



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes – Draft
Monday, October 24, 2022
7:00 PM**

**Held via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)**

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair), Gabrielle Listana (Communication & Outreach officer), Astrid Utting (Communication & Outreach Officer), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer), Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Qien Feng, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Sahara Frett, Yena Im, Tyrone Hillman.

Present: Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Astrid Utting, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Steven Hum, Yena Im

Tardy:

Absent: Qien Feng, Gabrielle Listana, Ann Anish, Sahara Frett, Tyrone Hillman, Raven Shaw

The San Francisco Youth Commission met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday, October 24, 2022, with Chair Emily Nguyen presiding.

Chair Nguyen calls the meeting order at 7:05 pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Member	Present / Absent
Commissioner Wong	PRESENT
Commissioner Adair	PRESENT
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT
Commissioner Loftus	PRESENT
Commissioner Miller	PRESENT



Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT
Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	PRESENT
Commissioner Colin	PRESENT
Commissioner Pimentel	PRESENT
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	PRESENT
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	PRESENT
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	PRESENT
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	PRESENT

11 PRESENT, 6 ABSENT

Quorum is met.

Motion to excuse Commissioners Shaw and Commissioner Anish from today's meeting was moved by Vice-Chair BARKER PLUMMER and seconded by Commissioner COLIN.

Commissioner Hum: I think we should excuse all the absent commissioners because this is a special meeting that is out of the normally scheduled time.

Motion to excuse all Commissioners absent moved by Commissioner HUM and seconded by Vice-Chair BARKER PLUMMER.

No public comment.

On the motion to excuse all absent Commissioners (Hum, Barker Plummer):

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Wong	AYE
Commissioner Adair	NAY
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT



Commissioner Loftus	AYE
Commissioner Miller	NAY
Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT
Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	NAY
Commissioner Colin	NAY
Commissioner Pimentel	AYE
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	AYE
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	NAY

5 AYE, 6 ABSENT, 6 NAY with Adair, Miller, Utting, Colin, and Nguyen in the dissent. The motion failed.

On the motion to excuse Commissioner Shaw and Anish from today's meeting (Barker Plummer, Colin):

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Wong	AYE
Commissioner Adair	AYE
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT
Commissioner Loftus	AYE
Commissioner Miller	AYE
Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT
Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	AYE



Commissioner Colin	AYE
Commissioner Pimentel	AYE
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	AYE
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	AYE

11 AYE, 6 ABSENT, 0 NAY
The motion passes.

2. Communications

Joy Zhan, YC staff, provides communications.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment.

Motion to approve today's agenda moved by Commissioner ADAIR and seconded by Commissioner UTTING.

On the motion to approve today's agenda (Adair, Utting):

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Wong	AYE
Commissioner Adair	AYE
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT
Commissioner Loftus	AYE
Commissioner Miller	AYE
Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT



Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	AYE
Commissioner Colin	AYE
Commissioner Pimentel	AYE
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	AYE
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	AYE

11 AYE, 6 ABSENT, 0 NAY

The motion passes.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- a. **October 17th, 2022** (Packet Materials)

No public comment.

Motion to approve the October 17th, 2022 Full Youth Commission meeting minutes moved by Commissioner ADAIR and seconded by Commissioner COLIN.

On the motion to approve the Oct 17th, 2022 Full Youth Commission meeting minutes (Adair, Colin):

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Wong	AYE
Commissioner Adair	AYE
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT
Commissioner Loftus	AYE
Commissioner Miller	AYE
Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT



Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	AYE
Commissioner Colin	AYE
Commissioner Pimentel	AYE
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	AYE
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	AYE

11 AYE, 6 ABSENT, 0 NAY

The motion passes.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today’s Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. BOS Hearing 220471 - Response and Resources Available to Students Experiencing and Reporting Sexual Assault and/or Sexual Harassment at SFUSD Schools (Discussion Item and Possible Action Item)

Chair Nguyen: The District 7 office legislative aide has requested that the Youth Commission gives a presentation at the 10/27/22 Hearing, but the SAC is already giving presentations that are five minutes each. Should we give a presentation by ourselves or partner with SAC without taking away SAC’s presentation time?

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, YC Director: The D7 Supervisor is requesting that YC gives a presentation. There’s a lot of misinformation between the District 7 office and the Youth Commission. Alondra’s suggesting that the Youth Commission officially request that this hearing is referred to the Youth Commission to then give an official statement.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: Requesting this hearing to be referred to the Youth Commission officially.



Chair Nguyen: If we give a presentation, it will only be two minutes. This presentation will need to be aligned with SAC's presentation and make sure that it's not repetitive.

Commissioner Loftus: We should work with SAC to make sure that it's not repetitive.

Commissioner Utting: I agree that we should not take away from SAC's time, let's work with them to make sure that it's jointly with them.

Alondra: To make sure we use the timeslot fully, we could ask questions.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: Shared the resolution from last year that showed support for this hearing.

Chair Nguyen: What are everyone's thoughts?

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: Let's not take the time away from SAC. We can listen and give public comments along with the other commissions.

