



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, April 5th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

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

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. March 15th, 2021
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4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
5. **Legislation Referred ((All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. [Input + Decision] File No. 210294 [Hearing - Impacts of Proposed Cuts to Courses and Staff Layoffs at City College of San Francisco]
Sponsor: Supervisor Ronen
Presenter: Adele Failes-Carpenter, Athena Waide, AFT 2121Staff; Paul Monge, D9 Legislative Staff
(Document B)
 - B. [Input + Decision] File No. 210323 [Hearing - Summer Together Initiative]
Sponsor: Supervisor Ronen
Presenter: Paul Monge, D9 Legislative Staff
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6. **Presentations (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**



- A. [Inform + Decision] MyPath's Advocates New ERA (Economic Rights for All)
Presenters: MyPath Youth & Staff
- B. [Inform + Decision] Free College 4 All Resolution
Presenter: Eira Kien, CCSF Collective
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7. Consent Calendar (Inform + Decision)

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

- A. ACA-3 - [Involuntary Servitude]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Kalmager
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- B. AB-71 - [Homelessness Funding: Bring California Home Act]
Sponsor: Assembly Members Rivas, Chiu, Bloom, and Wicks
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- C. AB-333 - [Participation in a Criminal Street Gang - Enhanced Sentence]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Kamlager
(Document G)
- D. AB-503 - [Wards: Probation]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Stone
(Document H)
- E. AB-655 - [California Law Enforcement Accountability Reform Act]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Kalra
(Document I)
- F. AB-937 - [Immigration Enforcement]
Sponsor: Assembly Members Carrillo, Kalra, and Santiago
(Document J)
- G. AB-4 - [Medi-Cal Eligibility]
Sponsor: Assembly Members Arambula, Bonta, Chiu, Gipson, Lorena Gonzalez, Reyes, and Santiago
(Document K)
- H. SB-56 - [Medi-Cal Eligibility]
Sponsor: Senator Durazo
(Document L)
- I. AB-829 - [Foster Children Immigration Council]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Levine
(Document M)



- J. AB-600 - [Hate Crimes: Immigration Status]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Arambula
(Document N)
- K. SB-493 - [Local Government Financing: Juvenile Justice]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Bradford
(Document O)
- L. AB-1140 - [Foster care: rights]
Sponsor: Assembly Member Rivas
(Document P)
- M. SB-739 - [California Universal Basic Income for Transition-Age Youth Pilot Project]
Sponsor: Senator Cortese
(Document Q)
- N. SB-464 - [California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility]
Sponsor: Senator Hurtado

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - b. Comms
 - i. Youth Commission Application Process 2021-2022
 - c. General Committee Updates
- B. Civic Engagement
- C. Housing and Land Use
- D. Transformative Justice
- E. OCOF

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

11. Adjournment

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**San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft**

**Monday, March 15th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm**

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

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

Roll Call Attendance:

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

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No Public Comment.



Commissioner Alioto-Pier motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. March 1st, 2021
[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve of the March 1st, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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



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

Jaelyn Morales is a journalism SFSU student here to observe and would love to interview any of the commissioners after this call. Thank you for having me today! Anyone who is willing for a short interview post meeting, my email is jaelynmorales25@gmail.com.

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

- A. [Input + Decision] File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]
Sponsor: Supervisor Melgar
Presenter: Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide
(Document B)

Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide, Supervisor Melgar has years of experience in youth based community organizations. Through this, we wish to highlight mental health support and programs for families, we want to draw more attention and learn what practices we can use to maximize Medical services. In 2019, SF opted out of medical option from admin services because of how onerous the services, leaving millions on the table. covid 19 exacerbated mental health and came into recovering resources to support young people and families as crisis and preventative health. flip the script of health care. youth leading movement, let's invest in that. hearing date 3/25 thursday at pns cmte. we brought in alex brisco alameda county childrens' trust dcyf contract to help primarily with family resource center for reimbursement - successful in recoup, now sfusd, dcyf, and dph - systemically recoup millions in the year to free up GF dollars. How do we recoup funds, is it in medical expenses to coding infrastructure? We really hope to get more money and use funds in youth and family mental health services. We have engaged with CPA in youth mojo healing in our hands initiative hitting on this point not enough in school services and hope this hearing provide insight and resources to recoup from state insurance system and make sure savings that it doesn't go to GF for other purposes but making sure we use it for youth and family mental health. alex is best practices are to engage with questions you want to ask and provide solutions how we can be intentional with budgeting priorities to get to places most needed during this recovery.

Commissioner Santos: Can you repeat the asks please?

Jen: Any priorities you want to see achieved if we were to identify funding and savings from the initiative the city is taking to reimburse medical services for mental health specifically? any questions you want to ask during the hearing.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick - thank you for coming in to present and clarifying questions, go into detail we currently fund youth mental health in dcyf and sfusd not enough, fund through gf - and getting at state moneys at the table. and background that we can recoup and what the program is looking like right now?

Jen - not expert in funding, mix of grants state fed and local for mental health, discovered state programs to reimburse state services and if we invest upfront to get reimbursement upfront and free up local funds and be used for expanding services and programs. how to save as much and cost saving in to invest in additional programing

Commissioner Santos: I heard there will be a meeting & also heard you mention CPA & Youth MOJO, what is the collaboration?



Jen: hearing request - medical reimbursements to expand that and how as a city can be recouped. not collab on hearing and in conversations to support youth mojo's work since they started this campaign and whatever we work on is complementary to that nothing set in stone

Commissioner Hylton: have you all reached out to/worked with any youth organizations other than youth mojo?

Jen: We are being connected with resources to most impact for communities, however our intention is to first see what is the main problem, what strategies can we recoup before we tie in with community priorities as that's a long term strategy.

