



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, November 6, 2017

5:15 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. October 16, 2017

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4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

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

A. BOS File No. 171138 - [Administrative Code - Indigenous Peoples Day]

Sponsor: Supervisor Cohen

Presenter: Leah LaCroix, Youth Commission Staff

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B. BOS File No. 171167 - [Urging the Federal Government to Extend Temporary Protected Status for All Nations Currently Under the Program]

Sponsors: Supervisors Ronen; Fewer, Tang, Kim, Safai, Cohen, Yee, Sheehy

Presenter: Leah LaCroix, Youth Commission Staff

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

A. Presentation: Youth Commission Elevator Pitch Training

Presenter: Kiely Hosmon, Youth Commission Staff

B. Presentation: Voter Pre-Registration Outreach Training

Presenter: Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee



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

- A. Leave of Absence Request for October 23-December 4, 2017 for Commissioner Mampu Lona
- B. Motion to allow Commissioner Lona to temporarily step down from Executive Officer role and to have only one Youth Commission Outreach and Communications Officer until December 2017
Sponsor: Executive Committee
- C. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-04 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]
Sponsor: Commissioner Jarrett Mao
(Document D)

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee
- C. Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement Committee and Immigration Committee
- E. Our Children Our Family Council

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm. Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristin Tam, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

Commissioners Paola Robles Desgarenes, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler are seeking approved absences for giving advance notice to staff. Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricke, motioned to approve these as excused absences. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Franet seeks authorization from October 2 meeting as staff forgot he gave advanced notice. Commissioner Marshall-Fricke, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to excuse Commissioner Franet's absence. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. October 2, 2017
[\(Document A\)](#)



Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to approve the minutes pending the correction of Kristin to Kristen in the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

No public comment

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

- A. Presentation on Youth Leadership Institute's Health Impact Project - Policy Advocacy Program
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document B)

The Youth Leadership Institute is applying for a grant where they would like to implement a Youth Advising Body for the Department of Public Health. DPH is willing to sign on with the caveat that they would like data/info on existing youth advising/decision making bodies and the impact they have in SF. YLI knows that the YC is a powerful and dynamic youth serving body in SF. Assessment would look (and up to youth involved in project) like surveys, interviews, focus groups. Assessment to understand structures in place and potential impacts and the way young people feel to best inform the value of it.

Direct ask: YLI, with youth as researchers, would do a campaign, and the middle piece would be partnership with the YC to do their methodology and implement it. 1-2 hours with the Youth Commission is requested to collect data and then analyze it.

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Franet, motion to support the Health Impact Project and to open up the YC to assessment when the time comes. Motion passed by acclamation.

No public comment.

- B. Presentation on BLING Grants
Presenter: Natan Sebhateab, Program Coordinator, Youth Leadership Institute

Highlighting outstanding partnership between YLI and the Youth Commission: have passed health policy on decreasing smoking, YC funded for voter pre registration project, and supported YC in Vote16 work. YLI has supported Youth Commission's all over the Bay Area.

YLI would like the YC's help in getting out the support of BLING program. Focus is building and deepening partnerships and centering youth voices in the city.

Past funded projects: media campaigns, youth scholarships, immigration rights projects, murals, youth policy efforts, etc. Possible ways for you all to help us lead in outreach efforts:

- 1) share it on social media
- 2) reach out to folks you know and pass on Natan's info

Natan is committed to youth being more involved in having a voice and centering it.



Questions:

Commissioner Tam-what is age range? 13-18

Commissioner Amable-has to be written by youth? Yes. Need adult allies to help get things in order but want it as youth led as possible.

Commissioner Amable-anything you want to see in new proposals? Want an emphasis on social justice and policy change.

Commissioner Tam-have you reached out to the schools? Yes, mostly coordinate with wellness coordinators and principals. Hard to get info to schools with teachers getting bombarded with things. Tam-can give student gov't coordinator Natan's info.

Commissioner Andam-looking for more school specific projects? Not necessarily, it's just easier to go through schools. Ask that projects are based out of a school and/or non profit.

Commissioner Vigil-would you be willing to work with charter schools? Yes, not exclusive to any youth group. All youth are welcome to apply.

Commissioner Franet-dates? Early bird is this Friday October 27th and the actual deadline is November 10th.

Commissioner Gregory-if we submit after 27th could it still go to early bird? We would try but give priority who turned in on time.