Chair Nguyen: I'd feel bad that we take away from their time, but I think it'd be more powerful if both organizations, SAC and YC, who advise the BoE and BOS and mayor, stand together to give the presentation.

Commissioner Utting: I'm not too sure because the points will be powerful whether or not we join the presentation or just give public comment.

(Chair Nguyen lost connection)

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: Any thoughts from other Commissioners especially from SFUSD students? What would be the difference between giving public comments and presenting?

Alondra: BOS needs to hold a meeting after school time if there's an issue about students
Alondra's suggesting public comment during the hearing and taking more of a leadership role during the SHARP town hall.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: I'm inclined to agree.

Chair Nguyen: Commissioner Im is interested in doing public comment

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: I'm interested too.

Commissioner Wong: I can maybe do it depending on my schedule.



Commissioner Loftus, Utting, Im: I can't make it.

Commissioner Utting: Can we call in? I can read people's comments if necessary.

Commissioner Im: I can participate virtually too if possible.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: We have three options - go in person, call in virtually, or staff can read it as well. The committee has a request for female-identifying public school students to do public comment.

Alondra: Commissioner Miller can go in person but will need help with talking points. We can also print out the resolution to pass out at the hearing.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: If you can make it, please go and make public comment.

Chair Nguyen: If you can't make this, we do need help with the SHARP town hall. At the hearing, please take notes, and see what we can do further down the road.

Commissioner Miller: Can definitely make it in person.

Chair Nguyen: Anyone else can make it in person?

Commissioner Pimentel: I can make it in person.

No public comment.

Motion to support BOS hearing 220471 moved by Commission Im and seconded by Commissioner Utting.

Motion to support BOS hearing 220471 (Im, Utting):

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Wong	AYE
Commissioner Adair	AYE
Commissioner Feng	ABSENT
Commissioner Loftus	AYE
Commissioner Miller	AYE



Comms & Outreach Officer Listana	ABSENT
Commissioner Anish	ABSENT
Comms & Outreach Officer Utting	AYE
Commissioner Colin	AYE
Commissioner Pimentel	AYE
Vice Chair Barker Plummer	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Hum	AYE
Leg Affairs Officer Shaw	ABSENT
Commissioner Frett	ABSENT
Commissioner Im	AYE
Commissioner Hillman	ABSENT
Chair Nguyen	AYE

11 AYE, 6 ABSENT, 0 NAY

The motion passes.

Chair Nguyen: What are our next steps?

Vice Chair Barker Plummer: Can staff take a look at the past letters and resolutions to write up talking points?

Joy Zhan, YC staff: I can help with that.

Chair Nguyen: Who can talk about the talking points or resolutions? We should prioritize personal stories.

Commissioner Pimentel: I volunteer myself if no one wants to do it.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, Commissioner Miller: We can do it too.

Commissioner Utting: Will the points be shared?

Chair Nguyen: Yes. And we will also split it up. Who will be sending the texts? Does staff have capacity?



(Commissioner Feng joined at 8:07 PM)

Joy, staff: I will be there, and I can do that and send the text with the public comment instructions.

Chair Nguyen: Staff will write up public comment instructions text and the talking points based on the resolutions and letters.

Commissioner Feng: I can help with the talking points.

Alondra: I can look at the gutted Title IX policies, but we still need someone to facilitate the debriefing afterward. Can someone ask the questions?

Commissioner Miller: I can ask the questions.

Chair Nguyen: Can we have a questions doc? Can Alondra help with that?

Alondra: I can put it on the resolutions doc.

7. Staff Report (discussion item)

No reports from staff.

No public comment.

8. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Chair Nguyen: We still need someone to facilitate the SHARP town hall.

Alondra: We need more people at Great Haunway.

Joy: We still need someone to facilitate the debriefing post-hearing

9. Adjournment

There is no further business. Meeting is adjourned at 8:20 PM.



SFMTA

School Transportation

Muni's role, challenges and solutions to support student commutes

Jean Long, Senior Transportation Planner

San Francisco Youth Commission

Monday, November 8, 2022, 5 p.m.

Youth Commission Questions



- What is the school tripper program?



- How is it decided what schools do or do not receive school trippers?



- What routes see the most crowding and pass-up problems due to student usage and what is the MTA doing to address this?



- How do the lines near schools compare to those that are not in terms of usage and efficiency?

Middle School Tripper Program

School	Becomes
Aptos (2)	8 Bayshore, 29 Sunset
Everett (1)	9 San Bruno, 29 Sunset
Francisco (1)	28 19 th Ave
A.P. Giannini (1)	48 Quintara-24 th St
James Lick (1)	38 Geary
Hoover (2)	48 Quintara-24 th St, 66 Quintara
M.L. King (2)	44 O'Shaughnessy, 54 Felton
Presidio (1)	38 Geary
Rooftop (1)	37 Corbett
Visitacion Valley (1)	56 Rutland
Total: 13	

High School Tripper Program

School	Becomes
Balboa (2)	8 Bayshore, 29 Sunset
Burton (2)	9 San Bruno, 29 Sunset
Galileo (1)	28 19 th Ave
Lincoln (1)	48 Quintara-24 th St
Washington (1)	38 Geary
Total: 7	

Which Schools get Trippers?