Commissioner Santos: I understand the intention to pause meetings with cbos but I would especially advocate for folks to connect with budget justice coalition with advocacy within financial realm. Question and topics I would like addressed at this meeting include: cultural competency for bipoc students of color, what mental health professionals are doing to destigmatize in communities of color, language accessibility for language barriers and making youth accessible, large stigma to discuss mental health like funding beyond interpersonal 1:1 but also art therapy, conversations on what safety looks like for youth rights as a patient, worthwhile compensation program when in therapeutic practice to get time and opening up to stranger, esp with students in remote not safe space to discuss these things having mindfulness of what that looks like and meeting communities where they are at, those are what considerations i have or want acknowledged.

Commissioner Quick: I have a question and second everything Commissioner Santos brought up. Are you having presentations from this hearing?

Jen: we've invited them - got confirmation from dph and dcyf outstanding dpt would be jpd and sfusd (declined - asked consultant to discuss potential solutions). sfusd for better or for worse are a supportive system concentrated in schools and looking at that system right now where mental health services are concentrated right now.

Jen: all the things santos brought up are on point, focus is reimbursement practices and outcomes are depending on resources. highlight issues and invest in right solutions: youth led, cultural competency, and not forcing a system that just works for a subset of the population - the more advocacy we have - to urge sfusd 2019, the priorities can get really lost and something to be said when mental health and preventative health - gets deleted. ucsf visits have been up because of people in crisis. different types of money to be reimbursed, creative solutions so people aren't in crisis - regular preventative daily health and would love to have partnership and leadership in that

Commissioner Santos: that aligns for the yc and tj at large, esp with advocacy to reallocate resources in helping communities of color, oftentimes speaking to similar instances of how we prevent that and based in punishment. sustainability, wellness center at highschool only able to receive services for a year, having a process to open to a person and knowing time is limited can shape our relationship but hear that this meeting is logistics

Commissioner Cheung: In our civic engagement committee - veronica from dcyf shared about community assessments that's getting put together for ocof, outcomes in the future good place to draw info and data on how young people mental health services what they want to see and being taken care of from schools or city, because community assessments as a resource for funding allocations later.

Commissioner Santos: question for staff: what actions are we allowed to take with this?



Staff Estrada - hearing is going to happen regardless, you are in support/not in support - purpose is to make recommendations and comments to be asked during hearing and suggestions you all might have. discussion is to sort things out.

Internal Discussion:

Commissioner Quick - support this hearing, i think we should focus more on drilling down funding/technical side - recommendations and reiterate santos and cheung's touch based on for work in the future and the piece around keeping up community engagement.

questions for hearing:

- How is cultural competency/language access upheld in the medical reimbursement process? How do students of color know about this?

Recommendations:

- continuing meetings with CBOS - like youth MOJO
- look up community needs assessments by DCYF, and OCOF's Child and Youth Friendly Initiative assessments
- budget priorities - cultural competency for BIPOC comms of color, sort through educational outreach for youth mental health, funding for alternatives for diff modes of therapy, and funding for youth rights and redefining safety as a patient, youth rights are respected
- compensation programs for youth to attend therapy
- loop in SFUSD into the convo
- explore affinity groups
- sustainability of care post highschool and funding alternatives in community clinics- increasing supports in institution and bringing in that let resources be expanded in community clinics and places that are having mental health trainees

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to support the hearing with the questions and recommendations stated above for the hearing and to be considered in future conversations regarding youth funding, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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



- B. [Input + Decision] File No. 210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]
Sponsor: Supervisor Mar
Presenter: D4 Legislative Staff
(Document C)

Context:

Hearing to address concerns on crime and violence targeting Asian-American seniors and other vulnerable groups and the rise of anti-Asian racism, including crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies the departments are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting the Asian Pacific Islander and person of color communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity; and requesting the Police Department, Office of the District Attorney, Human Rights Commission, the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, the Department of Adult Probation and the Department of Juvenile Probation report on their crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies they are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting our API and POC communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity.

There is no sponsoring office staff to present on this hearing. Staff recommends a “no position” (neutral) and to still include comments or recommendations as the Youth Commission passed a similar resolution at their last meeting.

Positions (Actions) - support, no support, no position (neutral)

From Commissioner Cheung -

Questions:

- What is the impact of AAPI hate crimes on youth specifically and will it be reported by SFPD in their quarterly reports in demographics of crime/data around Asian youth targeted by hate?
- What language accessible resources are departments providing victims who have faced violence?

Recommendations:

- Create an anti-Asian Hate Crimes Taskforce but law enforcement should not be involved and community organizations should be lead on prevention, resources, and trauma as law enforcement can exacerbate trauma; commit to it being community based intervention focused
- Work with the 70+ Bay Area organizations that created the three anti-Asian violence demands, and work with them to create action steps
- Utilize the Stop AAPI Hate Report that was made with SF youth and connect with them on these efforts

Commissioner Zhang - the MO street violence program, they are exploring to use this program in communities with older asian residents, but no mention of the creation of a task force.

Commissioner Santos: I invite other TJ members to add in this discussion. I would echo what Cheung mentioned around reducing police presence in AAPI communities. Also, I'm concerned if SFPD is involved, what their intention is? How sustainable is it? I would recommend the police to be there to collect data.



Commissioner Hylton: echoing Commissioner Santos, when we talk about community protection there should be a balance between community members feeling safe and not relying on police to make communities feel safer.

Staff: clarification question, can Commissioners Chueng & Zhang clarify if the demands include ethnic studies or trauma recovery?

Commissioner Zhang: from our resolution, for SFPD to take a limited role in assistance towards supporting survivors and more energy on CBOS to offer linguistic and culturally appropriate services. Sarah, do you want to speak to sustainability?

