



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, September 17, 2018

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Felix Andam, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Monet Wilson, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin

- 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. September 5, 2018
([Document A](#))
- 4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**
- 5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Presentation on Co-Sponsoring Youth-Led Board of Education Candidate Forum
Presenter: Anabel Kingwood, Coleman Advocates for Youth
 - B. Presentation on a Resolution Regarding Safety Improvements to Valencia Street
Presenter: Catherine Orland, District 9 Representative, San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee
- 6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Proposed 2018-2019 Youth Commission Bylaw Amendment Regarding Adding a Second Legislative Affairs Officer
Sponsor: Commissioner Bahlam Vigil
(Document B)
 - B. [First Reading] Resolution 1819-AL-01 [Resolution Condemning Use of Federal Funds to Arm Teachers & Urging the Board of Supervisors to Take Action]
Sponsor: Commissioner Calvin Quick
(Document C)



- C. Motion No. 1819-AL-02 [Motion supporting the students being falsely detained as suspects without due process and urging the Board of Supervisors to conduct a hearing of the San Francisco Police Department's actions in the August 30, 2018 Balboa High School gun incident]
Sponsor: Commissioner Bahlam Vigil
(Document D)

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing Committee
- C. Criminal Justice Committee
- D. Civic Engagement Committee

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes – Special
****Special Inaugural Meeting****
Wednesday, September 5, 2018
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
City Hall, Room 416
1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Felix Andam, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Monet Wilson, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Commissioners present: *Obermeyer, Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Cureton, Quick, Andam, Sadarangani, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Nassiri, Hylton, Min, Hoogerhyde, Hirji, Chin*

Commissioners absent: *Wilson*

Motion to approve the 2 absences of Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Approved by vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Vigil. Seconded by Commissioner Quick. Approved by vote of acclamation. No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. June 18, 2018

[\(Document A\)](#)

Motion to approve the Commissioner Vigil and seconded by Commissioner Andam. Approved by vote of acclamation. No public comment.

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

- Mia Satya, member of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, spoke in favor of Commissioner Vigil for Chair.
- Brigitte Davila, Trustee to City College of San Francisco, suggested the Commission move to allow for public comment on item 8B to an earlier section of the agenda to facilitate public comment.
- Leah LaCroix, staff member of the Clerk of the Board's office, imparted wisdom and appreciation for the youth leadership represented on this Commission.



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

- A. BOS File No. File No. 180807 - [Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Early Care and Education for All Initiative, to be funded by appropriations from the Babies and Families First Fund, including procedures concerning a spending plan and reporting requirements]
Sponsor: Supervisors Yee, Kim, Ronen, Cohen
Presenter: Erica Maybaum, Legislative Aide to D7 Supervisor Norman Yee
(Document B)

Erica Maybaum, legislative aide from District 7, spoke on the background of the legislation sponsored by Supervisor Yee. Erica summarized the three major outcomes of this particular ordinance, which are 1) to expand eligibility for early childhood education and care to middle income families, 2) move all families off the current waitlist, and 3) to raise wages of early childhood education teachers.

Commissioner Vigil: How can the Youth Commission support this effort beyond a motion in support?

Erica: I can follow up with staff on different ways to support.

Commissioner Min: On what grounds did the business community launch a lawsuit?

Erica: Since the litigation is so new, my guess is to say that the lawsuit will try to move on the grounds of the 50+1 majority passage.

Commissioner Quick: Was the passage of legislation contingent of a 2/3 majority before?

Erica: Prop C was passed on a 50+1 vote.

Commissioner Obermeyer: Who is currently on the waitlist and how many people are on it?

Erica: Over 2,000 low-income families.

Commissioner Hirji: During litigation, can the City still collect the taxes?

Erica: Yes.

Commissioner Nassiri: Would it still go to the same organizations currently in the provider network?

Erica: Yes.

Commissioner Obermeyer: What obstacles do services providers face to joining this legislation?

