



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, May 17th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:
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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)**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. May 3rd, 2021
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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
5. **Consent Calendar (Inform + Decision)**

All items hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item immediately following the vote on the rest of the items.

- A. BOS File No. 210459 [Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team]
Sponsors: Supervisors Haney, Preston, Ronen, Walton
(Document B)
- B. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-11 [2550 Irving - Affordable Housing]
Sponsors: Commissioners Suwanamalik-Murphy and Tanaka
(Document C)
- C. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-13 [Seamless Transit Principles]



Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee
(Document D)

6. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210405 [Hearing - Food Insecurity and Hunger in San Francisco]
Sponsors: Supervisors Ronen, Haney, Safai, Chan
Presenter: Amy Bienart, D9 Legislative Staff
(Document E)

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

- A. [Inform + Possible Discussion] San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) Services
Presenter: Cathy Cormier, Program Manager at The Mix, SFPL
- B. [Inform] John F. Kennedy Drive & Great Highway - Street Closures
Presenter: David Long, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Staff
(Document F)

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

- A. [Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-12 [John F. Kennedy Drive & Great Highway Closures Resolution]
Sponsor: Commissioners Tanaka and Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Tanaka
(Document G)
- B. [Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-14 [Student Pedestrian Safety During School Reopening - Slow Streets]
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document H)

9. 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

10. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

12. Adjournment



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Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, May 3rd, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chair Santos calls the meeting to order at 5:03PM. Quorum is met

Commissioner Hylton has notified her absence to staff.

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to excuse Commissioner Hylton’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. The motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier,
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, absent
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw,
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, present
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,



No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to excuse Commissioner Hylton’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. The motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier,
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw,
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Murphy motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw,
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. April 19th, 2021
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There is no public comment. Commissioner motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner. The motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw,
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace,

Commissioner Versace was present during this item, but was kicked off the meeting due to internet connectivity issues. Commissioner Asfaw was tardy and arrived at 5:14pm but missed the vote.

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

No public comment.

5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210380 [Youth Programs for Summer 2021]
Sponsors: Supervisors Chan, Ronen, and Melgar
Presenter: Frances Hsieh, D1 Legislative Staff
(Document B)

Cementing policy directions for youth programs. talks about intentions to expand to students and covering funding legislation and a focus for in person programs not virtual and to the degree possible by health orders. It grants city departments for waiving necessary - DCYF has a robust waiver process but rec and park doesn't always and gives a blanket opportunity for most access for all.

call for accountability - do serve the most at risk populations. The report would go to bos and ryse working groups calling for demographic information and how many were served and trends they might see from regular programming and types of data we are requesting and ryse efforts to build our community school.



Supervisor Chan has not made it a secret that this can be a pilot for a permanent program for free summer programming for regular school year education and part of what we are looking for from cost to find that and build that into future revenue measures we look at and how we fund this as a priority. straight forward legislation and any questions or comments from the commission.

Commissioner Santos:

- needs of young people in the city right now and impact of covid 19 and one thing that we would - touched on page line page 1 -2 early on in section - on specific communities, black and brown young people disproportionately impacted, - how did covid 19 impacted all young people

Commissioner Quick:

- Can you speak to the working group connecting with the summer initiative and vice versa?

Frances - the working was just appointed so still yet to start the group. but want to expand on the community schools model to serve the most at risk youth and make sure the education system is really serving those communities.

Commissioner quick - one thing that came up that ive been working on recently, in terms of data collection around schools and students it's important to look at the geo demographics parts. It's very difficult to find consistent data through the schools district about mute patterns. Information is vague. How easy is it to access programming, so I'm wondering if this is able to be collected in this data collection piece?

Frances - transportation is a big issue to recover from the pandemic, access to transit. This is a big piece on how our families and youth recover. what lines are coming back, and far flung neighborhoods are in areas that are the hilliest and difficult to get around able bodied or not. Everybody likes to presume that youth are able bodied, but that's something we need to work on together to figure out the transit future.

Commissioner Santos - do you happen to know any programming or services to support TAY or folks transitioning out of SFUSD?

Frances - nothing in this legislation, i know separately, that supervisor mar has a companion piece for highschool youth for work opportunities, about tay population for employment and a perfect match it could be for the summer programs that rec and park has problems hiring and staffing for all the summer programs. but not sure how that conversation went and happy to follow up on how they've been tapping into that population.

Commissioner Santos:

social aspect and employment prospects are just as important for youth and tay to feel physically safe and communally safe with other young people.

Any public comment? No public comment.

No internal discussion.



Commissioner Zhang motions to support Youth Programs for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

B. [Inform + Decision] BOS File No. 210454 [Administrative Code- Free Muni Pilot Program]

Sponsors: Supervisors Preston, Haney, Walton, Ronen, and Chan
Presenter: Preston Kilgore, D5 Legislative Staff
(Document C)

Free muni pilot to start june 21st 2021. 3 month pilot of fare free muni pilot.
What we know: traffic on the rise. free mni pilot is long overdue and its time to do it. Sf would be joining boston, etc. to testing the waters of fare free transit.

freemuni save riders money, reduce traffic congestion. Our goal is that public transit is widely used,

can pilot this due to revenues and then can decide later for long-term public funding.
Launching a pilot,

Questions:

Commissioner Versace - I definitely support this. I'm wondering if there is a defined thing that would tell us what would you need to see for this to become permanent?

Preston - for us, the pilot will hopefully make the case its something worth funding.
Whatever funding, I think the funding needs to look at both service and fairs.

Commissioner Veiga- in general do you have a breakdown or overview of where revenues are going?



Preston - fair revenue will go into the larger _ and then its at the discretionary of.. we can't tell mta how to spend their money. We know that the fares are very low so we can pilot it.

Commissioner Quick - think we should try this out, in support. Some peripheral questions about moving forward. First, fare enforcement is currently problematic and targets specific communities. Right now, fare enforcement officers are around, supposed to be educational, they are also in charge of doing wellness checks given COVID restrictions. Will there still be protocols for transit riders to practice social distancing?

Preston - the pandemic has allowed us to pilot programs. like closed streets, slow streets, and fare enforcement. SFMTA transitioned fare enforcement inspectors to wellness officers. it's front of mind for us - it's in this conversation working with labor allies that these positions are important but transitioning them to partner more generally. bart has piloted/similar program of community ambassadors to educate riders, when you center black and brown community, protecting riders currently on and protecting the jobs doing this and as we've seen in the pandemic

Commissioner Quick - what is that number based on? current fare revenue or what they're projecting?

Preston - 9.3 billion is a projection from July to September 30th.

Commissioner Quick - do you happen to know the timeline and what's the plan for the data?

Preston - The mta will report to the board, on the 15th of every month. We shared those concerns and are partnering with ta to see what our report would look like. also expanding it to the data, looking at the stories and how that's impacting people. Collecting data and expanding the data outside of mta as well.

Commissioner Santos - when you say data collection, what does the program have to collect data for impact for sf residents, young people and intentionality?

Preston: First is a poor stop, looking at individual lines, for increased usages, and where people are getting on and off, and where folks are not buying monthly passes and how we capture those people, and nontypical riders. if someone's not getting a monthly pass - they might not want to pay that fare, and working with ta to track where people are going to influence shopping local, jumping on for an 8 block and getting a lift and most importantly, recent increases on specific lines and where people are getting on - as we step forward in the recovery for lines to restore

Commissioner Santos - transportation for working class folks - one point i would encourage to look on data for young people getting to school faster, 2019 often times, slips that would punish/not support folks being late

- Who would benefit from the free muni ? having a focus for public students of color, transitional aged youth. I'd like to see that language and focus

Preston - former school counselor, aware of the tough transition into adulthood. Definitely important to think about as we think long term about this program. Absolutely agree and also



agree on how Free Muni will positively impact marginalized communities. When you're low income, every dollar counts. I wrote these down and will share with the Supervisor.

Commissioner Santos - with the current state of hate against marginalized groups, how would Free Muni for All allow for more safety and not fear if fare evading? Important to see how riders of color and women/feminine appearing people are faring on public transportation and to have data and/or discussions on riders' experiences.

Public Comment - Hayden, D1, likes idea but has serious concerns about it. Rides bus every day and MUNI only offering 70% of service and many pass ups. Happened today to Hayden and passed multiple stops with 50-100 people who got passed up. Minimal increases and is concerned that more people will ride with more pass ups. Where else could this money go? More transit lanes for more reliability. More reliable transportation should come before free transit. Targeting resources, this is very general, so that low income communities of color and youth can really be the main ones who benefit vs. everyone. Why make it free for those for city college students or those who have the life line. Hard to collect data right now during this time.

Recommendations:

- to look at how we can continue to reimagine the current fare inspector roles, as more of a wellness check-in and transit operator support roles - rather than fare enforcement during this pilot
- MTA & Controller & Transit Authority - come up with a more comprehensive report upon the end of the pilot
- After the pilot, include other ways to collect the data. Specifically, Black and students of colors, and including families as well.
- considering or implementing ways to either survey
- Hate crimes continue to impact AAPI communities with ongoing police brutality against Black communities, more specific language on who will benefit on free muni for all (low income, TAY, low income youth)

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Arana, motions to support the legislation with the above recommendations. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes with 15 ayes.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, no
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, aye



Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

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

- A. [Inform + Discuss] Navigation Center for Transitional Aged Youth - Lower Polk St.
Presenter: Joi Jackson-Morgan, Executive Director, 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic

3rd St. Youth Clinic is one of the providers of the TAY Navigation Center. At Post & Hyde. 700 Hyde is official address.