Commissioner Cheung: we don't want to rely on police, so cbo play a larger role in preventing (community intervention) and cross-racial peace by hosting dialogue or workshops for events and be able to show support and to have resources. in terms of prevention and healing from communities, less so from institutional level that may exacerbate any trauma to have a community and people's budget for community safety.

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to include the following recommendations and the Youth Commission takes no position, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka . The motion passes by a roll call vote.

- C. [Input + Decision] File No. 210214 - [Appropriation - Property Tax - Overdose Prevention - District Attorney - \$2,742,731; Department of Public Health - \$3,931,215 - FY2020-2021]
Sponsor: Supervisor Haney
Presenter: Deputy Public Defender Mamta Alhuwalia
(Document D)

This item is tabled due to the legislation having multiple amendments. Supervisor Haney's office believes this legislation will be heard closer to mid-late April.

- D. [Input + Decision] File No. 210215 - [Appropriation - Property Tax - Department of Children, Youth and Their Families - \$15,000,000 - Summer Programming - FY2020-2021]
Sponsor: Supervisor Haney
Presenter: Frances Hsieh, D1 Legislative Aide
(Document E)

Frances Hsieh, cosponsor office, item be up in BAC this wednesday for consideration, controller recently released a 6 month budget indicating a 125 mill GF surplus for this fiscal year because higher than expected property tax. to appropriate 15 mill for summer play initiative program, play for youth - lead sponsor Haney cosponsor ronen and melgar. appropriation to move 15 mil from general fund - sup chan talked about months ago working families and idea was to provide an all day summer programing available for all program for sfusd summer 2021 and prioritize low income working families that does would fund for free, sliding scale - for slot even the waitlist on some of this program get rid of that - low barrier and single access. largely programs by rec and park, dcyf include sfusd full gamut so families can have a choice to enroll whichever - vision not before budget committee. Just appropriation for funding 15mil would cover 10,000 students sfusd rate for an entire summer is 1500 students. this rep half elementary students in public school system - to start the convo and process relying on other sources state and philanthropy



of program - get money in pipeline to plan and ensure highest need of families to access this program easily and seamlessly - target public school families - the program will be in trailing legislation get feedback later. This is for the funding piece to get started.

Questions:

- Commissioner Quick: Can you review the goals? Is the goal to have day programming 5 days a week for as many students as possible?
- Frances: it wouldn't be only DCYF, it is also SFUSD, but DCYF has agreed to take all the funds and disperse the funds because of the MOUs and prior relationships. We're trying to move the money quickly and hire up because the vision is very big. In order for Parks n rec and DCYF to do this, they will need sometime to prepare the CBOS and other service providers.
- Commissioner Quick: Thank you and you touched on wanting to prioritize low income families, families that need it the most. What is the thought process behind solving the hiccups or usual problems with city bureaucracy, what is the accountability so that the marginalized communities are prioritized?
- Frances: it is difficult to measure this, but we are having weekly meetings with Supervisors and Dept. heads to get reports on the status, locations, and sites.
- Commissioner Cheung: I see that over 50 orgs are contracted, is the summer programming going to be the same or will it vary on the org?
- Frances: it will be up to DCYF. They'll be able to expand as PH orders loosen, but we still want to be cautious. We will also rely on Parks n Rec as they successfully lead summer camp last year.
- Commissioner Cheung: follow up, what specific curriculum enhancements they'll have?
- Frances: we have asked, this was a MO funding request, we'll still operate through DCYF's direction. We don't have details other than the ones in the Mayor's press release.
- Commissioner Tanaka: what will the outreach for this look like? Considering that this is focused on non-english and low income families, how will this outreach consider language access?
- Frances: Absolutely, this program is targeted for SFUSD students and families. We want to partner with SFUSD because they have established communication processes. Departments involved have databases with this information. We hope to partner with the YC to disseminate this opportunity. For Sup. Chan, coming from an immigrant background, she definitely understands this.

Recommendations:

Commissioner Veiga recommends that the legislation be referred to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Quick: attach a recommendation to work with youth and cbos to identify the needs for specific programming.

Commissioner Cheung: for the crank start funding, getting youth input on this.

Commissioner Tanaka: maintain and enforce the language accessibility piece of this funding/program roll out

Commissioner Santos: in addition to language access, ensure that there is education around reopening roll out so communities feel safer to participate.

No public comment. Commissioner Cheung motions to support with the recommendations stated above, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye



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

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Young Leaders in Climate Action
Presenters: Gianna Fazioli, Environmental Education Manager, SF Department of Environment

My name is Gianna, she, her and I am the Environmental Education manager at SF Environment. I manage a team of educators who provide free year-round programming to SF K-12 schools. I was very impressed by Mayor Breed’s recent fireside chat at the representation from our Youth Commissioners. I manage 6 young educators at sf DOE, here to inform about the climate action plan we are working on, a framework for climate action solutions, happens every 3 years. pathway to achieve net 0 ground emissions. including public health, economy, resilience, safe and affordable housing for all, to engage we’ve been doing community workshops (virtual and open house) my hope is to get as much youth voice involved in the plan as possible. here to include in youth groups we work with in sf and something to engage and share with other young people to make sure voices are heard.

I wanted to connect with them on two main topics:

We are hosting Youth-focused workshops to incorporate the youth voices in our new Climate Action Plan (The Plan). There will be two youth focused workshops youth panelist speaking on their climate action work with the City, have an overview of the plan, and then have breakout sessions for students to explore topics on climate change and give their feedback. The workshop times are the following:

- o Fri, March 19th @ 12:30pm-2:00pm
- o Sat, March 20th @ 10:00am-11:30am

While we know school is in session during the Friday workshop, these sessions could complement our existing curriculum. Please feel free to share with your students, parents, colleagues, and other community members via email or social media.