Commissioner Andam-how is BLING planning to work with other community philanthropists? Has strong relationship with YEF and has observed them and their process and expertise. Try to collaborate with others on what projects their funding so the same group isn't getting all the money from each philanthropy source.

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

- A. Leave of Absence Request for October 3-December 4, 2017 for Commissioner Paola Robles Desgarenes

Commissioner Desgarenes' sister died tragically and is requesting a leave of absence. Bringing this forth as per by laws to adopt it and needs simple majority vote.

Commissioner Lona-would we fill her in on what has happened? Yes

Commissioner Vigil-sending condolences to her family and what happened to her sister shouldn't happen and is unbearable. Please be there for her.

Commissioner Lind-we all agree that it's atrocious.

Commissioner Andam-opening up positions for interim, when she comes back, the role will go back to her? Yes, and the interim would step down.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, motion to approve the leave of absence for Commissioner Desgarenes. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Staff-Employee Assistance Program folks have come by to all committees and is still an offer to you if needed.

- B. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarenes to temporarily step down from Executive Officer role and reopen an Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Outreach and Communications Officer
Sponsor: Executive Committee

Questions:



Commissioner Andam-what if we don't motion to support stepping down. Then it would be left to Vigil and be unfilled.

Commissioner Vigil-can only do so much work by themselves and would appreciate help and a team member so work is more efficient.

Commissioner Yu-other commissioners could step up and learn from the role and check out leadership role.

Staff-note you would also have to attend EC at 4:30pm

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motion to approve Commissioner Desgarenes stepping down from this position, temporarily.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominates Commissioner Andam.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Lona.
Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Franet.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, nominates Commissioner Chen.
Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominates Commissioner Nassiri.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Gregory.

Commissioner Gregory-reject nomination
Commissioner Nassiri-reject nomination
Commissioner Chen-reject nomination
Commissioner Franet-reject nomination
Commissioner Lona-reject nomination
Commissioner Andam-reject nomination

Reopened floor to nominations

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, nominates Commissioner Lona.
Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominates Commissioner Tam.

Commissioner Lona-accept
Commissioner Tam-reject

Commissioner Lona accepts the nomination. Statement from Commissioner Lona-declined.

Questions:

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker- can you do the time requirements? Yes, he can.

Commissioner Amable, do you really want to do this? Yes, he can do it, not completely aware of what he will be doing. Yc'ers will guide him through it as will staff.

No public comment.

Roll call vote called, unanimous support for Commissioner Lona to be interim Outreach Officer.

- C. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarenes to temporarily step down from role as YC rep and reopen Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Representative to Our Children, Our Families Council
Sponsor: Executive Committee



This body meets very rarely and by laws indicate Vice Chair would have to take it, if no one ran/was elected.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motioned to allow Commissioner Desgarennes to step down from the OCOF role, temporarily. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Franet. motioned to nominate Commissioner Andam.

Commissioner Andam-accept

No statement from Commissioner Andam. No questions.

No public comment.

Roll call vote called, unanimous support for Commissioner Andam to be interim OCOF rep.

- D. [First Reading] Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square
Sponsor: Jarrett Mao
(Document C)

Resolution read into the record for the first time.

Suggestions/edits: staff-put historical info first, Commissioner Yu would then want the depiction of the statue to go after that.

Commissioner Amable would like to be a cosponsor and wants to see line 17/18: add the countries after the cities, line 20/21 says South Korean women and wants it to include other ethnicities that were impacted.

Commissioner Andam-did Commissioner Mao want to do this resolution because of the conflict with Osaka? Yes

Commissioner Andam-what are repercussions of SF keeping the statue? Can have sponsors look into that.

Commissioner Franet-doesn't really matter if there are repercussions we should move forward regardless.

- E. Motion in favor of writing a thank you to Jerry Brown for his support of Youth Justice Reform
Sponsor: Justice and Employment Committee

Info: 3 bills that had to do with justice reform that were on governor's desk when JECs discussed it and started work on a resolution but then Governor signed all into law. Resolution now turned into just doing a thank you.

One eliminated sentence of life without parole for those under 18.

One would extend youth parole to the age of 25 vs 23.



Last one was Miranda reform to get anyone under 16 to talk to counsel before they waived Miranda rights. Police lie to get their job done and those under 16 it is easy to get them to admit to crimes they didn't commit so good to have youth talk to counsel first.

