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Dear Health Impact Project,

My name is Chiara Lind. As the Chair for the San Francisco Youth Commission (SFYC), I am writing this letter of commitment for the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) proposal to the Health Impact Project - Policy Advocacy Program. SFYC has partnered with YLI over the past 5 years addressing health equity issues across San Francisco. Recently, Youth Commissioners partnered with YLI to adopt a formal policy re alcohol density in low income communities in San Francisco.

Youth Leadership Institute builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive community change that promotes social justice and racial equity. For over 26 years YLI has sparked the leadership of young people to solve pressing social issues and serve our communities. We value their commitment to empower transitional age youth leaders throughout the county. YLI is positioned to provide strong leadership and advocacy opportunities, relevant skill building outcomes and system/institutional partnership opportunities with transitional age youth leaders.

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the vision for this proposed initiative is to institutionalize youth voice in community research and decision-making. They have a proven model in addressing health inequities and through their youth-led action research project to assess youth in decision-making bodies. This project will build provide valuable data and recommendation in exploring the creation of a Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council.

Specifically, the SF Youth Commission will commit to:

- Provide opportunity for YLI youth leaders to implement a assessment of the SF Youth Commission that may include surveys, focus groups or interviews and contingent on SF Youth Commissioners vote on Monday, October 16th at 5:15pm.

We firmly believe in the youth-led model, strategies and success of YLI in addressing health inequity. YLI has demonstrated the ability to implement evidence-driven policy or systems change and has expertise in applying in community led policy or systems change that address health equity and social determinants of health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chiara Lind".

Chiara Lind
Chair, 2017-18 Youth Commission
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