We are planning a regional youth event to converge young leaders in climate action work this April. I’d love to invite and include them in this event. bipoc kids most impacted. This summit is not concrete, but working on finalizing the plan. but hoping to see if any interest to partner for that day in any capacity.



Link with more information: <https://sfenvironment.org/ClimatePlanWorkshops>

Questions:

Commissioner Santos - what concrete asks do you have?

Giana: share on social media about workshops, on summit itself make sure it aligns with the goals of the yc - advisory piece. the goal is continued ongoing conversation with youth leaders - just wanted to bring it to the table

Commissioner Cheung: I would love to be a part of this. Question re: orgs you're working with. I think of the Bay Area Youth Climate Summit, are you all working with them?

giana: Yes, the organizations working with: bay area youth climate group & sac

Commissioner Santos: you mentioned racial equity, are you working with PODER?

Giana: yes working with community partnership in PODER, if you have a direct youth leader work with adult - 'cause separate events and staff.

Commissioner Santos: racial equity to environmental racism but also what environmental justice looks like? this work has been done in bipoc communities and any workshops that will take part of that. and white privilege and impact of colonization on environment.

Gianna: our theme around this summit is to focus on youth resilience during covid and community that has already existed. Generational Practices, is a workshop we'll be having. Working with bilingual and multilingual students, especially with Chinese students who have been working on environmental projects.

Commissioner Santos: social understanding and practices have changed, straw impact and unjust on low income black and brown communities, when most impact are at affluent people

Commissioner Quick: what's next for this? from my knowledge the climate plan is not enforced. What is the plan to take the work/labor and implement it in a way that is reflective of the urgency of climate change?

Gianna: Once we get community input, the plan will be voted on by our commission and then our office will PAC policy and our community orgs are a big part, so we'll continue to fund them. Our hope is that with renewed commitment from the Federal government, we'll be able to receive more funding and fund ideas. We do have an advisory board and would love to see youth on this board, but they make sure that these deliverables get implemented. If anyone is interested, I can make a plug about it.

Commissioner Quick: yes, I would appreciate that. The YC is always trying to get more youth on advisory boards.

Commissioner Quick: I heard an ask for us, is this something we'd like to take a position?

Staff Truong: The ask to spread the word about upcoming youth panelist workshops & if the YC would like to be an advisory role for the Youth Climate Action Summit in April. Time commitment would be like a check-in in a month.

Commissioner Quick: I would support a motion that supports their asks, but would like to hear from other people.

Commissioners Listana, Ginsburg, Veiga, Cheung, Quick & Zhang



No public comment.

Commissioner Veiga motions to support the Department of Environment's ask to spread the word about upcoming youth panelist workshops & if the YC would like to be an advisory role for the Youth Climate Action Summit in April, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - i. nothing urgent to report that haven't already been put on an agenda.
 - ii. Hearing to review DCYF's budget
 - b. Comms
 - i. yc application process and podcast in works
 - ii. linked in tree in our social media
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. here to build our capacity - reiterate that and highlight appreciate for people stepping up and participating more in fyc meetings
 - ii. let's not hear the same voices all over time
- B. Civic Engagement
 - a. league of women points of collaboration for younger workers, can assist with poll work and voter registration
 - b. presentations on voter suppression would be lovely (commissioner santos would love voter education)
- C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. discussing next steps on integrating budget feedback, tentative presentation to mta board
- D. Transformative Justice
 - a. presentations to the juvenile probation commission and police commission (thanks gabbie, gracie, sarah cheung and adrianna zhang), adult probation department presentation, dphmustdivest strategy possible townhall/focus group to get patient needs



- E. OCOF
 - a. nothing to report

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Kiely out of office and not available March 20-29th
- YC applications are coming up -
 - ask who is available to be part of YC review team
 - Sarah G, Nora,

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Budget Justice Coalition Wed 2 - 4pm
- [Troublemakers for Liberation fellowship](#)
- city is redoing general plan every 8-10 years, general outline of direction for city is going to go in the next decade and informs all other things, sf planning dpt has workshop
- panel for youth engagement on Friday @ 10 am - Calvin will be there - <https://sfplanning.org/general-plan-virtual-events>
- On Saturday @ 5pm Citywide BSU will be hosting an event showcasing our work and highlighting black excellence city wide. Please come and support!
- Commissioner Jones & Morris are back and want to acknowledge their presence & say we're happy to have you all back!

10. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Ronen on March 16, 2021. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210294

Hearing to discuss the implications of the proposed cuts to City College of San Francisco's (CCSF) staff and course offerings, and explore ways that the City and County of San Francisco could offer additional support to CCSF to address these challenges; and requesting the CCSF Administration, CCSF Board of Trustees, American Federation of Teachers Local 2121, and CCSF elected student leaders to report.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- _____ No Comment
- _____ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission



Supervisor Hillary Ronen

The City College of San Francisco is an essential part of San Francisco - a college that exists in true service of our community, from providing free education to San Franciscans to being the single largest jobs and skills trainer. CCSF offers safe harbor for many in the city, especially our residents with the greatest need of support.

But right now, chronic underfunding of our communities' educational needs is hitting CCSF hard. In the midst of a global pandemic, CCSF has put 60% of its instructors, librarians, and counselors on notice of potential layoff. This would leave more than 20,000 students struggling to complete their educational goals.

The impacts of these proposed lay-offs and class cuts would cause permanent damage to the health of City College. Programs where classes are currently full, such as Nursing, English, Biology, Aircraft Maintenance, Automotive, Construction, English as a Second Language, Philippine Studies and many more, will be severely cut or lost altogether.