- Middle or High School?
- Is the school already along a high-frequency corridor?
- Muni Transit Assistance Program (MTAP) Support to help students get on the bus?

Current Challenges

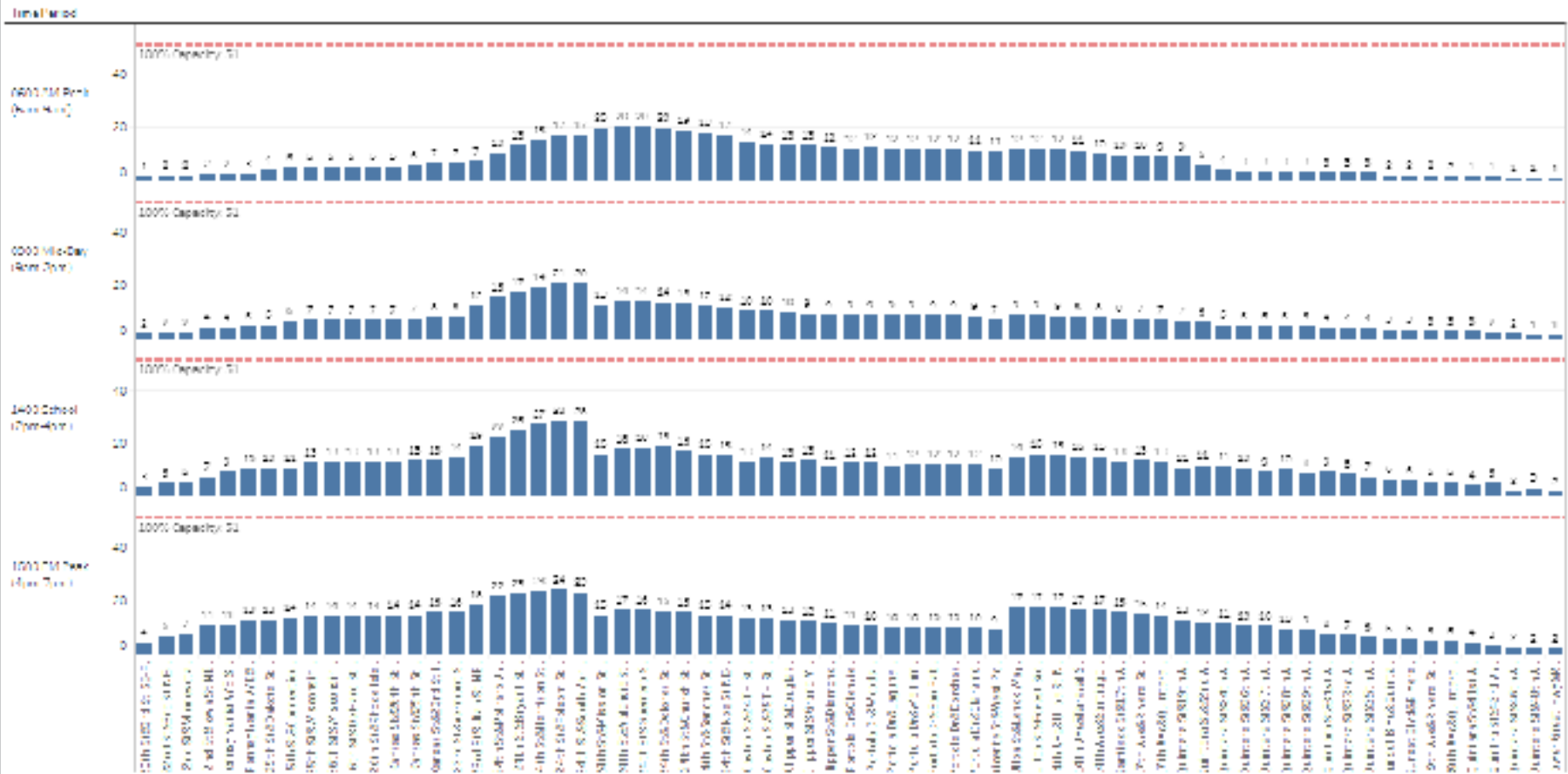
- **Major factor:** Revised 2021 SFUSD school start/end times coinciding with 2022 return to more “normal” commute patterns. This means everyone is commuting during the same one-two hour period.
- Operator availability
- Resource constraints at SFUSD and SFMTA
- Some Muni routes are generally always crowded because they are our high demand routes
 - 1 California, 5 Fulton, 5R Fulton Rapid, 7 Haight/Noriega, 8 Bayshore, 8AX Bayshore Express A, 8BX Bayshore Express B, 9 San Bruno, 9R San Bruno Rapid, 14 Mission, 14R Mission Rapid, 22 Fillmore, 24 Divisadero, 30 Balboa, 38 Geary, 45 Union/Stockton, 49 Van Ness, L Bus
- Some school-oriented routes see a lot more crowding and pass-ups during peak school commute hours than other routes, including:
 - 23 Monterey, 28 19th Avenue, 29 Sunset, 44O'Shaughnessy, 48 Quintara-24th Street, 54 Felton