Erica: They are typically in favor of this effort. However, we are still looking for more service providers to join.

Commissioner Obermeyer: What are the current organizations that are in support of this legislation?

Erica: Parent Voices, CPAC, and the San Francisco Childcare Service Providers Association. However, I can follow up with a more robust list of providers.

Motion to support by Commissioner Vigil, and seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer.

No public comment.

Roll call vote: passed unanimously.

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

None.

7. Consent Calendar (Action Item)



All items hereunder constitutes 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.
None.

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

- A. Adoption of 2018-19 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document C)

Each commissioner read portions of the Bylaws and reported out the key concepts of each article. Commissioner Vigil proposed to have two Legislative Affairs Officers instead of one. Commissioner Andam proposed to have one Community Outreach Officer instead of two.

No public comment.

Motion to approve the Bylaws by Commissioner Vigil and seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer. Passed by vote of acclamation.

- B. Election of 2018-19 Youth Commission Executive Officers
Chair

Commissioner Obermeyer motioned to nominate Commissioner Vigil for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion to nominate Commissioner Nassiri, by Commissioner Chin, seconded by Commissioner Sadarangani.

Public Comment

- Oscar Ramos, from Mission Peace Collaborative, commented in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- Brigitte Davila, CCSF trustee, commented in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- Gabriella Lopez, Mission Peace Collaborative, commented in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- Ms. Cho, union organizer, commented in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- Lee Lovett, commented in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- Two executive officers from the Latino Democratic Club spoke in support of Commissioner Vigil.
- 3 unnamed members of the public also spoke in support of Commissioner Vigil for Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor of Nassiri:

Aye: Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Sadarangani, Hoogerhyde, Nassiri,

Nay: Obermeyer, Cureton, Quick, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Hylton, Min, Hirji, Chin, Andam

In Favor of Commissioner Vigil:

Aye: Obermeyer, Cureton, Quick, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Hylton, Min, Hirji, Chin, Andam, and Nassiri

Nay: Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Sadarangani, and Hoogerhyde



Commissioner Vigil is voted in as Chair of the Youth Commission 2018-2019

Vice Chair

Commissioner Vigil motions to nominate Commissioner Obermeyer, seconded by Commissioner Chin. Accepted the nomination, then rescinds his nomination.

Commissioner Min motions to nominate Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer. Commissioner Andam accepts the nomination.

There is no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favor of Commissioner Andam: Obermeyer, Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Cureton, Quick, Andam, Sadarangani, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Nassiri, Hylton, Min, Hoogerhyde, Hirji, Chin.

Commissioner Andam is unanimously voted as the Vice Chair of the Youth Commission 2018-2019.

Legislative Affairs Officer

Commissioner Chin motions to nominate Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Andam.

No public comment.

Passed by vote of acclamation. Commissioner Quick is the legislative affairs officer.

Community Outreach Officers

Commissioner Min motions to nominate Commissioner Obermeyer and seconded by Commissioner Vigil.

Commissioner Vigil motions to nominate Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Andam.

Commissioner Sadarangani motions to nominate Commissioner Hoogerhyde, seconded by Commissioner Quick.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

In favor of Commissioner Obermeyer: Dong, Cureton, Andam, Sadarangani, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Hylton, Min, Hoogerhyde, Hirji, Chin and Nassiri.

In favor of Commissioner Cureton: Obermeyer, Marshall-Fricker, Quick, Ty, Vigil, Min, Hoogerhyde, and Hirji.

In favor of Commissioner Hoogerhyde: Obermeyer, Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Cureton, Quick, Andam, Sadarangani, Ibarra, Hylton, Chin, Nassiri.

Commissioners Obermeyer and Hoogerhyde are voted in at the Community Outreach Officers for the Youth Commission 2018-2019.



