors, and the Mayor.**

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9 WHEREAS, Gambling, in both legal and illegal forms, is becoming more  
10 omnipresent in our everyday lives, including through Daily Fantasy Sports, internet  
11 casinos, social media games, sports betting, and sweepstakes cafes; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2016 Americans lost nearly \$117 billion at casinos, more than any  
13 other country; and

14 WHEREAS, Six to eight million Americans, including more than 1.2 million  
15 Californians, meet the criteria for problem gambling and, by their gambling behavior,  
16 negatively affect the lives of another 48 to 80 million individuals; and

17 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is defined as gambling behavior which causes  
18 disruption in any major areas of life: psychological, physical, social, vocational, health,  
19 spiritual or emotional; and

20 WHEREAS, Problem gambling (also known as "gambling disorder") has been  
21 classified by the American Psychiatric Association as an addiction with similarities to the  
22 causes and consequences of alcohol and drug dependence; and

23 WHEREAS, Pathological problem gambling is recognized as a mental health  
24 disorder; and

25 WHEREAS, Behavioral signs of problem gambling include gambling to escape  
boredom, pain or loneliness, lying to loved ones to conceal the extent of gambling,

1 needing to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve excitement,  
2 borrowing money to gamble, and trying repeatedly overtime to win back money lost; and

3 WHEREAS, Americans gamble more money each year than they spend on  
4 groceries, betting upwards of \$900 billion annually; and

5 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue impacting relationships,  
6 families, businesses, and communities; and

7 WHEREAS, In the Asian American community, problem gambling has been  
8 linked to domestic violence, divorce, child neglect, fraud, theft, and other social ills; and

9 WHEREAS, The estimated national social cost to families and communities due  
10 to bankruptcy, divorce, job loss, home loss, and criminal justice costs associated with  
11 problem gambling is \$6.7 billion each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Compared to the national rate of two to three percent problem  
13 gamblers, gambling addiction rates in Asian communities range from six percent to  
14 nearly sixty percent; and

15 WHEREAS, Populations at high risk for gambling problems includes seniors,  
16 youth, college students, veterans, African Americans, Asian Americans,  
17 Latinos/Hispanics, and Native Americans; and

18 WHEREAS, High school students have twice the rate of gambling problems as  
19 adults, with four to seven percent of teens nationwide displaying pathological gambling  
20 problems; and

21 WHEREAS, Problem gambling among Asian Pacific Islander San Francisco  
22 youth is eleven percent, which is higher than the two to six percent national average of  
23 problem gambling amongst teens; and

24 WHEREAS, Asian youth are most disproportionately impacted by problem  
25 gambling, which perpetuates a cycle of poverty and economic inequality; and



1           WHEREAS, A 2006 survey titled San Francisco Asian Youth Gambling Study  
2 conducted by NICOS Chinese Health Coalition (NICOS) found that of 246 Asian  
3 students from three different San Francisco high schools, the pathological gambling rate  
4 was 10.9%, which is much higher than the national rate of two to five percent youth who  
5 are considered pathological gamblers; and

6           WHEREAS, A majority of the teens who participated in the survey revealed that  
7 they learned to gamble from their friends, parents, or relatives; and

8           WHEREAS, This high rate of gambling addictions among Asian youth is a result  
9 of a generational tax and generational trauma, which results in psychological trauma  
10 and financial debt that lasts through generations; and

11           WHEREAS, Having a gambling addiction not only affects the addict, but it also  
12 has a significant impact on the individual's family and community; and

13           WHEREAS, Problem gamblers tend to have higher rates of depression,  
14 increased financial debts, and more strained relationships; and

15           WHEREAS, Only 15% of problem gamblers ever seek treatment; and

16           WHEREAS, Numerous free resources, including self-help workbooks, phone-  
17 based counseling, individual counseling, support group counseling, residential care and  
18 a locally based helpline (1-888-968-7888) are available for problem gamblers and  
19 affected individuals; and

20           WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 16th consecutive year of a National Problem  
21 Gambling Awareness Month according to the National Council on Problem Gambling;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health - Community  
24 Behavioral Health Services (SFDPH-CBHS), in partnership with NICOS, made the City  
25 and County of San Francisco one of the first municipalities in the nation to offer a  
problem gambling prevention program to its residents, beginning in 1998; and

1           WHEREAS, The NICOS problem gambling program model has been replicated  
2 nationwide; and

3           WHEREAS, Since 2014, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
4 Francisco has unanimously adopted a resolution annually declaring the month of March  
5 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes the outreach  
7 efforts by SFDPH-CBHS, NICOS, Youth Leadership Institute, and Richmond Area Multi-  
8 Services, Inc to help communities struggling with problem gambling; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission will continue  
10 to support outreach, education, and treatment programs for youth problem gamblers, in  
11 addition to strengthening prevention strategies; and, be it

12           FURTHER Resolved, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Board  
13 of Education to create and implement a problem gambling curriculum in San Francisco  
14 Unified School District health classes to educate students about the harms of problem  
15 gambling; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the  
17 Department of Public Health to work with existing organizations to create and  
18 strengthen youth-specific, culturally and linguistically appropriate programs, and to  
19 ensure that these resources are accessible to youth like those in the Asian immigrant  
20 community; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco youth commission urges the  
22 Board of Supervisors and Mayor to increase outreach programs in their respective  
23 districts to raise awareness about problem gambling and its consequences, and to  
24 continue supporting the efforts of organizations working to tackle problem gambling;  
25 and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes  
2 the month of March 2020 as Problem Gambling wareness Month in the City and County  
3 of San Francisco.

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