Crowding on Key School Routes



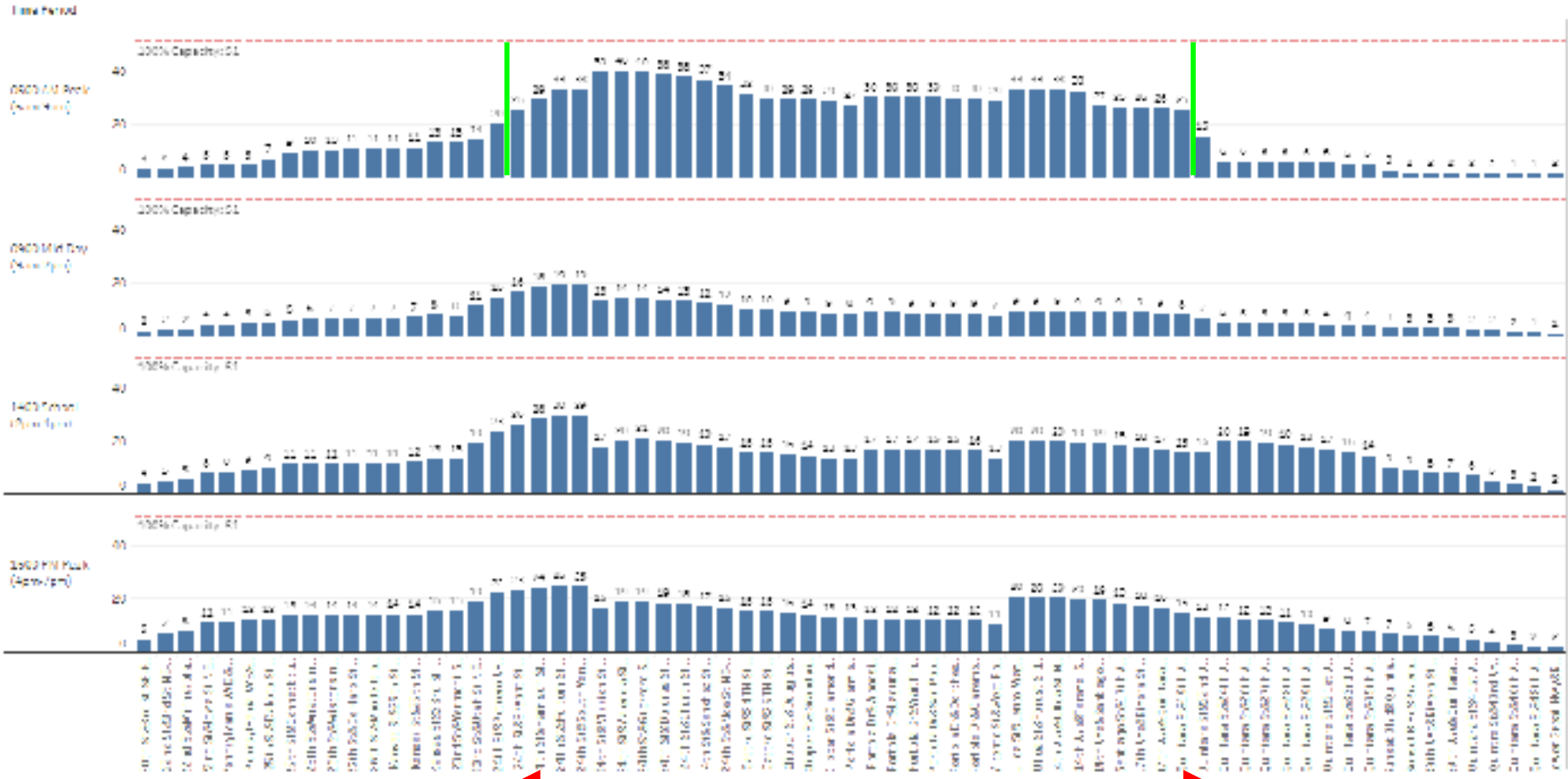
Average Vehicle Loads by Time Period

2022 07 30 to 2022 08 19 (2022 Summer), WEEKDAY, 48 QuinLara/24th Street OUTBOUND



Average Vehicle Loads by Time Period

2022 08 20 to 2022 09 30 (2022 Summer), WEEKDAY, 48 Quintara/24th Street OUTBOUND