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motioned to to send thank you letter.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

F. Protocol on Connecting with City Staff and Elected Officials
Presenters: Youth Commission Staff

Staff explained why it was important to consult with staff BEFORE reaching out to department heads, Sup offices, or office of the Mayor. We don't want to be gate keepers, but we are trying to keep track of 17 different people who are rearing to go. If we know before hand, we can best strategize of who needs to be at the table plus give correct contact for who to connect with. Also, there might already be some things in play that staff hasn't been able to express yet. Love the go getter and strong initiative and want to capitalize on this while being smart and structured at the same time.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Creating buddy system for accountability and someone will be assigned to you that you can reach out to.

Commissioner Franet-you will get a buddy with another YC'er or another EC member? EC will be the person who checks in with you.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Each person talked about priorities they want to work on and created a list, then combined 5 big ideas. TAY housing, Zero Vision, etc. were on the list.

C. Justice and Employment Committee

Established ground rules and did prioritizations of what could be top 3 priorities for both issue areas. Identified the connections. Worked on resolution that failed by default.

D. Civic Engagement Committee and Immigration

Discussed Commissioner Desgarenes and her leave of absence. Discussed divvying up CE and Immigration work and when we would deal with which parts, especially since we have a bling grant. Created proposed schedule of how to implement bling project.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

No meeting to report

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)



-Coleman Advocates Town Hall planning meeting is tomorrow from 3-4:15 at 459 Vienna St in their community room. Info is in your inbox and WI. Staff are not in charge of their meetings so have no control over the time.

-Business cards had an issue with the proofs but they are on their way

-Staff will do mini elevator pitch activity at upcoming YC meeting

-Keep getting appointments for your ID and do your online trainings. Shout outs to Kristen and Zak for getting all paperwork completed

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Vigil-hoping to strategize around DACA events

Commissioner Amable-working on art exhibition and it opened yesterday and it's on outside of Asian Art Museum. Open until February. Second-Asian Night Market going on this Friday of this week and has free tickets for everyone who wants to come. At the old Mint. Third-Pilipino American History Month and there is a visual arts show and is first Asian American arts community center in all US. Up until October 28th and will have an open mic.

Commissioner Franet-this Thursday at the library there is youth policy advisory committee on homelessness. Saturday-cannabis forum at Bayview Opera House.

Monday-community conversation with Jeff Kosintsky

Tuesday-interagency council on homelessness

Community group/arts group called Skywatchers and event is next Thur and Fri.

Commissioner Lona-this Sunday and every third Sunday until January there is a bike ride series for people of color and will be meeting at 1:30 at part at Folsom. This will be themes around developments and community things they are looking into.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

FILE NO. 171138

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Indigenous Peoples Day]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to declare the second Monday in October to be Indigenous Peoples Day.

Existing Law

The City currently refers to the second Monday in October as Columbus Day

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day rather than Columbus Day. The ordinance would require all official City communications to refer to that day as Indigenous Peoples Day. The proposed ordinance does not affect the recognition or non-recognition of the second Monday in October as a holiday for City departments and employees.

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1 [Administrative Code - Indigenous Peoples Day]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to declare the second Monday in October**
4 **to be Indigenous Peoples Day.**

5 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
6 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
7 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
8 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
9 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
10 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
11 subsections or parts of tables.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. Section 16.4 of the Administrative Code, entitled “Hours of City Offices,” is
14 hereby renumbered as Section 16.3 of the Administrative Code. No changes are made to the
15 wording or substance of that Section.

16 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding new Section 16.4,
17 to read as follows:

18 **SEC. 16.4. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.**

19 **(a) Findings.**

20 (1) San Francisco has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards
21 indigenous peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality,
22 exacerbating health, education, and social crises among Native Americans.

23 (2) San Francisco recognizes the historic discrimination and violence inflicted upon
24 indigenous peoples in the United States, including their forced removal from ancestral lands, and the
25 deliberate and systematic destruction of their communities and culture.

1 (3) In the late 1970's, a movement began to replace the Columbus Day holiday with a
2 celebration known as Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize and commemorate the contribution of
3 indigenous peoples to the United States and to condemn the atrocities that were committed against
4 them. Many cities and states have since chosen to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the same date
5 as, and in lieu of, Columbus Day.