CCSF has consistently offered our residents pathways to a living wage, lifelong learning, and advanced college degrees. And despite California being the 6th largest economy in the world, we continue to face persistent attacks on public education, perpetuating a cycle of poverty in the shadow of immense wealth.

The deliberate underfunding of public education and our California community college system undermines the very fabric of our city and the democratic values we cherish. The City and County of San Francisco must do its part to stand up for CCSF students, faculty, and workers who have given so much to our city.

I am calling a hearing to discuss the implications of these proposed cuts to CCSF staff and course offerings, and explore ways that the City and County of San Francisco could offer additional support to the college to address these challenges. I am directing the Clerk of the Board to invite the City College of San Francisco administration, members of the City College Board of Trustees, representatives from AFT 2121, and CCSF elected student leaders to attend.

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- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Ronen

Subject:

Hearing Request on the Impacts of Proposed Cuts to Courses and Staff Layoffs at the City College of San Francisco

The text is listed:

See attached document.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

FUNDING OUR CCSF

Protecting educational opportunities for our students and community



AFT Local 2121 · City College of San Francisco Faculty Union
American Federation of Teachers · CFT/AFT, AFL-CIO

DISTRICT SPENDING: 2020-21 BUDGET



Faculty Salaries

Classified Salaries

Employee Benefits

Services

Consulting Services

Supplies,
Equipment,
& Transfers

Admin Salaries

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Faculty Salaries	\$40.12
Classified Salaries	\$22.55
All Employee Benefits	\$23.05
Services	\$7
Administrator Salaries	\$3.71
Consulting Services	\$2.43
Supplies	\$0.78
Equipment	\$0.07
Transfers	\$0.18
Total	\$100

DISTRICT SPENDING: THREE YEAR* AVERAGE



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Faculty Salaries

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Classified Salaries

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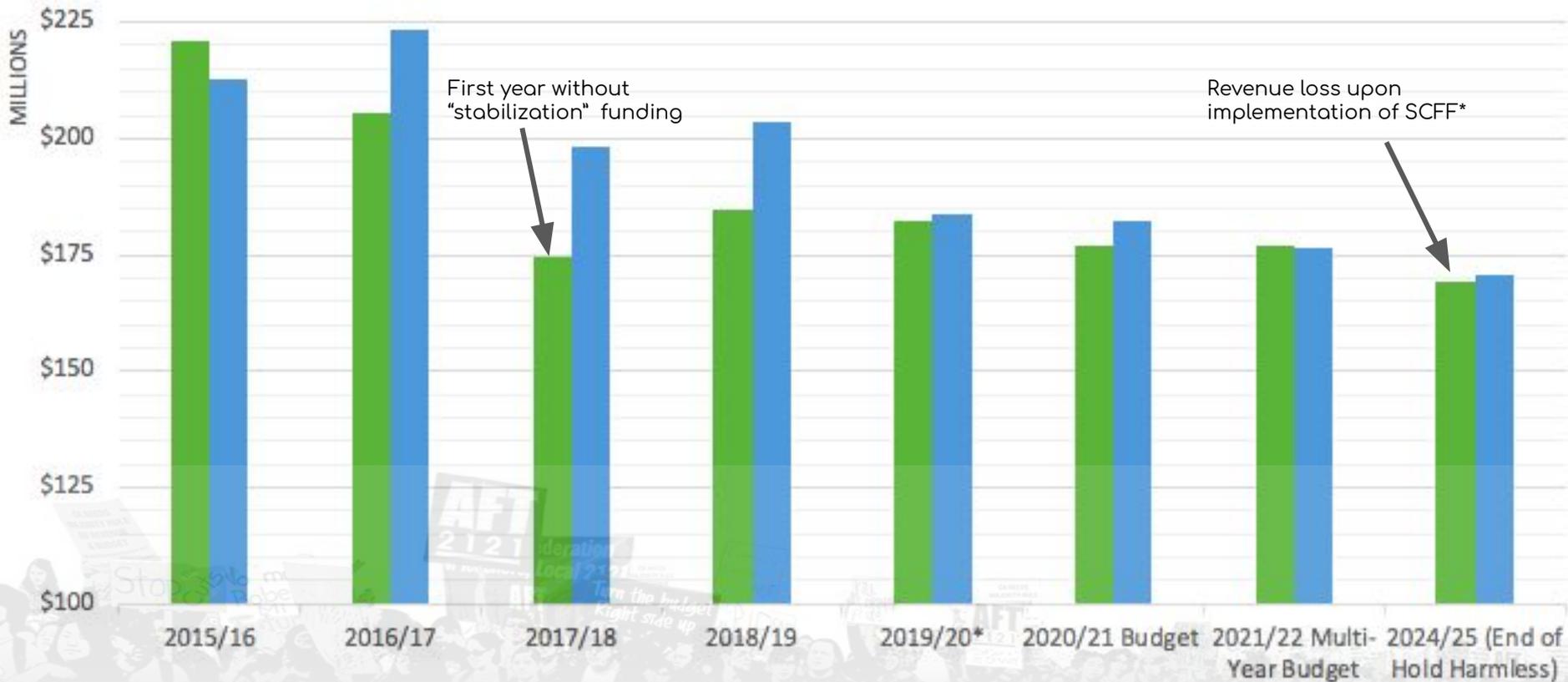
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Supplies,
Equipment,
& Transfers

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Faculty Salaries	\$41.94
Classified Salaries	\$22.23
All Employee Benefits	\$22.59
Services	\$5.45
Administrator Salaries	\$3.99
Consulting Services	\$2.13
Supplies	\$0.53
Equipment	\$0.33
Transfers	\$0.82
Total	\$100