24th St & Bryant

Quintara & 19th Ave

L Taraval Improvement Project



Aims to improve safety, accessibility and improve transit reliability

Segment A - SF Zoo to Sunset: completed on time and on budget
July 21, 2021

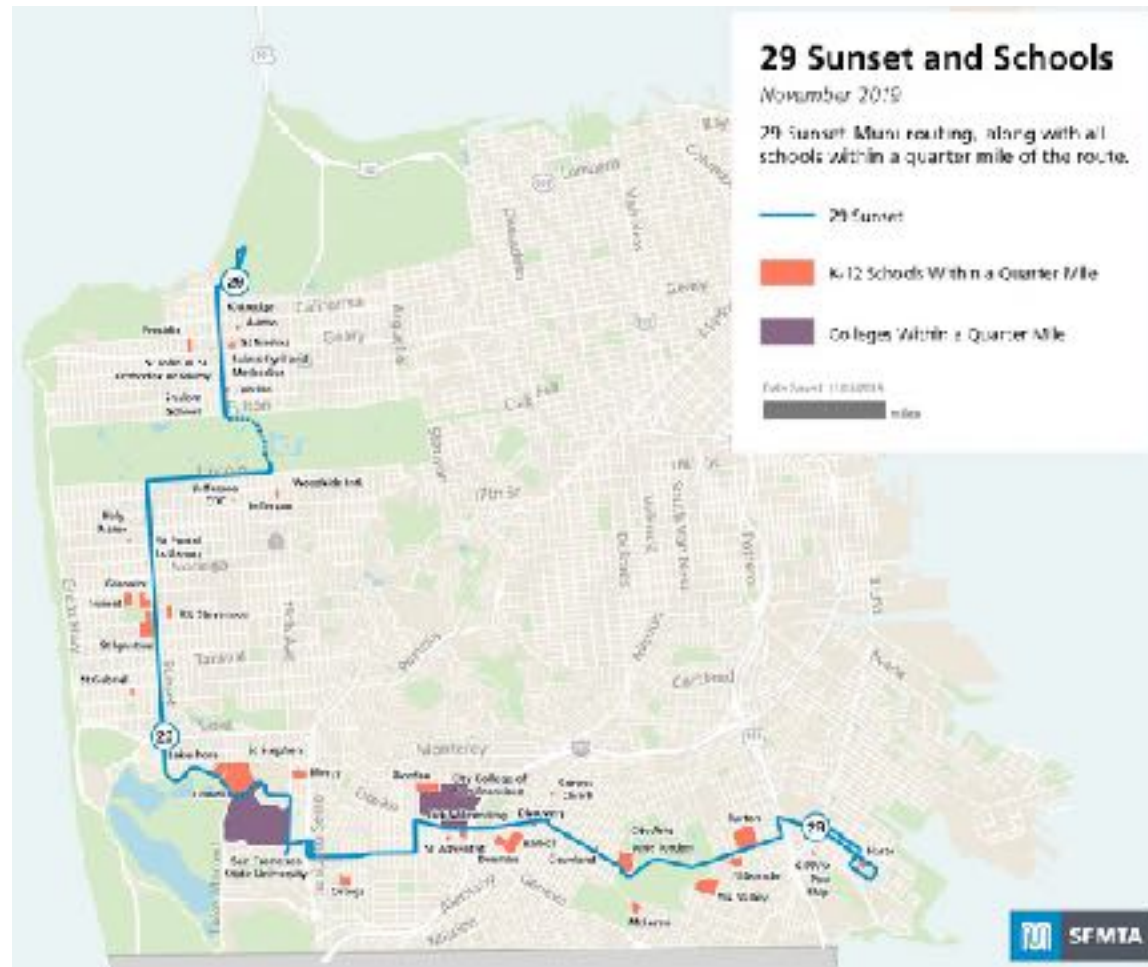
Segment B - Sunset to West Portal Station: started January 2022;
Expected completion fall 2024

Muni Responses

Prioritize	Prioritize all shifts with school trippers to be filled.
Require	Require that heavily used school routes like the 28 19 th Avenue, 29 Sunset, 44 O'Shaughnessy, and 48 Quintara-24 th St be prioritized during AM and PM peak hours.
Review	Review crowding data and pass-up complaints prior to adjusting Muni service for the new school year.
Identify	Identify 29 Sunset as high priority for more frequency and potentially a new Rapid Corridor

29 Sunset

- Long “crosstown” route spanning south and west sides
- Connects high number of schools and universities
- High ridership and loads throughout the day
- Issues with crowding, delay



29R Sunset Rapid

- Concept in development
- Part of “5-Minute Network” proposal
- Current project would improve existing 29 Sunset, prepare for 29R Sunset Rapid



Thank you!



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[In-Person Meetings of the San Francisco Youth Commission]

Resolution requesting the Office of the Mayor allows the San Francisco Youth Commission to hold formal Full Commission and Committee meetings in-person, as was the case before the COVID-19 pandemic:

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Youth Commission (hereunto referred to as the “Youth Commission”) is the voice for young people, and their needs, in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission derives its authority directly from the San Francisco Charter (SEC. 4.122-SEC 4.125), which was approved by voters in 1995 with 59.10% of the vote; and,

WHEREAS, SEC. 4.124 specifies the following duties and functions for the Youth Commission:

(a) Identify the concerns and needs of the children and youth of San Francisco; examine existing social, economic, educational, and recreational programs for children and youth; develop and propose plans that support or improve such programs; and make recommendations thereon to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

(b) Identify the unmet needs of San Francisco's children and youth through personal contact with these young people, school officials, church leaders, and others; and hold public forums in which both youth and adults are encouraged to participate.