6 (4) In 2011, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from
7 Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana, and Alaska, passed Resolution
8 #11-57 expressing "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous
9 Peoples' Day."

10 (b) The second Monday in October each year shall be known as Indigenous Peoples Day. All
11 official City communications, notices, calendars, and other publications, whether electronic or paper,
12 of the City shall refer to that day as Indigenous Peoples Day rather than Columbus Day.

13 (c) Within 30 days of the effective date of the ordinance enacting this Section 16.4, the City
14 Administrator shall notify all City boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies, and all City
15 departments, of the requirements of this Section.

16 (d) This Section 16.4 does not affect the recognition or non-recognition of the second Monday
17 in October as a holiday for City departments and employees.

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1 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
7 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

8 By: _____
9 BRADLEY A. RUSSI
 Deputy City Attorney

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FILE NO. 171167

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Urging the Federal Government to Extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for All Nations
2 Currently Under the Program]

3 **Resolution urging the Federal Government to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**
4 **for all thirteen nations currently included in the program, and to establish a pathway to**
5 **permanency for these recipients.**

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7 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, is a temporary, renewable program
8 that provides relief from deportation and access to a work permit for certain migrants from a
9 small number of countries who may not meet the legal definition of refugee but who cannot
10 safely return to their country of origin; and

11 WHEREAS, Under current law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a
12 country for TPS when one of three circumstances occurs: There is “ongoing armed conflict”
13 that creates unsafe conditions for returning nationals; there has been an earthquake, flood,
14 drought, epidemic, or other natural disaster that makes the state temporarily unable to accept
15 the return of its nationals, and the state has requested TPS designation; or “extraordinary and
16 temporary” conditions in a state prevent its nationals from returning safely; and

17 WHEREAS, The TPS provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act states that a bill
18 or amendment that provides for the adjustment to lawful temporary or legal permanent
19 resident (LPR) status for any migrant receiving TPS requires a supermajority vote in the
20 Senate (i.e., three-fifths of all Senators) voting affirmatively; and

21 WHEREAS, Provisions that would have allowed nationals from various countries that
22 have had TPS to adjust to LPR status had been introduced in past Congresses, but not
23 enacted; and

24 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13768,
25 Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States, which was later implemented

1 through a memorandum signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security on February 20, 2017;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, These executive actions dramatically increased the universe of immigrants
4 subject to deportation, eliminating the Obama Administration's enforcement priorities; and

5 WHEREAS, Consequently, many beneficiaries will not only become subject to
6 deportation, but will be at serious risk because DHS has extensive and updated records on
7 their places of residence and work; and

8 WHEREAS, The highest number of these TPS holders come from El Salvador, Haiti,
9 and Honduras; and

10 WHEREAS, California is home to the largest population of TPS beneficiaries in the
11 country, with 55,000 people in the state, including an estimated 15,000-20,000 of those
12 individuals living in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

13 WHEREAS, Many TPS beneficiaries and their families have deep ties to San
14 Francisco, the Bay Area and other communities across the nation, where they have started
15 businesses, built community, bought homes and positively contributed to the social, cultural
16 and economic fabric of cities and this nation; and

17 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm not only 350,000 beneficiaries nationwide, but
18 also a far greater number of family members; and

19 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm the San Francisco Bay Area, State, and
20 National economy with a projected \$45 billion reduction to the national GDP over a decade,
21 \$6.9 billion in lost Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, \$1 billion in
22 turnover costs to businesses, and \$3.1 billion in costs to the federal government to deport all
23 TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti and Honduras; and

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1 WHEREAS, Conditions in designated TPS countries remain dangerous and unsafe,
2 such that deportation to these nations not only separate families, but place individuals and
3 their families at grave risk; and

4 WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm San Francisco and the Bay Area by throwing
5 the lives of long-term city residents into chaos, separating parents from their children,
6 impacting local small businesses and ultimately damaging the social and economic fabric of
7 our city, and undermining our local values of inclusion and protection for All; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Federal
10 Government to extend TPS by no less than eighteen months (18 months) for all designated
11 countries; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
13 Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Federal Government work together to
14 legislate a pathway to permanent residency for TPS beneficiaries, some of whom have been
15 protected under the program for close to two decades.