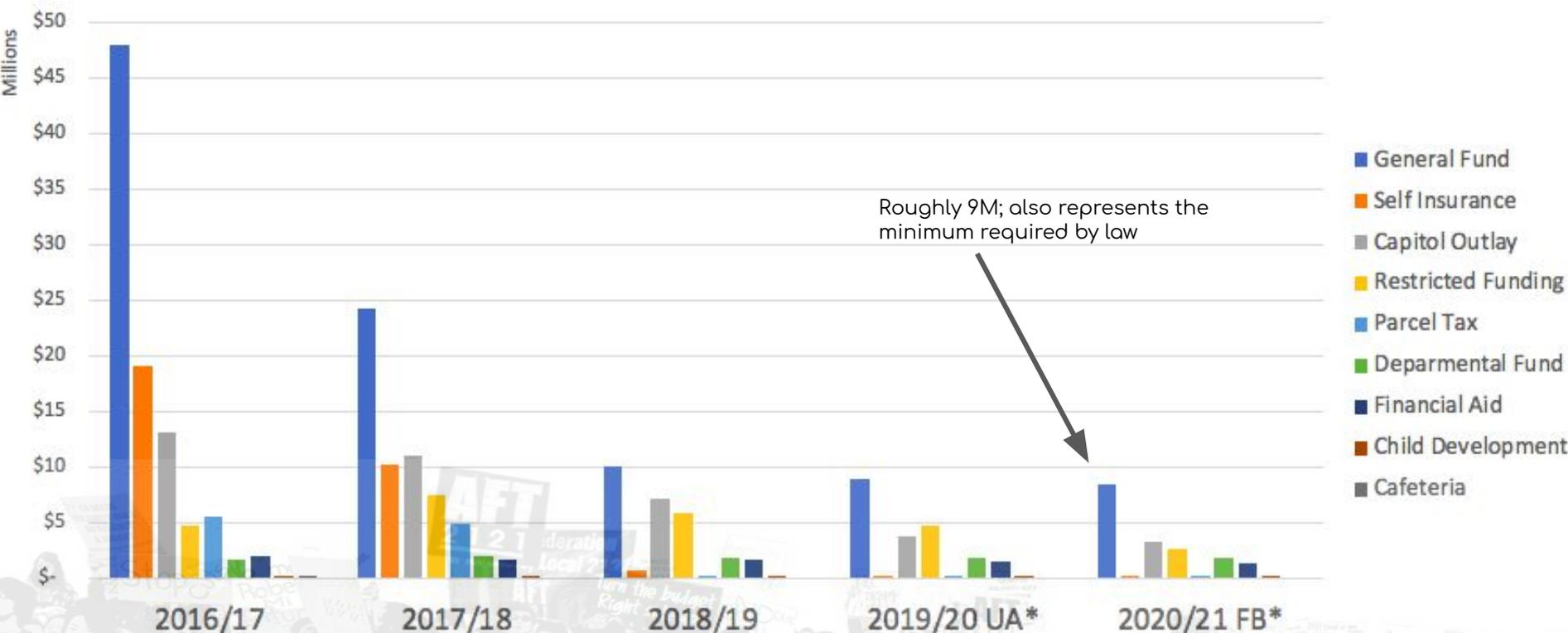
REVENUE TO EXPENSES

(93.6% OF EXPENSES SUPPORT THE CLASSROOM)