This is SF’s first TAY Navigation - first larger scale center that has beds onsite. This is really trying to help youth get to next stages in life.

“Come POST up at the youth HYDE out”.

This is a project that is an innovative opportunity to look at all aspects of what youth need experiencing homelessness; education, opportunities, and employment along with behavioral health services on site. Serves youth 18-27.

Partners - The Success Centers, D3 Community, HSH, Youth Homelessness Response System. Works like a dorm/res hall and so there are different services available and you could work on “your campus”. Youth can have the opportunity to work and prepare for their future on site (food, janitorial, cpr certification, interns, etc.)

TAY Nav Resident Wanye Harris - been there 4 months and prior was homeless for over a year. Has gotten him back to school and has a job now. They have weights if you don’t work, the staff are cool, clients are nice.

Space has 75 beds, everything is new, but only operates 43 beds due to COVID. Larkin only had 40 beds so this increase is huge. Already have youth who are exiting out because they have found housing and/or employment elsewhere. Recently started a Garden club. Hopefully, create a rooftop garden for mind, body, spirit. Hope is they could take a plant with them once they find housing.

Often get donations from many people and organizations. Divvy them up between clients. Food service has been helpful with a lot of their donations.

Understanding Youth Homelessness - 1,145 Youth Experiencing Homelessness:

- 82% unsheltered
- 46% identify as LGBTQ+
- 75% are youth of color

SF Homeless Youth Response System - would love to be a part of this circle with the City in partnership with the response system and non profits.

This Center is Black led. First one ever to be Black led by born and raised SFers!

Launched in Spring 2019

- 6 Agency Partnership with 5 Youth Access Points (coordinated entry) and 1 mobile outreach team (about 98% come from HOT and not coordinated entry)



Goals:

- Proportional representation by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity
- Continue to prioritize clients for limited HSH-funding based on vulnerability, barriers to housing, and chronicity of homelessness

Overview

- ❖ 43 beds (COVID)--We are at capacity!!!!
- ❖ 75 total occupancy
- ❖ 24/7 access
- ❖ 3 meals and snacks
- ❖ Clinic
- ❖ Outdoor space
- ❖ Workforce development
- ❖ Art groups
- ❖ Therapy
- ❖ Harm reduction therapy + kits

Most youth are in the 18-24 age range. 66.67% identify as male, 26.67% identify as female, 4.44% identify as Trans Female

Two main racial groups are African American and white, but seeing in last month is Latinx, and 1 Asian client.

15.56% identify as disabled (varying physical, developmental)

Over a quarter have chronic health conditions and the client is HIV+.

Mental health is almost 50/50. Substance abuse (with harm reduction model) so they can come in not sober and/or using and they focus on their safety.

Chronic homelessness (3 months or more)- a little under half have been homeless for a long time. A majority of youth are living in pspace that weren't supposed to be lived in (streets or park).

Majority of youth had been homeless more than a year.

Needs

- ❖ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (7 days a week)
- ❖ More clinic days
- ❖ Programming
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Wellness and recreational spaces
- ❖ Office spaces
- ❖ Incentives

Advocating for the second half of the space. No break out spaces or recreation or wellness rooms.



Timeline - working on adding more programs and services. In fall - hope to expand to full capacity of 75 beds.

Contacts ❖ Executive Director: Joi Jackson-Morgan, joi@3rdstyouth.org ❖ Case Manager Supervisor: Lakietha Sanford, lakietha@3rdstyouth.org ❖ Elisabet Medina, HSH Program Manager, elisabet.medina@sfgov.org

Commissioner Santos- thank you and your work is so important.

Questions:

Commissioner Asfaw - thank you for coming out, it means a lot to connect with us as we want to support our communities the best way we can.

1) how does entering the Nav center work? Do they just show up or go through a process and if there are any ways you want that process to improve or the YC can improve the process?

Joi - 2 ways to enter first - coordinated entry (6 access points) where they are assessed at the access point with housing referral status and can be offered housing second if they are on the streets and seen by Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) they can be referred that way. They can't just walk in they have to be referred in.

Would love to have more space as a way to improve. It's 3 floors but the bottom floor was supposed to be retail but now it sits empty. The space is really tiny right now so just advocating for the second floor which is 5000 square feet. But the bottom floor is 10000 square feet. If YC could come up with something on the bottom level that could benefit youth on the top.

2) Any other specific issues or areas of funding that you want the YC to focus on? We do have a Housing committee and this would be an issue to intersect with her TJ committee re: youth incineration. Can write resolutions and advocate to BOS.

Joi - grappling with need for behavioral health services around the clock. City has a formula to use for the Nav center and something she has been fighting for is behavioral health and is non-negotiable and is working with folks who have experienced a lot in a short amount of time. It's not enough to have someone there 1-2 times a week. So some coordination between city departments and HSH around behavioral health services. HSH did not provide any providers and they have no budget to hire and they would need that push from us as well as at least the second half of the second floor. Due to legislation it was zoned as retail so have to stick with that but the 2nd floor is up for grabs.

3) You mentioned job training and development, do you all have specific strategies to support undocumented youth?

Joi - We don't require youth to be documented. We're happy to have helped some undocumented youth get jobs.

4) I liked how you focus on hope and letting youth know this isn't the end all be all. I know you said you're transitioning folks out - i think it'd be cool if youth could transfer out of the NAV and come back and be mentors to other youth. A suggestion.

Joi - Thank you. I think that has been part of our plan. We have youth who are now employed at the NAV center.



Commissioner Quick - thank you for presenting. I'd like to go back down, what was the original intent for the other half of the second floor? What are your ideas for what could be developed there? I think we can work with the Supes to promote some expansion.

Joi - first idea was for goodwill to be training/retail. The second half of the 2nd floor was going to be for a vendor, 5000 sq ft. sits empty right now. We look out at vacant space every day. In terms of what we see, we need break out groups. We need to be able to separate youth, for medical reasons or conflict reasons. There's no wellness room, we don't have a space for them to be, or privacy or cool down space. The second floor is to have more space for staff and youth. People have gone into the small rooms just to have some space.

Commissioner quick - i'm on the housing and land use committee and happy to see how we can get the city on board with this

Joi - we're happy to provide a short tour. Even pushing to ask the city what their plan is for the first floor would be great because it's just sitting there.

Commissioner santos - what are ways we as a commission can support this work, what are other ways we can support you as other young people in social activism?

Joi - I don't know if we have a special meeting or having some of the young people go to a hlu meeting, just to hear their stories. 1. just our youth to learn about yc 2. and also having this as an agenda item and keeping us accountable. This is the start of our collaboration, holding us accountable, but also hearing what our young people are experiencing. Please I hope you all hold us accountable for our youth. Also, any donations- we're always looking for hygiene kits. Even as youth transition out, we would love to give them home gifts to give them (cleaning supplies).

Commissioner Santos - I'd love to connect offline to get to know other young people. Just as you want accountability, we want it too.

Commissioner Santos - I'd like to ask Wanye, young person, what do you need? What are you missing?

Wanye - I have been hearing like weights, gym, or recreational activities to keep youth engaged. Like video games.

Santos - do you feel comfortable sharing your experience? or anything you think would be important for us to know about?

Wanye shared how he got into the Nav Center - I got kicked out of my parents house, stayed with friends, and then couldn't stay with them anymore. I entered the NAV center to an access point. I'm in school now and have a job. They've helped me get my SSD, CA ID, and other paperwork. I'm also a part of Rising Up.

Joi - He was assessed for housing through the Rising Up network.

Commissioner Santos - thank you for sharing. I'm happy that you were able to get the resources to get yourself situated.



Commissioner Quick - what is the typical wait time for housing? Is that a reliable system? Do you have thoughts about that as well?

Joi - Right now COVID is complicating the coordinated entry list. Most important right now is SIP youth, they are HSH priority. COVID now wait time is 1 year + (pre covid was 3 months). Shortly we anticipate folks on this list will start to move quickly once we close down the SIP Hotels. Bc of COVID there are now time caps on youth's stay. Depending on Housing status, there are other youth who have been on the list for months. It's frustrating for youth to have to be checking-in. We are hoping youth can move faster. We are grateful we have staff onsite who can do these assessments. They can get housing referred status or problem solving dollars.

Commissioner Quick - what is the process for being assessed as Housing Referral Status?

Joi - the number or benchmark that someone reaches is: how long has someone been homeless? What is the severity? In the systems accountability assessment, it is not strengths based. Youth have expressed it is re-traumatizing. Right now it's based on the traumatizing experiences and services they need.

Commissioner Quick - going back to the housing referral list - there is one big list? that as units open up the city goes through and then go on a wait list? How site specific are the waitlist?

Joi - have over 180 ppl on the list trying to be housed. Going back to see if they're still homeless. in terms of phs, also w the sros thats an issue with youth as well. So it varies, to your point, on the types of services that are offered, but usually get 2-3 options or choices. Typically people get presented with at least two options to choose from. I hope that answers your question.

Commissioner Santos - Is there anything from your shared experience that you do not want on our notes?

Wayne - No, I don't mind.

Commissioner Santos - great, just wanted to check-in with you.

We can also share these notes with you. They'll be up within 48 hrs

Commissioner Santos - thank you for everything. this won't be the last time we'll be talking

Joi - yes, thank you.

B. [Inform + Decision] Empowerment Collective
Presenter: Diego Bustamante, Youth Organizer

Empowerment Collective - group of high schoolers across state advocating for state bills that address youth issues across the state.