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1 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]

2 **Resolution supporting the memorialization of comfort women and other atrocities**
3 **committed by the Japanese Imperial Army during the 2nd World War.**

4 WHEREAS, the Japanese Imperial Army committed countless atrocities across the Asian
5 continent ranging from human experimentation by Unit 731 and Unit 100 of the Japanese military to
6 massacres in Manila, Philippines and Nanjing, China to name a few^[9,10,11,12]; and

7 WHEREAS, there were as many as 200,000 women and girls taken from occupied countries
8 such as Korea, China, the Philippines, which constituted a majority of the comfort women population,
9 and smaller groups originated from other Asian countries, and even places like Australia and the
10 Netherlands, where they were used in brothels during World War II by the Japanese military^[1]; and

11 WHEREAS, Tokyo refuses to admit atrocities committed in formerly-occupied countries and the
12 events are not taught in their schools^[8]; and

13 WHEREAS, the statue was created by Californian Steven Whyte^[1]; and

14 WHEREAS, the statue depicts three young girls and a grandmother figure^[1]; and

15 WHEREAS, it was first unveiled in St. Mary's Square on September 22nd, 2017^[1]; and

16 WHEREAS, many comfort women survivors have passed away and only 35 South Korean
17 victims are alive today, and many are running out of time for the reparations and apologies they so
18 long seek^[4,5]; and

19 WHEREAS, although in 1993 an apology was issued by Japan and a fund was created for the
20 victims, the fund relied on private donors and was never fully accepted by the South Korean
21 government^[1,3]; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2015 South Korea and Japan came to an agreement that Japan would make an
23 apology, and a promise of \$8.3 million dollars to a foundation used to care for the victim, and South
24 Korea agreed to never criticize Japan over the issue again^[1,3]; and
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WHEREAS, the agreement has been criticized by activist groups as they were not consulted enough, and many Koreans want the decision reversed^[1,5]; and

WHEREAS, survivors are still haunted by their experiences: “It was my first time and that experience really caused me so much pain... I cooked for and prepared the needs of Captain Sakuma in the morning, while at night he would lie beside me and forced me to make love with him. I did not put up any resistance every time he would have sex with me, because I was afraid of being hurt. After he was through, I would go to the [lavatory] and douche myself.” -Ma Fe Yabut Santillan, the Philippines^[6]; and

WHEREAS, the survivors are not only psychologically tormented by their experiences, but some were physically harmed like having their uteruses removed^[7]; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s sister city Osaka, Japan has threatened to sever ties with San Francisco over the statue, calling the issue “Japan-bashing” and “a one-sided view”^[1,2]; and

WHEREAS, 40 statues dedicated to the same message of memorializing Japan’s wartime sex slaves have been erected in South Korea, and 10 in the United States including Virginia, New Jersey, and Southern California^[1]; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the threats by San Francisco’s sister city Osaka will not deter the San Francisco Youth Commission from standing on the side of truth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Japanese government to recognize all atrocities committed by the Japanese Imperial Army during WWII; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission stands by the freedom to express oneself including through the use of art; and be it finally

1 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors
 2 and Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Mayor of Osaka to rethink his threats to sever ties with San
 3 Francisco and to resolve this through open dialogue between our sister cities.

4 https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/21/why-japan-is-losing-its-battle-against-statues-of-colonial-era-comfort-women/?utm_term=.d06657d1d580^[1]
 5 <http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/diplomacy/article/2113015/it-japan-bashing-osaka-may-sever-sister-city-ties-san-francisco>^[2]
 6 <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/29/world/asia/comfort-women-south-korea-japan.html?mcubz=1>^[3]
 7 <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/09/south-korea-world-longest-protest-comfort-women-170908024721239.html>^[4]
 8 <http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2017/05/30/529671510/not-all-south-koreans-satisfied-with-japans-apology-to-comfort-women>^[5]
 9 http://maywespeak.com/?page_id=981^[6]
 10 <http://news.trust.org//slideshow/?id=8b7369dd-247d-4f66-ba19-45797760b647>^[7]
 11 <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-21226068>^[8]
 12 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/223038.stm>^[9]
 13 <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/02/world/japanese-veteran-writes-of-brutal-philippine-war.html?mcubz=1>^[10]
 14 <http://unit731.org/experiments/>^[11]
 15 <http://www.nytimes.com/1995/03/17/world/unmasking-horror-a-special-report-japan-confronting-gruesome-war-atrocity.html?pagewanted=all&mcubz=1>^[12]