9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

Committee Selection Results:

- Criminal Justice will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 5:30 PM
 - Commissioner Wilson, Cureton, Hylton, and Ibarra
- Civic Engagement will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 4:30 PM
 - Commissioners Sadarangani, Hoogerhyde, Nassiri, Min, Chin, Andam, Obermeyer
- Housing will meet on Thursdays at 4:30 PM
 - Commissioners Ty, Quick, Dong, Hirji, Vigil, and Marshall-Fricker

No public comment.

10. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Weekly Internal will start on Friday. It will have key information on community actions, events, and agendas.
- There will be a workshop on facilitation that will be mandatory for any chair or vice chairs.
- Please sign the new Oath of Office sheets.

No public comment.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Commissioner Vigil will be writing a letter of support for the family of the student who was criminalized by the Balboa shooting and urging the Board of Supervisors to hold a hearing. I will be reaching out for support on this effort.
- Commissioner Quick is passing along a resolution to make changes to the federal support for arming teachers with guns.
- Commissioner Obermeyer will be connecting the Commission via group chat soon.

12. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:50PM.

Article V – Executive Committee Officer Positions

(A) Names & General Purpose of Executive Officers

In order to aid in the conduct, efficiency, productivity and joy of the Commission’s work of fulfilling its chartered purpose and duties, the Commission shall have the following elected officers, who together shall constitute the Executive Committee: one Chairperson, one Vice Chairperson, ~~one~~**two** Legislative Affairs Officers, two Outreach and Media Officers.

These officer positions are not purely celebratory. Being elected to them does not constitute any kind of victory-in-itself. Rather, the purpose of these positions is to aide in the work of the Commission—and *not* to advance the personal interests, positions and desires of the individuals elected to serve in these positions.

In other words: officers serve the entire Commission—and *not* the other way around.

(B) Executive Officer Positions & Duties

The Chairperson shall:

- i. Facilitate Commission meetings by upholding and enforcing the Commission’s Rules of Order and these Bylaws;
- ii. Motivate and encourage the active and engaged participation of all commissioners (and members of the public) at meetings by being fair, encouraging, positive and resisting expressing her/his/their own opinion on an item until the end of discussion;
- iii. Meet with Commission staff weekly to discuss Commission business;
- iv. Be the spokesperson for the Commission and, with the other officers, co-coordinate community outreach and educational materials, commissioner testimony at legislative hearings, and media and public relations;
- v. Review the agenda for each Commission meeting in person with staff and the Vice Chairperson;
- vi. Schedule or cancel Commission meetings;
- vii. Have a flexible schedule with free time during the day in order to conduct all of these duties.

The Vice Chairperson shall:

- i. If the Chair is not present, facilitate Commission meetings;
- ii. Facilitate Executive Committee meetings;
- iii. Review the agenda for each Commission meeting by meeting with staff and the Chairperson;
- iv. Coordinate Commission forums and Commission presentations at schools, City departments, community agencies, and events; and
- v. Working with the Legislative Affairs Officers, coordinate commissioner and other youth testimony at legislative hearings; andCoordinate the approval and presentation of the annual Budget and Policy Priorities.
- vi. Shall serve as the Youth Commission’s representative on the Our Children, Our Families Council, unless or until another representative is designated by the full commission

The Legislative Affairs Officer shall:

Commented [KH1]: Youth Commission’s Executive Committee puts forth a motion to amend the Youth Commission Bylaws Article V, Section A and Section B, vi (Executive Committee Officer Positions)

- i. Serve as the point person on receiving, monitoring, and reporting pending legislation at the Board of Supervisors to the Commission;
- ii. Monitor Board of Supervisors' agendas and hearing schedules for pending legislation;
- iii. Confer with committee chairs regarding pending legislation that will be referred to the full Commission for comment and recommendation to determine whether the legislation should be considered separately and beforehand by the appropriate Youth Commission committee;
- iv. Ensure commissioners build relationships with the Board of Supervisors and Mayor by meeting about upcoming legislation and ongoing Youth Commission policy work;
- v. Regularly check in with fellow commissioners to make sure commissioners are meeting with their appointing officers regarding pending legislation;
- ~~vi.~~ Support Commissioners by assisting in the drafting and revising of youth sponsored action legislation;
- ~~vi.~~ Solicit interest and participation of Commissioners in giving testimony at public hearings; and
- ~~vii.~~ viii. Attend Board of Supervisors meetings, if possible.

FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1819-AL-01

1 [Resolution Condemning Use of Federal Funds to Arm Teachers & Urging the Board of
2 Supervisors to Take Action]

3 **Resolution condemning recent action taken by the United States Secretary of**
4 **Education to authorize the use of federal funds to purchase firearms to arm educators,**
5 **urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support federal legislation to**
6 **prohibit such use of funds, and urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to**
7 **reaffirm that no firearm shall be lawfully permitted within or near any school in the City**
8 **and County of San Francisco.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants (hereafter referred
11 to as the “SSAE grants”) are disbursed by the United State Department of Education under
12 the Every Student Succeeds Act, enacted on December 10, 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, In the wake of the mass shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High
14 School in Parkland, Florida (referred to hereafter as the “Parkland Shooting”) and at Santa Fe
15 High School in Santa Fe, Texas, amongst others, the federal executive branch has frequently
16 expressed interest in arming educators with firearms, for the stated goal of improving public
17 safety in schools; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education (hereafter referred to as the
19 “USDOE”) has accordingly, upon the request of the State of Texas and others, explored
20 whether it could authorize disbursement of federal funds as part of the SSAE grant program to
21 states for the purpose of purchasing firearms for educators in schools, and

22 WHEREAS, The USDOE has indicated it believes that arming educators in schools is a
23 means to improve school conditions for student learning, justifying the disbursement of funds
24 by the federal government through the SSAE grant program to purchase firearms for
25 educators in schools under Section 7111 of Title 20 of the United States Code; and

1 WHEREAS, The proposal of the USDOE to allow states to use federal grant funds for
2 the purpose of purchasing firearms for educators in schools indicates a reversal of
3 longstanding federal policy opposing the use of federal funds for exactly such purpose; and

4 WHEREAS, Even since the Parkland Shooting and the expression of interest in arming
5 educators in schools by the federal executive branch, the federal Congress has enacted
6 legislation expressly forbidding the use of federal grant funds for the purpose of purchasing
7 firearms for educators in schools, namely by passing the Student, Teachers, and Officers
8 Preventing School Violence Act 2018, otherwise known as the STOP School Violence Act,
9 enacted on March 23, 2018, which forbids the use of funds disbursed as grants under it from
10 being used for the provision to any person of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm; and

11 WHEREAS, Regardless of precedent, purchasing firearms for educators in schools still
12 does not reasonably qualify as a way to improve school conditions for student learning, as is
13 required for federal funds from the SSAE grant program to be used to purchase firearms for
14 educators in schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Relative to laws in general governing the presence of firearms in school,
16 the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, enacted on November 29, 1990, prohibits the
17 possession of a firearm on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school or on non-
18 private property within 1000 feet of such a school; and

19 WHEREAS, Section 626.9 of the California Penal Code reaffirms this provision in state
20 law by similarly prohibiting the possession of a firearm on the grounds of any school providing
21 instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or on non-private property within 1000
22 feet of such a school; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Chris Murphy has introduced legislation to the federal Congress
24 to prohibit the use of federal funds under the SSAE grant program to purchase firearms for the
25 purpose of arming educators in schools; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission condemns recent announcements by the
2 United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos indicating that she is considering
3 authorizing the use of federal funds under the SSAE grant program to purchase firearms for
4 the purpose of arming educators in schools; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
6 support federal legislation to prohibit the use of federal funds under the SSAE grant program
7 to purchase firearms for the purpose of arming educators in schools; and, be it

8 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
9 reaffirm that no firearm shall be lawfully permitted within or near any school in the City and
10 County of San Francisco.