■ REV ■ EXP



RESERVE LEVELS ALL FUNDS



Roughly 9M; also represents the minimum required by law

STUDENT CENTERED FUNDING FORMULA (SCFF) OVERVIEW

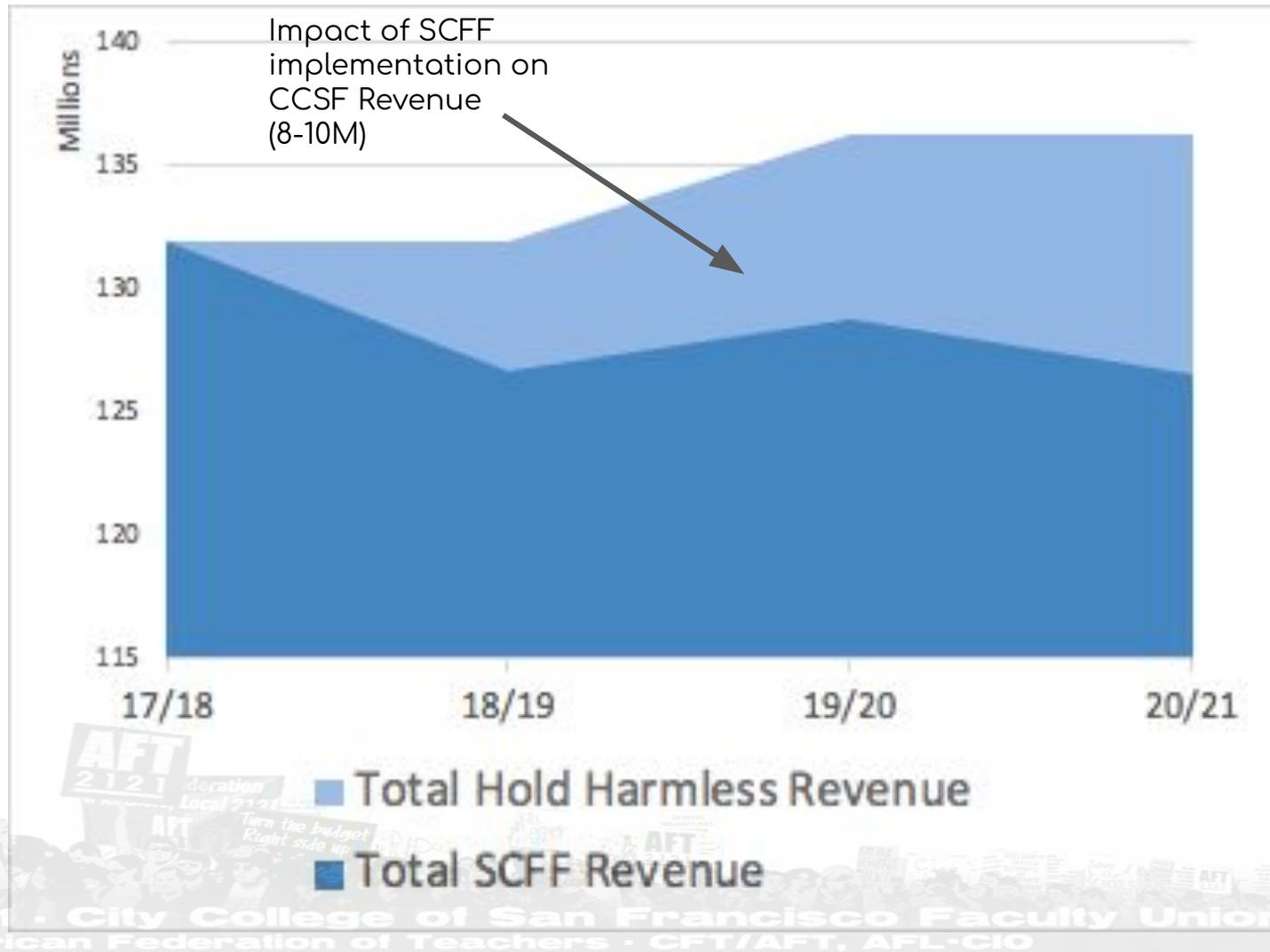


- A base allocation** based on FTES
- A supplemental allocation** based on the numbers of students receiving a College Promise Grant, Pell Grants and students covered by AB 540.
- A student success** allocation based on outcomes including associate degrees, credit certificates, transfers, completion of transfer-level math and English within their first year, the number of students who complete nine or more career education units and the number of student who have attained the regional living wage

IMPACT OF THE END OF HOLD HARMLESS

WHAT IS HOLD HARMLESS?

The SCFF includes a minimum revenue provision. Through 2023-24 districts will receive at least the 2017-18 total computational revenues (TCR), adjusted by cost of living (COLA).



HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING (HEERF)

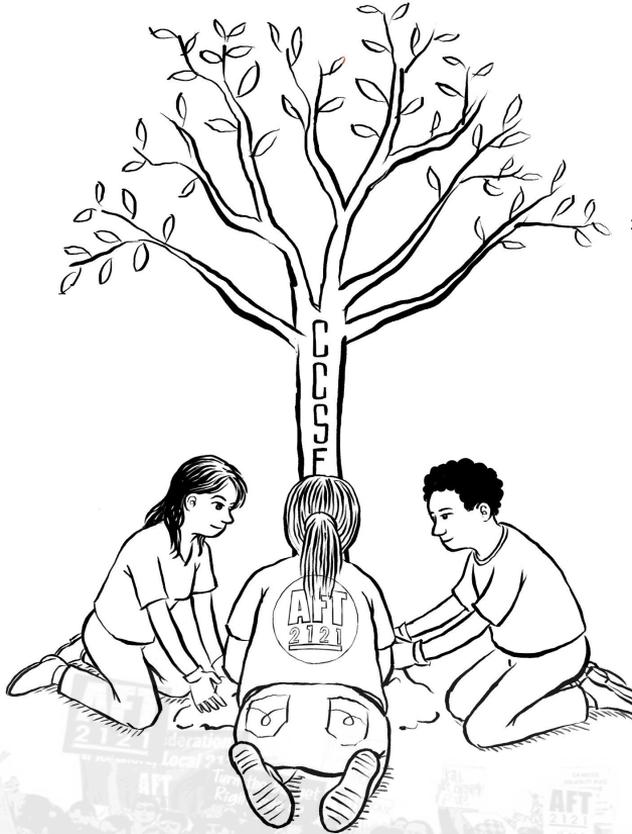


- ❑ 7 Million
- ❑ 50% to be spent on direct student aid
- ❑ The remainder (3.5M) to be spent by institutions on costs associated with "significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus."

- ❑ 16 Million
- ❑ Student aid portion: Same dollar amount spent under CARES (3.5M)
- ❑ The remainder (12.5M) to be spent by institutions on "Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll)"

- ❑ 28.5M (est)
- ❑ 50% to be spent on direct student aid like CARES
- ❑ The remainder (14.2M) to be spent by institutions on "Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll)"

IMPACT OF TOM BOEGEL'S LAYOFFS PROPOSAL



CCSF's three
year FTES
average:

22,000

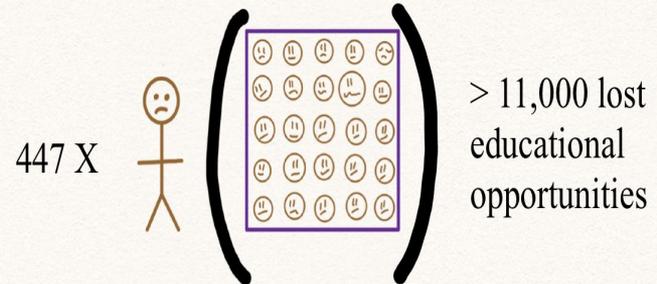
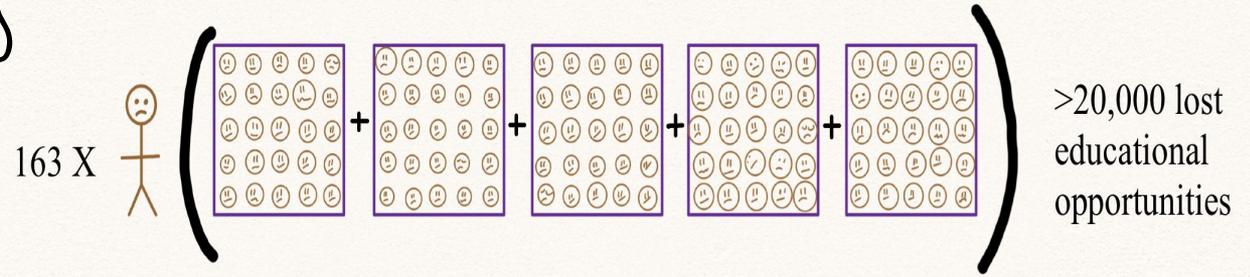
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Tom's Toolbox