In its original form the Collective was a coalition for AB 46 (Youth Empowerment Act) and wants to know if SFYC can join EC in its new iteration for state bill advocacy. AB 46 and other slate of bills are now part of EC. Coalition composed of organizations and network of youth across the state as well as collegiate students. We are hoping sf youth can provide support for our platform and help outreach other youth to get involved with empowerment collective. Very wide range of



topics, but all that impact youth within all backgrounds across the state. our asks: if you are up for it, appoint one of the members of the sfyc to be a member of our steering committee to build a stronger student base. We've also partnered with several of our members for a press conference, hope to do town halls and sf yc could by association help with that. The steering committee is basically at the top of the ec helping trying to career everything for the future. We had to reintroduce this to the commission to formally approve it, we have gen up, bsa, etc. we have lots of partnerships already and have helped promote the agenda we've set up.

how we are organizing: organizing at the local level. divided in seven regions (1. north cal,), we have regional directors to create these regions.

Asks:

- sending YC'er to be a member of steering committee
- It's free, it means you support youth in policy making
- choose what campaigns/bills to sign onto

Commissioner Santos reminded her colleagues that state wide leg is not necessarily the focus of the SFYC.

Commissioner Zhang - can you go more into detail about .. does that mean the yc would support every bill that the ec brings up.

Diego - not obligatory of supporting every bill. you'd be listed as a member for the specific bill or campaign you're interested in. Using the name and connections of students to advocate on behalf of these bills. I'm sorry, not sure if i answered your question

Commissioner Zhang - send letters of support and have the yc sign them?

Diego - that's one way the yc would be involved, as well as the town halls you wouldn't be obligated to publicize any of the campaigns you're not interested in.

Commissioner Quick - thank you diego for coming to present. You mentioned you'd be doing some town halls over the summer. can you go into more detail about what those are about, who are you working with, and outreach for youth? I'm just interested to hear from a youth engagement perspective.

Diego - we just came up with some plans to host town halls to use a regional student cohort representing 20+ districts, but also using a ca of student councils. they have a region across the state, as well as genup. We'd be using our network and publicizing these events. These town halls would entail policy leads as well as bills, giving more info about campaigns and bills. we would be giving training and how to talk to legislators, and voice it out. starting to plan town halls at the beginning of the week then later in the week talk to the legislators directly.

Commissioner Quick - thank you, that's my only question for now.

Commissioner Santos - i have a couple questions. when they meet is it through zoom or in person?

Diego - we've conducted everything online



Commissioner Santos - my concern is, for example, undocu folks traveling. I'm very familiar w how the bay area views ice, but don't know how la would. So wondering their comfortability for undocumented community. How would it be for undocu youth and other

diego - we talked about bussing, in our plans we've anticipated the current workflow will continue into the summer which means online. When talking to legislators it'll also be online. i think this helps with accessibility for folks.

santos - is this compensated in any way economically?

diego - currently don't have grants to provide stipends. it's something we're working on but can't make concrete statements about that.

santos - hope there is an opportunity for undocumented youth people to get stipends. How do you all go about selecting the bills? There were alot of child wealth bills. I'd like to hear more about that- immigration bills.

Diego - i'm more in the organizing part of it but not in policy. I know Jason is helping with state of bills. As a member you'd be able to propose, removing a bill and coming to a consensus about what it should be. This has been as a result of Jason's work. AB 367 was a cast bill and that was. so as our steering committee you'd be able to ___ on immigration bills.

Commissioner Santos - glad to hear there's flexiblinity about racial bills being applied and stuff.

Commissioner Asfaw - thank you. I was just wondering what the makeup of the empowerment collective looks like form a diversity stand point? specific stats or a graph about a make up of it? what does the make up of the collective look like? How are you centering marginalized voice? how are you making it as inclusive and as representative of california?

Diego - I can tell you our eadering ship team- i am hispanic, director is mixed, media directors are both Asian Americans, we have a pretty diverse leadership team. do have to look into making it more diverse in certain regions. working with our partners to help make them more diverse. i'll definitely relay info, this is something we need to do more- gather data on our diversity.

Public comment? no public comment.

Discussion:

Commissioner Asfaw - what is the difference between _ and supporting this? couldn't we just review this leg ourselves and approve it ad hoc committee?

Commissioner Quick - from what I understand, the empowerment collective, if we would support the ec we would be a person from their steering committee who would support bills that we decide to support. i would recommend if we were to support the ec we would support we would limit our name being out there from the i think in terms of the difference i currently submit our letter on bills to the committees that are needed to. so that wouldn't change, but we;d collectively support the crossover bills. Those bills would be AB71, SB234. i'm probably missing a couple but these are some of the bill.s



Commissioner asfaw - so we have to be careful of what we support?

Commissioner santos - i think we want to be specific about the ones we've priorly supported.

Commissioner Asfaw: my main concern is that we have to be sper selective of what we support, it'd be time consuming to look through the bills, and have to assign someone on the steering committee. The capacity is a lot.

Commissioner Santos - a lot of the commissioners don't plan to reapply. we would be doing something/ voting for commissioners for the next year. then being very selective about the bills. have to be semicautions. When we had our time, i know to an extent, if it were to pass how would it affect the bay area? we can't necessarily speak about the lived experiences of other districts, so even with that I'd be cautious and that's already in the same city. so to have that amplified in a state level, that would be uncomfortable for me.

Commissioner Quick - technical thing about the term overlap. The state legislative sessions, the main time commitment, would happen prior to the end of this term. And then the next year's YC could reevaluate if they'd like to be a part of it.

Diego - right now this committee doesnt plan to go beyond the legislative session. We will end in the summer.

Commissioner Zhang - about capacity...actually never mind.

Commissioner Zhang will be supporting until the end of this term.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, motions to support the EC one legislative cycle, support them specifically on the bills that the YC has already taken a stance on.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, not present
Arsema Asfaw, naye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, absent
Amara Santos, naye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, naye



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

- A. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-11 [2550 Irving - Affordable Housing]
Sponsors: Commissioners Suwanamalik-Murphy and Tanaka
Presenter: Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy
(Document D)

Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy read the resolution into the record.

There was no public comment.

Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos: Thank you for presenting this to us. I remember talking about the common social misconception of affordable housing in wealthier neighborhoods. In terms of feedback, I hear a lot of youth focus - one piece of feedback is a statistic of who is being impacted by gentrification, who can't afford state housing, statistics around racial identities, as well as data how marginalized communities are impacted, like LGBTQ+ folks
- Commissioner Quick: I echo what commissioner santos said about the importance of this resolution and combating the misconceptions of affordable housing in exclusionary neighborhoods. I am very in favor of this resolution.

- B. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-12 [John F. Kennedy Drive & Great Highway Closures Resolution]
Sponsor: Commissioners Tanaka and Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Tanaka
(Document E)

Commissioner Tanaka read the resolution into the record.

Public comment:

- Hayden Miller supports this resolution and supports it. Page 3 line 6-8 talks about separate between bikes and pedestrians and beauty of the space already separates both parties. Putting up a physical barrier would take away from it.

Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos: I know you prefaced this with the presentation at the last FYC meeting, I wasn't there, and I know some Commissioners raised concerns
- Tanaka: last meeting we heard from the SF Bicycle Coalition who is advocating for the closure of JFK.
- Commissioner Quick: Yes, this resolution is a bit redundant, but we'd like to formalize the YC's position on this. We will be hearing from city agencies at our next meeting who will be able to speak to the concerns raised by Supervisor Walton and Commissioner Asfaw.

- C. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-13 [Seamless Transit Principles]
Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document F)



Commissioner Quick read the resolution into the record.

Public Comment:

Ethan, urges you to support even though he doesn't live in the city but travels in the city frequently. Would have to pay three fares because of where he lives. We need a regional approach that doesn't benefit individual areas. Please support seamless transit principles.

Adina - Advocacy Director at community organization. Principles are key part of building change and youth groups/students have signed onto these principles because so many youth depend on transit. Listed many of the supporters.

Hayden Miller - about time to have a unified system. one example how it'll benefit youth-going up to Davis, had to take muni, had to pay the muni fare, pay bart fare, and pay another fare, (paid 4 fares) and the time took 4 hours. also other inconsistencies- was charged from. there's so many little things that's so frustrating to use transit. a lot of youth are forced to use transit and there's also a lot of barriers to only using transit.

Fred Kahan - lives in Oakland, depends on public transportation. it's a headache to manage all these systems. If you look at highways, they are systems that can get you from one place to another. we need to give the most flexibility. There needs to implement these principles, it'll be a lot easier, as an urban region we should have urban systems so please support this.

Feedback:

- Commissioner Santos - thank you for this resolution. Public transportation specifically focused on equitable access and general accessibility is under discussed in local government and at large
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- D. [Inform + First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-14 [Student Pedestrian Safety During School Reopening - Slow Streets]
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document G)

Commissioner Quick read the resolution into record.