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Memorandum

TO: Kiely Hosmon
cc: Youth Commission Staff
RE: Opposing Guns in Schools

FROM: Calvin Quick
DATE: September 5, 2018

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED PLEASE REVIEW FYI

At the federal executive level, recent developments have led to an increased possibility of federal funds being used to purchase firearms and train educators, in a potential reversal of established precedent. The draft Resolution attached to this Memorandum seeks to put to Youth Commission on the record opposing the further pursuit of this policy change.

I. Political Situation

United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has indicated that she and her department are considering using an obscure loophole in a federal education grant program authorized by Congress to fund states who wish to purchase firearms for teachers and educators and train them in their use.¹ The department's investigation into whether this was possible purportedly began after the State of Texas brought the possibility to the department's attention.

This fits into the Trump administration's repeatedly expressed support for arming teachers with guns as a way to prevent mass school shootings, an idea that gained traction in that administration as a response to the Parkland shootings that did not involve enacting meaningful gun control legislation such as universal background checks and raising the age to buy a gun to 21 (both ideas opposed by the National Rifle Association, perhaps one of the most powerful lobbying institutions in the federal government).

Most teacher's unions and advocacy organizations have expressed their strong opposition to this policy, as it detracts from efforts to pass meaningful gun control, and arguably does little to actually prevent school shootings from happening or lessen their impact.²

II. Current City Law

While it is unlawful to discharge a firearm throughout the City and County of San Francisco, the fine for the discharge of a firearm within 1500 feet of a school is much higher.³

In San Francisco, no firearm or ammunition store can be located within 1000 feet of a school.⁴

III. Current State/Federal Legislation

Under California and United States law, it is illegal to possess a firearm within 1000 feet of a school (except on private property).⁵

¹ "Education Secretary Considers Using Federal Funds to Arm Schools," *New York Times*, 8/22/2018.

² "Betsy DeVos Eyes Federal Education Grants to Put Guns in Schools," *New York Times*, 8/23/2018.

³ San Francisco Police Code § 4503(c).

⁴ San Francisco Police Code § 613.3(i)(2).

⁵ California Penal Code § 626.9; 18 U.S.C. § 922.

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) created and authorized the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grant program, which now totals over \$1 billion in FY18; this program is supposed to award grants notably to “improve school conditions for student learning”⁶. However, there was no provision in ESSA that explicitly prevented grant money from being used to purchase firearms (though clearly, the intention of the authors was never to allow for this).

This last is in contrast with other federal grant programs, notably the STOP School Violence Act of 2018, which was passed as recently as March 2018 as Title 5 of Division S of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, and which explicitly states that “[n]o amounts provided as a grant under this part may be used for the provision to any person of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.”⁷

IV. Content of Proposal:

This draft Resolution would:

- Condemn recent proposals outlined by the United States Secretary of Education considering the use of federal funds to purchase firearms to arm educators;
- Urge the Board of Supervisors to support federal legislation to prohibit such use of funds;
- Urge the Board of Supervisors to reaffirm that no firearm shall be lawfully permitted within or near any school in the City and County of San Francisco.

V. Fiscal Implications:

As a draft Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to adopt a policy, this measure would not have any fiscal impact on its own.

Even provided the Board of Supervisors decided to follow the urgings of the Youth Commission in this draft Resolution, there would be no associated actual costs relative to implementation and enforcement.

VI. Potential Support:

While relatively symbolic in many ways, this draft Resolution could nonetheless potentially garner support from gun control organizations, as well as from student and teachers advocacy groups, including, but not limited to:

- Bay Area Student Activists (BAStA);
- Northern California March for our Lives (MfoL);
- PTAs;
- UESF.

It is worth noting that the organizations listed above could be key partners in an effort to take this draft Resolution and push for action at the Board of Supervisors, more so than during the passage of the draft Resolution through Youth Commission.