(c) Elicit the interest, support, and mutual cooperation of private groups (such as fraternal orders, service clubs, associations, churches, businesses, and youth organizations) and City-wide neighborhood planning collaborative efforts for children, youth and families that initiate and sponsor recommendations that address the social, economic, educational, and recreational needs of children and youth in San Francisco. Advise the Board of Supervisors and Mayor about how such recommendations could be coordinated in the community to eliminate duplication in cost and effort.

(d) Advise about available sources of governmental and private funding for youth programs.

(e) Submit recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors about juvenile crime prevention, job opportunities for youth, recreational activities for teenagers, opportunities for effective

participation by youth in the governmental process, and changes in City and County regulations that are necessary to improve the social, economic, educational, and recreational advantages of children and youth.

(f) Respond to requests for comment and recommendation on matters referred to the Commission by officers, departments, agencies, boards, commissions and advisory committees of the City and County.

(g) Report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year, effective July 1, 1997.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent local public health emergency resulted in all Commissions, Boards, and Task Forces of San Francisco meeting virtually to ensure the safety of Commissioners/Board Members/Task Force Members, staff, and members of the public; and,

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, San Francisco Mayor London Breed issued a supplemental to the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration allowing most Commissions, Boards, and Task Forces to resume in-person meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed did not include the Youth Commission in this directive and has yet to allow the Youth Commission to meet in-person; and,

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has not met in-person since March 2, 2022, making all meetings, including Committee meetings, virtual; and,

WHEREAS, the inability to meet in-person limits the potential of the Commission and constrains the work of the Commission from fulfilling its Chartered duties in representing and advocating for youth in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has held and attended at least 30 successful in person events while following all applicable public health orders and recommendations such as community builders, community fairs, community celebrations, office hours, forums, info sessions, and more; and,

WHEREAS, in person events create better environments and build community, as everyone is inclined to learn and participate; and,

WHEREAS, in person meetings would increase and encourage the participation of all Commissioners; and, WHEREAS, Youth Commission staff and Commissioners have been discussing and preparing to meet safely in-person since Spring of 2021; and,

WHEREAS. Youth Commission staff have been coordinating with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, City Attorney's Office, and Board of Supervisors to prepare and begin meeting in-person; and,

WHEREAS, this welcoming environment and increased participation of all Commissioners would empower the Commission to do its best work in advocating for the youth of San Francisco

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, in order to fulfill our Chartered duties for youth in San Francisco, formally requests that Mayor London Breed allows the Commission to meet in-person, as it did before the COVID-19 public health emergency, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San Francisco requests the Board of Supervisors publicly support the Youth Commission's request to return to in-person meetings, as it did before the COVID-19 public health emergency, so that Commissioners may fulfill their Chartered responsibility.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk

DATE: November 3, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following, which at the request of the Youth Commission is being referred 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. 221031

Resolution reflecting the intent of the Board of Supervisors to establish a Pacific Islander Cultural District to commemorate historical sites, preserve existing spaces, and plan for thriving and vibrant communities to celebrate Pacific Islander culture in the Visitacion Valley and Sunnysdale neighborhoods.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee at Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

___ No Comment

___ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Intent to Establish Pacific Islander Cultural District]

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3 **Resolution reflecting the intent of the Board of Supervisors to establish a Pacific**
4 **Islander Cultural District to commemorate historical sites, preserve existing spaces,**
5 **and plan for thriving and vibrant communities to celebrate Pacific Islander culture in**
6 **the Visitacion Valley and Sunnysdale neighborhoods.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to the 2015 United States Census Bureau estimate, there are
9 353,666 Pacific Islanders (PI) living in California, more than any other state other than
10 Hawai'i; and

11 WHEREAS, Pacific Islanders are defined as the 20 or more communities with origins in
12 Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia and each group carries their own distinct beliefs,
13 practices, and languages; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Pacific Islander Demographics Report published by the
15 Regional Pacific Islander Taskforce in the Bay Area, the Pacific Islander populations accounts
16 for 0.8% of California's population as of 2015 and almost one in five Native Hawaiian Pacific
17 Islanders in California reside in the Bay Area, with 53% of the population living in Alameda,
18 San Francisco, and San Mateo; and

19 WHEREAS, Between 2000 and 2017, the Pacific Islander population grew by 27% in
20 California and the Census Bureau has identified 19 distinct ethnic communities within the
21 Pacific Islander populations; and

22 WHEREAS, Among the three Bay Area counties, San Francisco has approximately
23 6,773 Pacific Islanders, with a majority of the population living in Visitacion Valley and
24 surrounding neighborhoods in the southern part of the city; and

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1 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are the largest PI ethnic subgroup in the Bay Area with
2 22.8%, followed by Samoans at 19.4%, and Tongans at 18%; many Pacific Islanders are also
3 of multiracial descent; and

4 WHEREAS, As the result of the colonialization of the Samoa Islands, Tonga, Fiji,
5 Micronesian Islands, and many additional South Pacific Islands from the Tripartite Convention
6 of 1899, as well as the militarization of America Samoa and recruitment of PIs to join and work
7 for the military during World War II, these factors influenced the early migration and later
8 migration to San Francisco when PI military personnel were sent to California and Hawai'i on
9 military business; and