Public Comment:

Hayden - the real barrier is that a lot of kids and parents don't feel safe. it also helps us reach transit first. its also good to reduce carbon emissions from cars hopefully. i'm really glad the yc is noticing this and taking action. not ok for people to come along and force us to sit through these public hearings... it's really frustrating the principles did that and glad the yc is taking action

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO



- i. 2 weeks ago bos introduced a resolution and passed it last week the AB40 the yc is also supporting. can contact commissioner quick for more info about it
- ii. budget update from, giving a mid cycle budget update
- iii. one seat appointed by the bos that is currently vacant on the police commission.
- iv. last week there were a few things introduced - pre muni pilot fund, a resolution introduced by sup. Walton, on CART.
- v. a couple hearing about
- vi. reminder that there's one month until the mayor's budget comes out
- b. Comms
 - i. Conducting outreach for YC apps
 - ii. Focused on YC info sessions for perspective apps
 - 1. Next one is Wednesday 5/5 would love to have you attend, reach out to Comms if you can make it
 - iii. Podcast - submitted grant
- c. General Committee Updates
 - i. None
- B. Civic Engagement
 - a. Continued discussion re: Vote16 poll on different poll options and costs
 - b. League of Women Voters offered to help us administer our poll
- C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. Had presentation on seamless transit principles from Bay Area board member and voted to support it
 - b. Discussed two resolutions
 - c. Reviewed Grand Challenge updates
- D. Transformative Justice
 - a. Internal working session (read a zine on youth guide to abolition and research alternatives to policing in SF)
- E. OCOF
 - a. No report

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Cyber Security Training Needed from:
 - Gracie
 - Ariana
 - Calvin
 - Gabbie
 - Arsema
- YC Info Session - Last One!
- Who is in hybrid learning & can drop off YC apps?
 - Erika
 - Arsema
 - Adrianna
 - Gabbie
 - Sarah G. (tentative)
- Interview + YC App Review Training Sessions (non returners)
 - Dates: TBD



- ❑ MyPath's "Youth Financial Steps to Success" Virtual Community Meeting - Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, 4:30-6:30pm
 - ❑ link to register:
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcOGpqD0tE9VOWU_pn4DCmP2bIrbtN5SW](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcOGpqD0tE9VOWU_pn4DCmP2bIrbtN5SW)
 - MyPath event reminder
 - Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) Campaign meeting from 1:30-3pm!
 - Public comment opp
 - Health commission at 4 for DPHMustDivest
 - No towaways
 - Meeting with freesf 1 end gang injunctions 5/4 - headcount 3:30 - 4:30pm
 - #30rightNow May 18th rally at City Hall at 1pm

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

11. **Adjournment**

adjournment at 9:13 pm.

1 [Youth Commission Response to Referral of BOS File No. 210459 - Supporting the
2 Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team]

3 **Motion approving support for Board of Supervisors File No. 210459, a resolution**
4 **supporting the establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team.**

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6 WHEREAS, On April, 19, 2021, the Youth Commission received a community
7 presentation on the Compassionate Alternative Response Team (“CART”) proposal to provide
8 a community-led and trauma-informed non-police response to homelessness; and

9 WHEREAS, At the same meeting, the Youth Commission adopted a motion to support
10 the CART framework and proposal; and

11 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has referred BOS File No. 210459, a resolution
12 supporting the establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team, to the Youth
13 Commission for comment and recommendation; now, therefore, be it

14 MOVED, That the Youth Commission supports BOS File No. 210459, in line with the
15 Youth Commission’s prior motion of support for the CART framework and proposal.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director
Youth Commission

FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board Victor Young

DATE: May 13, 2021

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. 210459

Resolution supporting the establishment of a 24 hours a day / seven days a week Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) in the City and County of San Francisco for a safer and more effective response to homelessness.

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

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

___ No Comment

___ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission



City and County of San Francisco

Master Report

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File Number: 210459 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Pending Committee Action

Enacted: _____ **Effective:** _____

Version: 1 **In Control:** Rules Committee

File Name: Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team **Date Introduced:** 04/27/2021

Requester: _____ **Cost:** _____ **Final Action:** _____

Comment: _____ **Title:** Resolution supporting the establishment of a 24 hours a day / seven days a week Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) in the City and County of San Francisco for a safer and more effective response to homelessness.

Sponsors: Haney; Preston,
Ronen and
Walton

History of Legislative File 210459

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	04/27/2021	RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED	Rules Committee		

1 [Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team]

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3 **Resolution supporting the establishment of a 24 hours a day / seven days a week**
4 **Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) in the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco for a safer and more effective response to homelessness.**

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7 WHEREAS, The roots of our local homelessness crisis can be traced, in part, to federal
8 divestment from the funding of affordable housing, and local municipalities have been left to
9 manage the crisis without the tax base of the federal government; and

10 WHEREAS, In many municipalities, including San Francisco, local police departments
11 have acted by default as the front line response to homelessness; and

12 WHEREAS, Instead of creating and facilitating viable exits from homelessness, a
13 police based response creates a costly revolving door, circulating individuals experiencing
14 homelessness from corner to corner and in and out of the criminal justice system; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USIAC) issued
16 a report in August of 2015 outlining best practices for addressing homelessness entitled
17 “Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments: Advancing the Dialogue,” which
18 includes guidelines on how to address homelessness and puts forward that linking unhoused
19 people to an appropriate level of housing is the only lasting solution; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2019 San Francisco Homeless Count and Survey found 8,035
21 unhoused individuals with 5,180 unsheltered and 2,855 accessing some form of shelter; and

22 WHEREAS, The number of individuals experiencing homelessness in San Francisco
23 far exceeds the number of available temporary shelter beds and transitional or permanent
24 housing; and

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco received more than \$44 million in
2 federal McKinney-Vento funding for projects addressing homelessness last year, and the
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has created funding incentives for
4 communities to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness are not deemed criminals
5 because of their use of public space for survival; and

6 WHEREAS, The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected an en banc petition by the City
7 of Boise in Martin v. Boise (formerly Bell v. Boise), upholding its September 2018 ruling that
8 homeless persons may not be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence
9 of adequate alternatives; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of police officers devoted to responding to homelessness has
11 increased from 24 in 2017 to over 80 in 2019, and on average, the San Francisco Police
12 Department (SFPD) responds to 179 homelessness-related incidents daily, or 1,253 per
13 week; and

14 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco’s Department of Emergency Management
15 (DEM) data, SFPD was dispatched to 65,333 homelessness-related calls in 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, When calls are made to the city expressing concern for unhoused people,
17 SFPD remains the primary agency dispatched in response; and

18 WHEREAS, A report issued by the Budget and Legislative Analyst’s Office (BLA) in
19 May 2016 found that police officers dispatched to incidents related to quality of life laws
20 produced limited results given the increase in homelessness on the streets; the BLA
21 subsequently recommended that the Board of Supervisors should implement a new strategy
22 to address these issues that shifts response to quality of life incidents away from the Police
23 Department to other City agencies including the Department of Homelessness and Supportive
24 Housing; and

1 WHEREAS, Currently, San Franciscans are advised to call the Police Non-Emergency
2 line for homelessness-related concerns such as encampments blocking the sidewalk or to
3 contact 311 for concerns about social distancing compliance in encampments; and

4 WHEREAS, In recent years San Francisco has relied more heavily on 311 to address
5 homeless encampments, which has led to a sharp increase in encampments being “removed”
6 or moved rather than the unhoused being supported with placements or services; and

7 WHEREAS, Alternative models such as Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets
8 or “CAHOOTS,” a mobile crisis intervention response and support team located in Eugene,
9 Oregon in which health workers, instead of police, act as first responders, already provide a
10 framework for an alternative to police response to homelessness; and

11 WHEREAS, In January 2020, the San Francisco Police Commission adopted a
12 Resolution urging the creation of a stakeholder group that would make recommendations to
13 the Board of Supervisors, Mayor’s Office, and appropriate commissions on how to transform
14 our response to homelessness from one led by law enforcement into one led by trained health
15 and human services workers based on exploring alternatives to a police response that exist in
16 the United States and other countries; and

17 WHEREAS, The Police Commission further urged that the stakeholder group would
18 identify funding sources, appropriate dispatch protocol, necessary system changes and
19 appropriate service model to move from a police response to a more effective health and
20 human services response to homelessness; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco is already exploring alternatives to police response to
22 psychiatric crisis in public spaces by establishing the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT);
23 the program provides rapid, trauma-informed response to calls for service for people
24 experiencing psychiatric crisis in public spaces in order to reduce law enforcement encounters
25 and unnecessary emergency room use; the program has already successfully diverted more

1 than 79 calls for service from SFPD during its pilot period and demonstrated that utilizing a
2 service-based interdisciplinary team in response to street crisis is a powerful and effective
3 model; and

4 WHEREAS, The city's newly created SCRT by design and plan does not respond to
5 dispatch radio codes 910 (check on well being), 915 (homeless encampment), 916
6 (suspicious person in a vehicle), 917 (suspicious person), 919 (sit/lie ordinance violations),
7 and 920 (aggressive panhandling) leaving no current alternative other than a police response;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) proposal
10 provides a framework for CART to respond to C-Priority Calls involving unhoused people in
11 the City, on the street, or in temporary shelters including dispatch radio codes 800 (mentally
12 disturbed person) that SCRT does not have capacity to respond to, 801 (person attempting
13 suicide), 910 (check on well being), 915 (homeless encampment), 916 (suspicious person in a
14 vehicle), 917 (suspicious person), 919 (sit/Lie ordinance violations), and 920 (aggressive
15 panhandling) 24 hours a day 7 days a week ; and

16 WHEREAS, The CART model is made up of two components, the first being CART
17 Dispatch Response, which provides a specialized police-alternative to calls involving
18 unhoused people in crisis; CART Dispatch Response also establishes a new hotline for CART
19 and create a CART specific dispatch code; and

20 WHEREAS, The second component of CART, the Street Response, would serve,
21 engage, and problem solve with housed San Franciscans and businesses around
22 homelessness; and

23 WHEREAS, CART, being informed by a recent survey of homeless in San Francisco,
24 would hire Crisis Response Staff as well as Community Engagement Staff distinguishable
25 from law enforcement with backgrounds and lived experiences with homelessness, poverty,

1 crisis response, and the provision of services, and would seek to hire response staff that
2 match the racial and LGBTQ demographics of the unhoused clients being served; and