VII. Potential Opposition:

Opposition to this draft Resolution itself from organizations and groups in San Francisco and especially youth would almost certainly be negligible to non-existent, though for the record, it is worth listing a couple of the organizations that oppose any kind of gun control measure in California, including, but not limited to:

- The National Rifle Association (NRA);
- The Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC).

However, it is highly foreseeable that there could be a certain level of difficulty in getting an ordinance introduced at the Board of Supervisors fulfilling the implicit ask of this draft Resolution (to include language in San Francisco’s municipal code mirroring state and federal law, possibly

⁶ 20 U.S.C. § 7111.

⁷ 34 U.S.C. § 10556.

with fewer exceptions). Though this does not mean that there would be much concerted opposition to such an ordinance *should a member of the Board introduce one*, the inbuilt redundancy of this ask (whose purpose is a statement of values) could likely reduce its level of priority for legislators with larger political agendas.

VIII. Conclusion

While this draft Resolution would serve a more symbolic purpose than anything else, it makes a very clear statement about the values of the Youth Commission; if its urging to the Board of Supervisors was followed, to codify in the municipal code provisions mirroring state and federal law forbidding the possession of a firearm within and near any school, it would send an even stronger message about the values of San Francisco as a whole.

FILE NO.

MOTION NO. 1819-AL-02

1 [Motion supporting the students being falsely detained as suspects without due process and
2 urging the Board of Supervisors to conduct a hearing of the San Francisco Police
3 Department’s actions in the August 30, 2018 Balboa High School gun incident]

4 Supplemental Information

5 On August 30, 2018, Balboa High school and all surrounding schools went into lockdown after
6 a gun was fired at Balboa high school. The following statements are taken from the official
7 press release:

8 “The community is left with many questions as to the way SFUSD leadership handled the
9 incident involving a gun at Balboa High School and the subsequent media coverage on
10 Thursday, August 30, 2018.”

11 “Media outlets have portrayed the incident as though it involved an active shooter, scaring
12 hundreds of families in the process. While all efforts to keep our school community safe are
13 applauded, it is necessary to call out the wrongful criminalization of the young people taken
14 into police custody as witnesses for questioning.”

15 “A gun was brought to school and accidentally discharged. The student who brought the gun
16 to campus later turned himself in with family.”

17 “Balboa High School’s principal failed to protect the students taken into police custody for
18 questioning.”

19 “One such student was incorrectly portrayed across news media outlets as the student who
20 brought the gun to campus. That student was quickly criminalized and - in one day - went
21 from having the reputation of a proud football player to “the kid with a gun.” This student has
22 participated in various community programs such as Boys and Girls club, the O’Connell
23 YMCA summer program, Precita Center, and the Horizons MYEEP summer youth
24 employment program. He is a member of the Balboa Varsity Football Team and has played
25 soccer for various teams over the last five years.”

“The family respectfully requests that the circulation of images showing the face of the minor
be stopped IMMEDIATELY. An update should be issued stating that the students taken into
SFPD custody for questioning were all released on Thursday, August 30th with NO charges.”

“On Friday, August 31st, a community response meeting was held to support the families of
those involved. Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Supervisor Hillary Ronen’s staff, Board of Education
Commissioner Shamann Walton and Youth Commissioner Balham Javier Vigil were all in
attendance.”

1 The Youth Commission, in the wake of this unfortunate event, extends its support to the
2 families of students affected by the shooting and will also do everything in its power to ensure
3 that all student voices will be listened to concerning gun violence and this tragic shooting. The
4 Youth Commission also commits itself to holding a hearing whether joint with the Board of
Supervisors or by ourselves, on gun violence and the school shooting at Balboa High School.

5 The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to hold a joint hearing with the Youth
6 Commission on gun violence and more specifically on the Balboa shooting, and to conduct a
thorough investigation of SFPD's questioning of minors without a parent present.

7 Lastly, let it be known that the Youth Commission stands with the students who were falsely
8 detained as suspects without due process. The Youth Commission furthermore urges all
9 parties involved to respect the families' demand of respecting the students' privacy by
removing all the images of them.

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