10 WHEREAS, After World War II to the mid-1950s, families of the PI community from
11 American Samoa started to migrate to San Francisco for education and job opportunities, and
12 some continued to join the military including working on the now decommissioned Hunters
13 Point Naval Shipyard; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1951-1970, numerous large groups of migrations of the PI
15 community from American Samoa moved to San Francisco and other cities of California and
16 Hawai'i seeking job opportunities and new homes when American Samoa's economic
17 condition took an unexpected turn for the worst due to the relocation of the U.S. Naval Base to
18 California and Hawai'i, the end of the G.I. Bill for vocational training and education, change of
19 administration (Department of Interior) oversight control of the U.S. territory, decreased food
20 supply due to drought, high cost of import and decreased export, 47% increase of the local
21 populations, and bad living conditions left behind by the U.S. Navy; and

22 WHEREAS, The PI community's early and later migrations to San Francisco in the
23 1900s to the 1980s can also be traced back to many factors, including: The Mormon Church's
24 recruitment of members through missionaries and recruitment of labor pools from the PI
25

1 communities in America Samoa, Tonga, and Samoa (also known as Western Samoa) to build
2 their Temple in Hawai'i; and

3 WHEREAS, After the completion of the Mormon Temple in Hawai'i, many of these
4 workers stayed on the island, some returned to their native homes, and many moved to San
5 Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, The continuous migration influx of PI communities from Tonga and Samoa
7 to San Francisco from 1951-1980 were encouraged and sponsored by the Mormon Church for
8 missionary labor, while some of the PI communities from American Samoa, Samoa, and
9 Tonga were brought to the San Francisco Bay Area for farm labor; and

10 WHEREAS, The PI community faced many challenges including language barriers,
11 lack of help and resources from the government, cultural shock, and discrimination when they
12 first settled in San Francisco; to remedy the lack of help from the government, the PI
13 community formed their own *aiga* (family) network system to provide social support and
14 mutual aid: housing, jobs, cultural retention activities, education, translators, counseling,
15 community gathering spaces, and other needs; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1972, the first PI non-profit organization, Samoa-Mo-Samoa was formed
17 in Visitacion Valley in partnership with Leali'ie'eiao Nofoaluma Fulu Asi Tuiasosopo, the first
18 woman activist of the PI community, and other community members; the organization was
19 fully funded by the city government; and

20 WHEREAS, Samoa-Mo-Samoa, in partnership with Samoan Affairs, now housed under
21 the Samoan Community Development Center in the Sunnysdale and Visitacion Valley
22 neighborhood, extended their education program for youths who were suspended, expelled,
23 drop-outs, and juvenile delinquent, and created an adult school for the PI community adults to
24 learn English, get their GED or high school diploma and receive job training on skills for jobs;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, The Pacific Islander community has been in San Francisco for over 100
2 years and have largely settled in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood while others settled in the
3 Bayview Hunter Point, Forest Hill, and Ingleside neighborhoods; and

4 WHEREAS, The Visitacion Valley neighborhood has been the primary home to the
5 Pacific Islander community since the early 1900s; and

6 WHEREAS, The Visitacion Valley neighborhood also reflects the decline and
7 disparities of the PI community in San Francisco as well as highlights the contributions of the
8 PI community to the city; and

9 WHEREAS, The Visitacion Valley and Sunnyside neighborhoods are where most PI
10 families found temporary and permanent homes after arriving in San Francisco and the
11 neighborhood holds important legacy sites that are vital to the fabric of the PI community
12 history; and

13 WHEREAS, Many PI residents from the Sunnyside area started community churches
14 and restaurants from their kitchens, created space for meeting of high chiefs, and conducted
15 fundraising in the neighborhood; more importantly, the Visitacion Valley and Sunnyside
16 neighborhoods are where the PI community lost many loved ones; this area serves as a
17 special memorial to honor all the PI community kids, youth, and adults that were victims of
18 gun violence, hate crimes, and other domestic violence; and

19 WHEREAS, The first PI businesses and restaurants in San Francisco started their
20 roots in Visitacion Valley including the South Pacific Restaurant, and a Samoa/Tonga
21 Seamstress Shop on Geneva Avenue bordering Daly City; unfortunately these stores were
22 forced to close or relocate due to high rents; currently the Polynesian Luau remains on
23 Geneva Avenue as a dining hub for the PI community; and

24 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1975, the Leland Avenue commercial corridor was home to
25 many of the first PI community-owned businesses including: a t-shirt shop, video shop, The

1 Hugo Store, a furniture store and other PI businesses; there were also two Samoan
2 restaurants on Leland and a Tongan restaurant on 28 Leland Avenue, where most of the PI
3 community families and other cultural communities in the area dined at; and

4 WHEREAS, The Sunnydale public housing is an important cultural legacy site to the PI
5 community history and is still home to over 70% of the low-income families of the PI
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, Bravo Cocktail Lounge-Restaurant, now called Bayside Cafe, located on
8 Bayshore Boulevard and Hester Avenue was another important historical gathering venue for
9 the PI community history; this was also a gathering place for some of the PI community
10 leaders, *matai* (chiefs), church leaders, and deacons and their wives to socialize, have dinner
11 and have their *talanoa* (talk) every Friday evening; and