3 WHEREAS, CART would be funded and staffed 24 hours a day / 7 days a week; and

4 WHEREAS, The two-prong scope of the CART program will divert a significant number
5 of homelessness-related calls away from SFPD, while building capacity within San
6 Francisco’s neighborhoods to de-escalate and compassionately resolve homelessness-
7 related conflicts, thereby reducing the total number of homelessness-related calls made to
8 dispatch, reducing police interactions with those experiencing homelessness, and improving
9 outcomes for those on the streets; and

10 WHEREAS, The CART response focuses on the well-being of the unhoused, an
11 approach that is foundational to the CAHOOTS model, and will affirm the civil rights of those
12 experiencing homelessness, as well as problem-solve issues faced by the housed and by
13 businesses; and

14 WHEREAS, It is recommended that CART be funded by a diversion of funds from
15 various carceral system budgets, which could be achieved by cost-savings associated with
16 implementing a non-police response; the BLA estimates that the City currently spends \$18.5
17 million on police responses to homelessness, the CART model would replace these services
18 at an estimated cost of \$6.8 million, which would provide the city with a projected \$11 million
19 cost savings; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the Police Commission’s
21 recommendation that the City must transform our response to street homelessness from one
22 led by law enforcement into one led by trained health and human services workers; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the framework of the
24 Compassionate Alternative Response Team that dramatically expands the City’s capacity to
25 respond to street homelessness through revising dispatch response; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to include
2 additional funding for homeless outreach.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

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

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

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

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

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

Sponsor(s):

Haney, Preston, Ronen

Subject:

Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team

The text is listed:

Resolution supporting the establishment of a 24/7 Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) in the City and County of San Francisco for a safer and more effective response to homelessness.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: MATT HANEY

From: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Snyder, Jen \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Introduction from Today's Mtg - Reso in support of CART
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:46:18 PM
Attachments: [Introduction Form Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team.pdf](#)
[Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team.docx](#)

Hello,

Please find attached intro form and Reso in support of the establishment of CART in SF.

I've cc'ed Supervisor Haney, and also aides of our two co-sponsors Preston and Ronen.

Thank you,

Honey

[Supporting the Establishment of a Compassionate Alternative Response Team:]

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WHEREAS, The roots of our local homelessness crisis can be traced, in part, to federal divestment from the funding of affordable housing, and local municipalities have been left to manage the crisis without the tax base of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, In many municipalities, including San Francisco, local police departments have acted by default as the front line response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Instead of creating and facilitating viable exits from homelessness, a police based response creates a costly revolving door, circulating individuals experiencing homelessness from corner to corner and in and out of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USIAC) issued a report in August of 2015 outlining best practices for addressing homelessness entitled "Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments: Advancing the Dialogue," which includes guidelines on how to address homelessness and puts forward that linking unhoused people to an appropriate level of housing is the only lasting solution; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 San Francisco Homeless Count and Survey found 8,035 unhoused individuals with 5,180 unsheltered and 2,855 accessing some form of shelter; and

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2 WHEREAS, The number of individuals experiencing homelessness in San Francisco
3 far exceeds the number of available temporary shelter beds and transitional or permanent
4 housing; and

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco received more than \$44 million in
7 federal McKinney-Vento funding for projects addressing homelessness last year, and the
8 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has created funding incentives for
9 communities to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness are not deemed criminals
10 because of their use of public space for survival; and

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12 WHEREAS, The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected an en banc petition by the City
13 of Boise in Martin v. Boise (formerly Bell v. Boise), upholding its September 2018 ruling that
14 homeless persons may not be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence
15 of adequate alternatives; and

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17 WHEREAS, The number of police officers devoted to responding to homelessness has
18 increased from 24 in 2017 to over 80 in 2019, and on average, the San Francisco Police
19 Department (SFPD) responds to 179 homelessness-related incidents daily, or 1,253 per
20 week; and

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22 WHEREAS, According to San Francisco's Department of Emergency Management
23 (DEM) data, SFPD was dispatched to 65,333 homelessness-related calls in 2019; and
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FILE NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 WHEREAS, When calls are made to the city expressing concern for unhoused people,
2 SFPD remains the primary agency dispatched in response; and

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4 WHEREAS, A report issued by the Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office (BLA) in
5 May 2016 found that police officers dispatched to incidents related to quality of life laws
6 produced limited results given the increase in homelessness on the streets; the BLA
7 subsequently recommended that the Board of Supervisors should implement a new strategy
8 to address these issues that shifts response to quality of life incidents away from the Police
9 Department to other City agencies including the Department of Homelessness and Supportive
10 Housing; and

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12 WHEREAS, Currently, San Franciscans are advised to call the Police Non-Emergency
13 line for homelessness-related concerns such as encampments blocking the sidewalk or to
14 contact 311 for concerns about social distancing compliance in encampments; and

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16 WHEREAS, In recent years San Francisco has relied more heavily on 311 to address
17 homeless encampments, which has led to a sharp increase in encampments being "removed"
18 or moved rather than the unhoused being supported with placements or services; and

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20 WHEREAS, Alternative models such as Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets
21 or "CAHOOTS," a mobile crisis intervention response and support team located in Eugene,
22 Oregon in which health workers, instead of police, act as first responders, already provide a
23 framework for an alternative to police response to homelessness; and

1 WHEREAS, In January 2020, the San Francisco Police Commission adopted a
2 ~~R~~esolution urging the creation of a stakeholder group that would make recommendations to
3 the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office, and appropriate commissions on how to transform
4 our response to homelessness from one led by law enforcement into one led by trained health
5 and human services workers based on exploring alternatives to a police response that exist in
6 the United States and other countries; and

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8 WHEREAS, The Police Commission further urged that the stakeholder group would
9 identify funding sources, appropriate dispatch protocol, necessary system changes and
10 appropriate service model to move from a police response to a more effective health and
11 human services response to homelessness; and

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13 WHEREAS, San Francisco is already exploring alternatives to police response to
14 psychiatric crisis in public spaces by establishing the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT);
15 the program provides rapid, trauma-informed response to calls for service for people
16 experiencing psychiatric crisis in public spaces in order to reduce law enforcement encounters
17 and unnecessary emergency room use; the program has already successfully diverted more
18 than 79 calls for service from SFPD during ~~it's~~its pilot period and demonstrated that utilizing a
19 service-based interdisciplinary team in response to street crisis is a powerful and effective
20 model; and

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22 WHEREAS, The city's newly created SCRT by design and plan does not respond to
23 dispatch radio codes 910 (check on ~~a~~ well being), 915 (homeless encampment), 916
24 (suspicious person in a vehicle), 917 (suspicious person), 919 (sit/lie ordinance violations);

1 and 920 (aggressive panhandling) leaving no current alternative other than a police response;
2 and

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4 WHEREAS, The Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART) proposal
5 provides a framework for CART to respond to C-Priority Calls involving unhoused people in
6 the City, on the street, or in temporary shelters, including dispatch radio codes 800 (mentally
7 disturbed person) that SCRT does not have capacity to respond to, 801 (person attempting
8 suicide), 910 (check on well being), 915 (homeless encampment), 916 (suspicious person in a
9 vehicle), 917 (suspicious person), 919 (sit/Lie ordinance violations), and 920 (aggressive
10 panhandling) ~~with a 24 hours a day /7 days a week response~~; and

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12 WHEREAS, The CART model is made up of two components, the first being CART
13 Dispatch Response, which provides a specialized police-alternative to calls involving
14 unhoused people in crisis; CART Dispatch Response also establishes a new hotline for CART
15 and create a CART specific dispatch code; and

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17 WHEREAS, The second component of CART, the Street Response, would serve,
18 engage, and problem solve with housed San Franciscans and businesses around
19 homelessness; and

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21 WHEREAS, CART, being informed by a recent survey of homeless in San Francisco,
22 would hire Crisis Response Staff as well as Community Engagement Staff distinguishable
23 from law enforcement with backgrounds and lived experiences with homelessness, poverty,
24 crisis response, and the provision of services, and would seek to hire response staff that
25 match the racial and LGBTQ demographics of the unhoused clients being served; and

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2 WHEREAS, CART would be funded and staffed 24 hours a day / 7 days a week; and

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4 WHEREAS, The two-prong scope of the CART program will divert a significant number
5 of
6 homelessness-related calls away from SFPD, while building capacity within San
7 Francisco's
8 neighborhoods to de-escalate and compassionately resolve homelessness-related
9 conflicts, thereby reducing the total number of homelessness-related calls made to dispatch,
10 reducing police interactions with those experiencing homelessness, and improving outcomes
11 for those on the streets; and

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13 WHEREAS, The CART response focuses on the well-being of the unhoused, an
14 approach that is foundational to the CAHOOTS model, and will affirm the civil rights of those
15 experiencing homelessness, as well as problem-solve issues faced by the housed and by
16 businesses; and

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18 WHEREAS, It is recommended that CART be funded by a diversion of funds from
19 various carceral system budgets, which could be achieved by cost-savings associated with
20 implementing a non-police response; the BLA estimates that the City currently spends \$18.5
21 million on police responses to homelessness, the CART model would replace these services
22 at an estimated cost of \$6.8 million, which would provide the city with a projected \$11 million
23 cost savings; now, therefore, be it

FILE NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the Police Commission's
2 recommendation that the City must transform our response to street homelessness from one
3 led by law enforcement into one led by trained health and human services workers; and, be it
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5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the framework of the
6 Compassionate Alternative Response Team that dramatically expands the City's capacity to
7 respond to street homelessness through revising dispatch response; and, be it
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9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to include
10 additional funding for homeless outreach.
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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-AL-11

1 [Affordable Housing - 2550 Irving]

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3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to accelerate the proposed affordable**
4 **housing development on 2550 Irving and reserve units for low-income transitional age**
5 **youth as well as youth and their families.**