12 WHEREAS, Leaders from the South Pacific Islanders frequently stayed on the Motor
13 Inn Lodge on Geneva Avenue when visiting and attending important events of the PI
14 community in San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, The Samoan Community Development Center, located at 2055 Sunnydale
16 Avenue is a community anchor for the PI community providing programming for families,
17 parents, children, youth, seniors, and much more; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2020, the S.A.L.L.T. association, co-founded by San Francisco South
19 Pacific Islands, All Islanders Gathering As One, Living in Peace, and the San Francisco
20 Tongans Rise Up, and with many additional PI organizations, was established during the
21 COVID-19 pandemic to address service gaps to the PI community and primarily serving the
22 Visitacion Valley, Sunnydale, and Bayview neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, As a response to the COVID-19 health emergency throughout 2020 and
24 2021, the City invested in community-led hubs that provided essential services to the
25 communities most impacted by COVID19, including funding the first ever Pacific Islander

1 Community Hut led by S.A.L.L.T., modeled after the Latino Task Force located in the Mission
2 and the Bayview Hub located on 1800 Oakdale, to provide job assistance, help with applying
3 to various city and state programs, translation, quality of life support, housing assistance,
4 immigration support, COVID-19 response including providing food assistance to address food
5 insecurity and many more services; and

6 WHEREAS, Visitacion Valley neighborhood is home to many different churches that
7 support the spiritual needs of its diverse communities, the Samoan Congregation Church of
8 Jesus Christ is on Schwerin Avenue along the Daly City border and most of its Samoan
9 community congregation members are residents of the Visitacion Valley neighborhood; and

10 WHEREAS, The PI community are also members of different denominations, including
11 Mormons, Catholics, Pentecost, Seven Days Advent, Methodist, and Assembly of God and
12 have created churches in the neighborhood from the church leaders' living rooms or garages
13 due to the small size of the congregation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pacific Islander community has often been lumped with the Asian
15 American community for statistical purposes, however, the Pacific Islander community faces
16 the largest amount of disparities that need to be disaggregated from general Asian American
17 Pacific Islander (AAPI) data including the lack of access to resources, higher education, job
18 skills training, and general assistance; and

19 WHEREAS, In researching for the Pacific Islander Cultural District, there is limited data
20 and documentation of the PI community's history in San Francisco other than spoken stories
21 shared among families and communities; and

22 WHEREAS, The boundaries of the Pacific Islander Culture District are defined as
23 Visitacion Valley Avenue along the south side of Campbell Avenue to San Bruno Avenue, to
24 Bayshore Boulevard at Hester Avenue, along Hester Avenue looping back to Bayshore
25 Boulevard to Geneva Avenue, along the north side of Geneva Avenue to Moscow Street, to

1 the east side of Moscow Street to France Avenue, to the south side of France Avenue to La
2 Grande Avenue bordering the west border of McLaren Park to Sunnydale Avenue at Persia
3 Avenue, along Persia Avenue, which turns into Mansell Avenue to Visitacion Valley Avenue
4 through McLaren Park to Campbell Avenue; and

5 WHEREAS, Despite decades of relentless economic pressure, many challenges, and
6 substantial displacement, there are still vibrant Pacific Islander communities, cultural assets,
7 and institutions in the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors intends to establish a
9 Pacific Islander Cultural District in the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale neighborhoods to
10 acknowledge and preserve the Pacific Islander history and cultural influences in San
11 Francisco; and, be it

12 FUTHER RESOLVED, That in establishing the Pacific Islander Cultural District, the
13 Board of Supervisors intends to endorse the following goals:

14 1) To preserve, advance, and promote San Francisco's Pacific Islander Cultural District
15 as a local, national, and international resource, and as a culturally and commercially enriched
16 neighborhood and District;

17 2) To preserve, document, and strengthen the Pacific Islander Communities of San
18 Francisco by bringing together our diverse histories and cultures at and within the District for
19 all persons to enjoy and share;

20 3) To create an atmosphere of safety, creativity, vitality, and prosperity for present and
21 future Pacific Islander community and broader diverse neighborhood participants,
22 organizations, institutions, commercial activity, entertainment, cultural events, and street fairs
23 within the District;

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1 4) To augment and make sustainable Pacific Islander: housing, commerce, community
2 development, cultural resources, physical spaces, and healthcare, in particular, culturally
3 appropriate health services;

4 5) To honor all the Pacific Islander ancestors that have impacted the Pacific Islander
5 community and honor all the Pacific Islander residents that were victims of violence;

6 6) To inspire hope that communities can reclaim, revitalize and uplift their
7 neighborhood and restore a sense of unity in communities; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors intends that the Pacific Islander
9 Cultural District will preserve and further develop the Visitacion Valley and Sunnydale’s past,
10 present, and future Pacific Islander communities and resources, and to recognize the
11 historical and present contributions of the Pacific Islander Community; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends that the Pacific Islander
13 Cultural District will preserve and further develop opportunities for Pacific Islander businesses
14 along the commercial corridors within the boundaries of the district.