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7 WHEREAS, The development proposed for 2550 Irving St. would provide family-
8 friendly housing for households earning between \$27,000 and \$102,000; and

9 WHEREAS, The proposed development is intended to provide family-friendly housing
10 for San Francisco's essential workers in the following fields: healthcare, childcare, education,
11 non-profit services, construction, and retail; and

12 WHEREAS, The development would provide 90-100 units for youth and their families
13 with the construction start date of 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, The proposed development includes a seven-story building that includes
15 up to 100 studios, and 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sunset has the third-highest number of children in San Francisco's
17 eleven districts, and 2550 Irving's proximity to high performing schools makes it a prime
18 location for affordable family housing; and

19 WHEREAS, Many of the apartments will be reserved for households who live in the
20 Sunset or have been displaced from housing in San Francisco, expanding access and
21 opportunities for families and children; and

22 WHEREAS, Youth and their families will have increased accessibility to public
23 transportation, public libraries, museums, and Golden Gate Park, due to the proposed
24 development's proximity to these services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Post COVID-19, the proposed development will help address the
2 increased need for affordable housing for low and middle-income essential workers, youth,
3 and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed development is the first step toward affordable housing
5 throughout the City and resolving the housing crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, With a reduced financial burden, youth will have more time to focus on
7 their interests, academics, and extracurriculars; and

8 WHEREAS, With the proposed development, youth will have housing security, thus
9 creating an environment that encourages physical and intellectual development; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposed development alleviates any concerns youth and their family
11 may have towards housing instability, thus improving their mental and physical health; and

12 WHEREAS, The development's affordable units of housing encourage positive
13 financial outcomes and increase the safety of youth; and

14 WHEREAS, A study from Rebecca Diamond and Timothy McQuade of Stanford
15 Business School analyzing the affordable housing built under the Low Income Housing Tax
16 Credit (LIHTC) program shows that in low- and high- income neighborhoods, the
17 implementation of affordable housing does not lead to a decrease in public safety, and even
18 increases public safety in low-income neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to confront
20 the crisis of housing insecurity for working, low to middle-class families, and the homeless
21 population of transitional age youth; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
23 minimize or eliminate the number of parking spaces on-site in order to maximize more units of
24 housing and to fulfill San Francisco's goal of becoming carbon neutral and reducing
25 greenhouse gas emissions; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That due to the urgent need for affordable and supportive
2 housing, the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to expedite the proposed
3 development with the construction start date of 2022; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
5 reserve affordable housing units specifically for transitional age youth within the proposed
6 development at 2550 Irving; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
8 reserve permanents units of housing for youth who are homeless or have been homeless and
9 work with agencies such as Larkin, 3rd Street Youth Clinic, and LYRIC to connect youth to
10 these units of housing; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission recognizes the misinformation
12 being spread around the proposed development and urges the Board of Supervisors to
13 engage in community education, discussion, and work with community-based organizations to
14 address the negative stigma that often follows conversations about the implementation of
15 affordable housing; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
17 address the lack of supportive and affordable housing in the Sunset, western neighborhoods,
18 and throughout the City, and partner with organizations to spur more developments similar to
19 that on 2550 Irving.

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1 [Seamless Transit Principles]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Seamless Transit Principles, as described, and urging**
4 **various decision-makers, including the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Municipal**
5 **Transportation Agency, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and others, to**
6 **adopt and implement the aforementioned Seamless Transit Principles.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area, despite being an exceptional place to live,
9 faces an uncertain future due to several interrelated crises—decreasing housing affordability,
10 increasing congestion, rising pollution, widening inequality, and the recent COVID-19 public
11 health crisis—all of which are exacerbated by an inadequate and poorly-performing public
12 transportation system; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite billions of dollars of investments in new transportation
14 infrastructure over the past five decades, public transit in the Bay Area has failed to attract
15 large numbers of new riders, and has never been used by more than 12% of the population
16 for commute trips since 1970; by contrast automobiles have always been used for over 75%
17 of commute trips; and

18 WHEREAS, The quality of and usage of public transit in the Bay Area has declined in
19 recent years, with transit trips per capita declining by 10%, average bus speeds declining by
20 9%, and transit commute times increasing by 11% between 2001 and 2016; and

21 WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board reported in 2018 that no California
22 regions, including the Bay Area, are on track to meet their greenhouse gas reduction targets,
23 with increasing Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) and declines in transit ridership cited as a
24 primary factors; and

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1 WHEREAS, Using public transit in the Bay Area is inconvenient and costly for many
2 types of trips, requiring riders to: use multiple transit systems operated independently with
3 little coordination; pay multiple separate fares; experience unpredictable transfers; and
4 navigate different wayfinding systems and brand identities; and

5 WHEREAS, Low-income people, many of whom have experienced displacement and
6 have long commutes requiring multiple transit services, are among the most adversely
7 affected the Bay Area’s poorly integrated public transportation system, experiencing a
8 significant financial burden from needing to pay multiple separate transit fares or being forced
9 into costly vehicle ownership; and

10 WHEREAS, According to 2013 data from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and
11 Schools, 25% of San Francisco Unified School District students rely on public transportation
12 to get to and from school; and

13 WHEREAS, Many youth rely on both Bay Area Rapid Transit (“BART”) and San
14 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”)-run transit services to get to and from
15 school and for other purposes, requiring them to pay two fares; and

16 WHEREAS, Additionally, some youth who live in San Francisco attend schools outside
17 of San Francisco, and vice versa, requiring even more transfers; and

18 WHEREAS, Different transit agencies have different discount programs for youth,
19 which can pose an additional administrative challenge for youth who rely on public transit; and

20 WHEREAS, Regions with high-ridership public transportation systems are
21 characterized by highly integrated networks of quality local and regional transit services that
22 make traveling without a private automobile convenient and easy for all types of trips,
23 featuring aligned routes and schedules, coordinated transfers, high quality transit hubs,
24 common branding and customer information, and other common regional customer
25 experience standards; and

1 WHEREAS, Regions that have successfully integrated and simplified transit fares have
2 experienced many broad social benefits, including a shift in travel from private cars to public
3 transit, an increase in overall public transit usage, and expanded mobility options and cost
4 savings for riders; and

5 WHEREAS, A well-functioning and coordinated transit system plays a critical role in
6 supporting public health and safety during an emergency, with 31% of Bay Area essential
7 workers relying off public transit to get to work, and in supporting an economic recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, During and in the aftermath of major disruptions to our transit system,
9 close coordination among agencies facilitates prioritization of the most critical needs, efficient
10 deployment of resources, and clear communication to customers; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission, upon the recommendation of its Housing
12 and Land Use Committee, supports the Seamless Transit Principles outlined as follows:

- 13 1) Run all Bay Area transit as one easy-to-use system;
- 14 2) Put riders first;
- 15 3) Make public transit equitable and accessible to all;
- 16 4) Align transit prices and passes to be simple, fair, and affordable;
- 17 5) Connect effortlessly with other sustainable transportation;
- 18 6) Plan communities and transportation together; and
- 19 7) Prioritize reforms to create a seamless network; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Board of
21 Supervisors, SFMTA, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, BART Board, and all
22 other transit agencies operating within the limits of the City and County of San Francisco, as
23 well as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to adopt and implement the Seamless
24 Transit Principles as outlined above; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission directs Youth Commission staff to
2 forward this resolution to the City and County of San Francisco’s state legislative delegation.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission
FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk
Budget and Appropriations Committee
DATE: May 3, 2021
SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Appropriations Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Hillary Ronen on April 13, 2021. This item is being referred to the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210405
Hearing to discuss food insecurity and hunger in San Francisco; to present priorities and recommendations, unmet need, programs currently in place, organization and coordination between programs, gaps and barriers, lessons learned from COVID response, and opportunities for leveraging public and private funds and in-kind resources; requesting the Food Security Task Force to report; and requesting the San Francisco Unified School District, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, Office of Early Care and Education, First 5, Human Services Agency, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and Department of Aging and Adult Services to be available for questions.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response by email to: Linda.Wong@sfgov.org.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

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

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

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

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

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

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

The text is listed:

Hearing on food insecurity and hunger in San Francisco. Requesting Food Security Task Force to present annual report, priorities, and recommendations; and SF Unified School District; Department of Children, Youth & Their Families; Office of Early Care & Education; First 5; Human Services Agency; Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing; and Department of Aging & Adult Services to report on unmet need among constituents they serve, programs currently in place, organization and coordination between programs, gaps and barriers, lessons learned from COVID response, and opportunities for leveraging public and private funds and in-kind resources.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

For Clerk's Use Only

Golden Gate Park

Stakeholder Working Group and Action Framework



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May 17, 2021

Goals of the Working Group



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- Advance conversation and build consensus among major stakeholders about shared values and needs.
- Identify ways to improve travel to, from, and within Golden Gate Park.

Background



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April 2020

Mayor Breed designates JFK Drive car-free on weekdays

Fall 2020

District 1 Commissioner Fewer requests a working group to assess park access needs

Now

Findings of the working group

Next Steps

Rec/Park and SFMTA process builds on working group findings to evaluate alternatives for JFK Drive and improve park access





25TH AVE

PARK PRESIDIO BLVD

10TH AVE

8TH AVE

ARGUELLO ST

STANYAN ST

FULTON ST

CONSERVATORY DR

FELL ST

JOHN F KENNEDY DR

OAK ST

TRANSVERSE DR

STOW LAKE DR

MUSIC CONCOURSE

NANCY PELOSI DR

BOWLING GREEN DR

KEZAR DR

KEZAR PAVILLION

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DR

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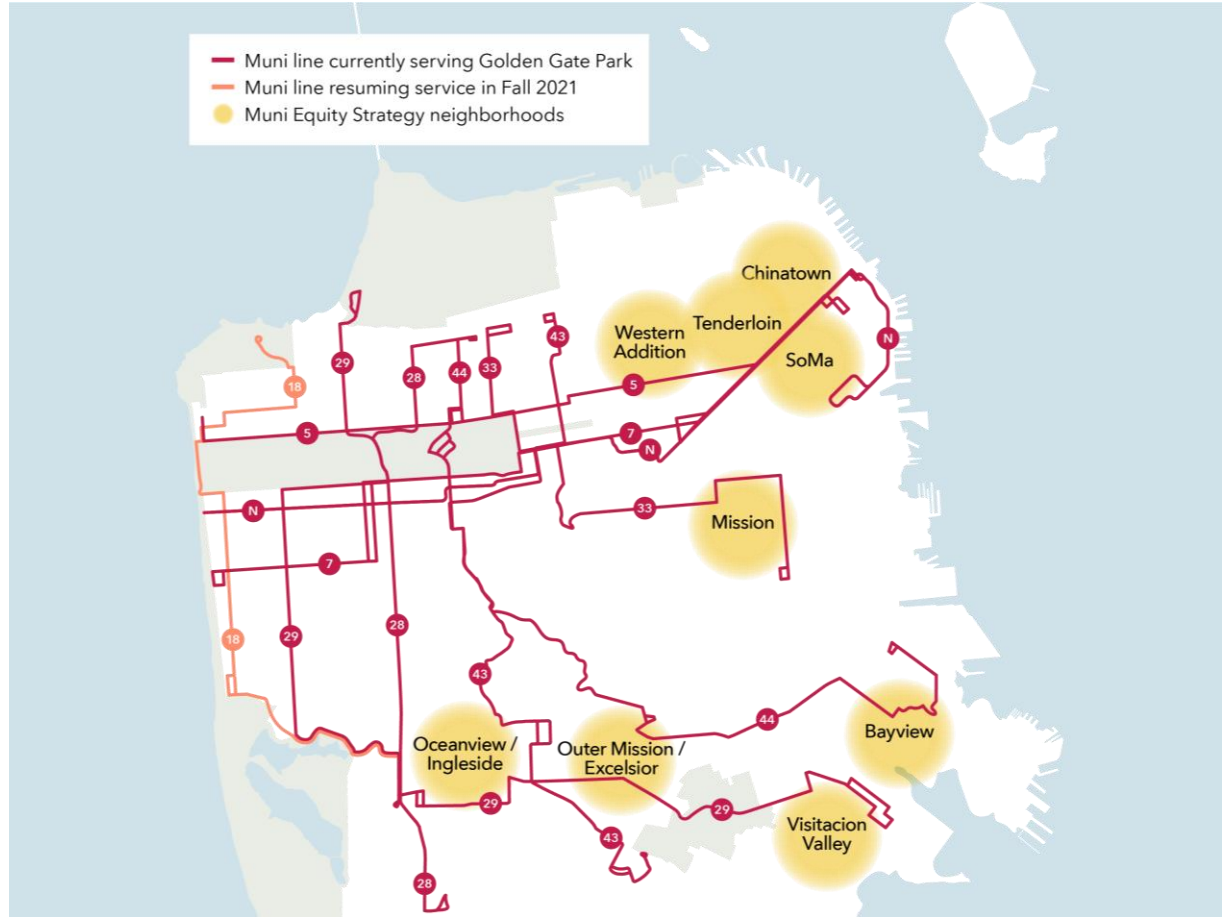


ROAD CLOSURE

SFMTA transit lines serving Golden Gate Park



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JFK Drive has:

18% of the total parking East of Transverse Dr.

27% of the total accessible parking East of Transverse Dr.



Collisions in Golden Gate Park, East of Transverse Drive (Excluding Highway 1)

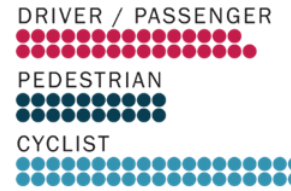
Between 2014 and 2019 there were 30 collisions along JFK drive, East of Transverse.

Total Collisions:
91

Total Victims:
0 killed, 104 injured

Pedestrian Collisions:
20 (21.9%)

Bicycle Collisions:
40 (43.9%)



Working Group Membership



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17 active members representing:

- Short distance park visitors and adjacent neighborhoods
- Long distance park visitors
- Citywide park interests
- Park institutions
- Merchants
- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- People with disabilities
- Seniors
- Families with children



Working group Process

1:1 interviews and Meeting #1
ESTABLISH VALUES

Meeting #2
BUILD AN INVENTORY OF NEEDS

Meeting #3
**PRESENT AND DISCUSS AN ACTION
FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS NEEDS**

Meeting #4
**REVISE ACTION FRAMEWORK AND
COLLECT ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK**

FINAL PRODUCTS

Identified values, needs, and the Action Framework. The Recreation and Park Department and the SFMTA will build on these findings as they conduct additional public outreach, implement access improvements, and evaluate alternatives for John F. Kennedy Drive.



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Findings – Needs



- Access for key groups, including youth, seniors, people with disabilities, communities of color, and park volunteers
- Clear wayfinding signage for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles
- Improved signage for the park shuttle
- Safe access from adjacent neighborhoods
- Safe and efficient transit
- Access for children
- Improved parking management
- Enable regional tourism
- Provide clear communications
- Clarify decision making process



Highlights

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- Short Term and Long Term Actions
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Short-Term Actions

RPD – Install new ADA “blue zone” parking on park streets, especially close to the Dahlia Garden and Conservatory of Flowers

RPD – Repurpose part or all of the tour bus parking lot behind the bandshell on the Music Concourse

Long-Term Actions

RPD – Pursue equitable ADA parking solutions in the garage

RPD – Assess pavement conditions and pursue path and pavement improvements in-park where necessary

Example 2: Transit and Regional Access



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Short-Term Actions

SFMTA – Continue to expand transit service as part of the SFMTA COVID recovery plan, including return of the N-Judah line and improvements along the 44-O'Shaughnessy bus route.

RPD – Actively monitor garage occupancy levels to understand whether there are periods when garage space is unavailable to visitors arriving by vehicle.

Long-Term Actions

SFMTA/SFCTA – Prioritize developing equitable, accessible, and time-competitive non-auto transportation options for residents in the southeast and Chinatown.

RPD/SFMTA – Explore redesign of Golden Gate Park Shuttle Service

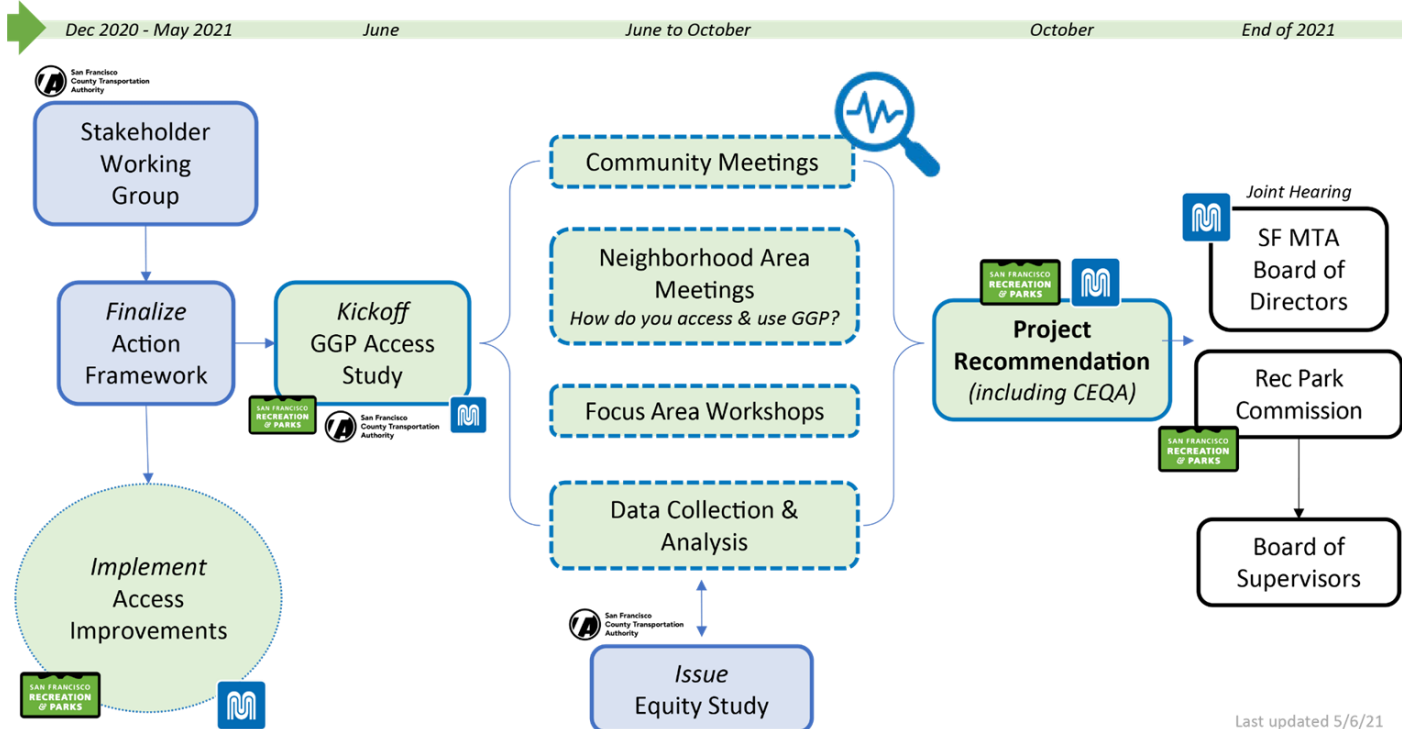
RPD/SFMTA – Explore system of “parking nodes” within the park paired with mobility services

RPD/SFMTA – Work with park museums to develop institutional Travel Demand Management Plans

RPD/SFMTA – Explore improvements to park transit stops such as lighting and shelters.

Next Steps

Golden Gate Park Access Study Project Pathway



Last updated 5/6/21

Thank you.
Any Questions?

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-AL-12

1 [John F. Kennedy Drive and Great Highway - Permanent Closures to Cars]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San**
4 **Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the Recreation and Parks Department**
5 **to consider various parameters for an equitable plan to support the long-term closure**
6 **of John F. Kennedy Drive and the Great Highway to cars.**

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8 WHEREAS, In April of 2020 and as a part of the City's Slow Streets Initiative, stretches
9 of road throughout San Francisco were closed off to cars to prioritize recreational activity for
10 citizens during the emergency stay at home order due to COVID-19; and

11 WHEREAS, Closures as a part of the Slow Streets program were initially intended to
12 be temporary, but have since been extended for certain stretches of road to maintain
13 recreational and community spaces throughout and beyond the pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, The Great Highway and John F. Kennedy ("JFK") Drive in Golden Gate
15 Park, which can be considered significant thoroughfares in the City, were closed as a part of
16 the Slow Streets program and have remained closed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Both the Great Highway and JFK Drive have served as valuable
19 community and recreational spaces for citizens amidst the pandemic; and

20 WHEREAS, Closing JFK Drive is a step toward increasing pedestrian and cyclist
21 safety, especially on a thoroughfare like JFK Drive which is on the City's High Injury Network
22 map; and

23 WHEREAS, Since the closure of JFK Drive to cars, Golden Gate Park has seen a 23%
24 increase in people biking, walking and running along the closed section of JFK, with
25 pedestrian visits up 42%; and

1 WHEREAS, 4,700 parking spaces remain available in the park representing 83% of the
2 parking spaces in the park; and

3 WHEREAS, An initial survey conducted by the San Francisco County Transportation
4 Authority (“SFCTA”), which had nearly 4,000 responses from throughout the City, showed that
5 53 percent of respondents citywide supported the permanent closure of the Great Highway
6 and its conversion to a permanent promenade; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco youth benefit from the increased pedestrian safety provided
8 by the closures of the Great Highway and JFK Drive to cars; and

9 WHEREAS, The addition of more car-free space in San Francisco aligns with the Child
10 Friendly City initiative that the Board of Supervisors adopted in File No. 191158, which was
11 supported by the Youth Commission in YC File No. 1920-RBM-04; and

12 WHEREAS, Relative to the closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park there are
13 however concerns regarding the accessibility of Golden Gate Park for people with disabilities
14 and the elderly, which predate the temporary closure of JFK Drive to cars during the
15 pandemic but have been brought to the fore during discussion around a permanent closure;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In the context of a history of excluding residents from the south-east
18 quadrant of the City, particularly Black residents and other residents of color, from accessing
19 Golden Gate Park, the closure of JFK Drive has the potential to exacerbate existing
20 challenges in accessing Golden Gate Park if it is not coupled with an investment in robust
21 alternatives to driving to Golden Gate Park for south-east residents, including more frequent
22 headways and reliability on the 29-Sunset, 43-Masonic, and 44-O’Shaughnessy, which
23 directly connect the park to south-east neighborhoods; and

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1 WHEREAS, However, reopening JFK Drive to cars will not solve the systemic issues
2 underlying the segregation of green space in San Francisco, and will reduce the ability of
3 youth to use Golden Gate Park as a space for recreation and community-building; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to be successful, the closure of JFK Drive and the Great Highway
5 to cars must lead to those roads becoming truly shared spaces for all San Franciscans; and

6 WHEREAS, Communities in parts of the City not adjacent to Golden Gate Park have
7 raised concerns about a lack of clarity, transparency, and inclusion of all residents in the initial
8 public outreach process; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission supports the permanent closure of JFK Drive
10 and the Great Highway to cars, with the provision that the City conduct a robust community
11 outreach effort with a focus on the equity and access to newly created open spaces for
12 residents across the City, and on increasing the presence of youth voices in this process; and,
13 be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
15 Municipal Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”) to ensure separated traffic for bicycles and
16 pedestrian on JFK Drive and the Great Highway; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA, Recreation &
18 Parks Department (“RPD”), and other City departments to invest in making JFK Drive and the
19 Great Highway into true community spaces for all San Franciscans, including benches, play
20 areas, exercise facilities, and other community facilities; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA and SFCTA to
22 implement more robust transit options for those farther away from Golden Gate Park, more
23 robust planning for disabled accessibility, and additional improvements to public transit; and,
24 be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA and RPD to
2 ensure that all disability spaces removed by the closure of JFK Drive are replaced in a
3 comparable distribution throughout Golden Gate Park; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges SFMTA and RPD to
5 restore frequent increase shuttles to Golden Gate Park from all over the City, especially from
6 the south-east; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the City to ensure an
8 inclusive community engagement process regarding the closures of JFK Drive and the Great
9 Highway to cars, and make sure that all voices are heard including those most affected, both
10 positively and negatively, by the closures.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-AL-14

1 [Student Pedestrian Safety During School Reopening - Slow Streets]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to collaborate**
3 **with the San Francisco Unified School District to maintain and expand San Francisco’s**
4 **Slow Streets program near schools, provide additional safe options for students to**
5 **commute to and from school when in-person learning resumes, and collect additional**
6 **data on student commutes.**
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8 WHEREAS, In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City and County of San
9 Francisco (the “City”) created the Slow Streets program through the San Francisco Municipal
10 Transportation Agency (“SFMTA”); and

11 WHEREAS, According to the SFMTA, the purpose of the Slow Streets program “is to
12 manage traffic speeds and create a safe network for essential walk and bike travel while
13 transit service levels are reduced,” by limiting designated streets to through traffic; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 6, 2021, the SFUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to
15 give all SFUSD students the option to return to in-person learning starting in the fall of 2021;
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17 WHEREAS, As of April 12, 2021, some students at the San Francisco Unified School
18 District (“SFUSD”) have returned to in-person learning after over a year of distance learning,
19 due to the pandemic; and

20 WHEREAS, According to 2013 data from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and
21 Schools, 25% of SFUSD students rely on public transportation to get to and from school, and
22 21% walk or ride a bike; and

23 WHEREAS, Student transit commuters tend to be from lower-income backgrounds,
24 and students of color; and
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1 WHEREAS, However, the SFMTA has neither clarified nor committed to a plan for
2 returning transit to 100% of pre-pandemic service levels, in part due to fiscal and logistical
3 challenges, and has failed to assure students that the SFMTA will be able to provide this
4 desperately needed service; and

5 WHEREAS, In the absence of fully restored transit service, which would render social
6 distancing difficult or impossible for students commuting to and from school on public transit,
7 the SFMTA has indicated that students may rely on the City’s network of 30 Slow Streets to
8 safely walk or bike to school if possible; and

9 WHEREAS, Slow streets have helped provide outdoor space for community members,
10 including and especially youth, to recreate and enjoy themselves during the pandemic while
11 not fully eliminating local vehicle access; and

12 WHEREAS, Placing Slow Streets near schools, as was intentionally done in the
13 Sunset, could help alleviate traffic dangers for students who walk, bike, or take public transit
14 to and from school caused by drop-off and pick-up lanes when schools return to in-person
15 learning; and

16 WHEREAS, Cities like Davis, CA have also prioritized dedicated bike lanes near and
17 leading to schools, in order to facilitate safe, low-cost, and sustainable commutes for students;
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19 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, on April 8, 2021, principals at several Sunset district
20 SFUSD schools requested that Sunset district Slow Streets be removed in anticipation of
21 students’ return to in-person learning, which resulted in a temporary reopening of several
22 Slow Streets to through traffic prior to them being restored after process issues were raised;
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1 WHEREAS, School administrators have claimed that they need “as much road real
2 estate as possible during intake and dismissal times,” completely disregarding the safety of
3 those students who do not commute to school via car; and

4 WHEREAS, Maintaining a robust network of Slow Streets across the City and near
5 schools is key to ensuring all students have options for safely commuting to school when in-
6 person learning resumes; and

7 WHEREAS, Furthermore, it appears that youth and students were not consulted before
8 the temporary closure of Slow Streets in the Sunset; and

9 WHEREAS, While presenting Slow Streets as a primary option for the majority of
10 SFUSD students that do not commute to school by car to do so safely is itself problematic,
11 especially for students who live far away from their school, removing this option would simply
12 be a further burden on students’ and their families as they navigate the difficult and frequently
13 fraught process of returning to in-person learning; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission supports the Slow Streets program, and
15 encourages the SFMTA to expand the Slow Streets network and install better infrastructure to
16 support their continued existence past the pandemic as community spaces and avenues for
17 safe pedestrian traffic; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA, SFUSD, and
19 individual school site administrators to consult with students and youth about the future of
20 Slow Streets, especially those near schools, and to collaborate with each other to collect more
21 consistent data on student commutes; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to develop a
23 plan to return transit to 100% of pre-pandemic service levels to alleviate crowding during
24 school commute hours and enable students who rely on transit for their commutes to safely
25 get to school when they return to in-person learning.