IMPACT OF FULL TIME AND PART TIME LAYOFFS ON STUDENTS

How many student educational opportunities will be lost on average per semester if the 163 FT layoffs are implemented?



PROPOSED LAYOFFS EQUAL

81% of all Part
Time Faculty

30% of all Full
Time Faculty

65% of all
faculty is 610
people

Department Affected	Full-time faculty layoffs	Part-time faculty layoffs	Percentage of layoffs
Aircraft Maintenance	2	10	100%
Architecture	2	9	79%
Art	3	16	76%
Astronomy	1	3	80%
Automotive	6	9	83%
Behavioral Sciences	5	20	81%
Biological Sciences	9	6	60%
Broadcast Electronic Media Arts	2	4	67%
Business-NC	5	5	83%
Business/Office Tech/Small Business	7	5	52%
Chemistry	5	0	38%
Child Development & Family Studies	2	30	84%
Cinema	1	11	86%
Communication Studies	1	0	6%
Computer Networking and Information	4	7	69%
Computer Science	4	16	80%
Continuing Student Counseling	5	0	25%
Culinary Arts & Hospitality	3	8	61%
Earth Sciences	2	1	60%



PROPOSED LAYOFFS CONT.

Losing 610
faculty
members
means a loss
of educational
opportunity
for at least
31,000 students
each semester

Department Affected	Full-time faculty layoffs	Part-time faculty layoffs	Percentage of layoffs
Engineering & Technology	3	14	85%
English	11	26	49%
Environmental Horticulture & Floristry	2	0	33%
English as a Second Language	18	39	53%
Fashion	1	12	100%
Health Education	2	25	79%
Institute for International Student	1	5	100%
Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST)	1	9	83%
Library & Learning Resources Center	6	17	68%
Mathematics	4	21	50%
Music	3	11	88%
New Student Counseling	9	0	29%
Nursing - Licensed Vocational	4	5	56%
Philippines Studies	1	1	100%
Physical Education & Dance	6	18	67%
Physics	4	4	73%
Radiation Oncology Technology	1	4	100%
Social Sciences	6	15	64%
Theater Arts	1	2	60%
Transitional Studies	3	26	91%
Visual Media Design	1	10	73%
Women's & Gender Studies	1	5	100%
World Languages & Cultures	5	18	77%
Totals	163	447	65%

- ❑ CCSF's financial situation is serious
- ❑ The Student Centered Funding Formula is another threat to CCSF's financial stability
- ❑ Short term funding solutions (like HEERF) must be used to protect our college and will help but are not enough
- ❑ Tom Boegel's plans for CCSF's future will cause great harm to our faculty, students and community (and funding!)
- ❑ We need a \$40 million increase to long-term investments and we need to protect our enrollment

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission
FROM: Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk
Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee
DATE: March 29, 2021
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Hilary Ronen on March 23, 2021. This item is being referred to the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210323

Hearing to discuss the wide range of programs and supports that the City will be making available to families through the Summer Together Initiative, including the different types of learning and recreation programs available this summer, identifying partners in these programs, the process that families can follow to enroll into the summer programs, addressing funding for the program, who is officially running the program, and who has access to information related to the program; and requesting the San Francisco Unified School District, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and Recreation and Park Department to report.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk, Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

___ No Comment

___ Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Ronen;

Subject:

Hearing - Summer Together Initiative

The text is listed:

Summer Together aims to bring free summer programming to most San Francisco Unified School District students who want it. After over a year of distance learning, SFUSD students are hungry for in person social and emotional contact with peers and educators. Furthermore, many students have fallen behind on core academic subjects like literacy and math and will have an opportunity to engage in make-up learning over the summer in preparation for the next academic year. Priority enrollment for Summer Together will begin on April 12, 2021.

Hearing to discuss the wide range of programs and supports that the City will be making available to families through the Summer Together Initiative. This hearing will help SFUSD families understand the different types of learning and recreational programs available this summer, the partners involved in these programs, and the process that families can follow to enroll in these summer programs. The hearing will also address funding for the program, who is officially running the program, and who has access to information related to the program. Directing the Clerk of the Board to invite SFUSD, the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and the Recreation & Parks

Department to present and attend the hearing.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen

For Clerk's Use Only

S21.04.08 Free Community College

Authors: Misia Farris, Eira Kien, Win-Mon Kyi, Alexis Yonan

Sponsor: City College of San Francisco, Foothill College

WHEREAS, tuition costs have been an educational barrier for underrepresented students, which make up 51% of the student body [1], and the community college education system has been historically underfunded and privatized through divestment, austerity cuts, and downsizing because of current funding avenues;

WHEREAS, the current climate of civil rights, and the push for public resources to rectify socioeconomic disparities indicates a need for tuition free education in all 116 California Community Colleges by working with local city governments;

WHEREAS, the Free City program for City College of San Francisco [2] has successfully been implemented in 2017, making community college free for all San Francisco residents from the use of city property taxes to provide free tuition and resources in through the Prop W measure; and

WHEREAS, the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) [3] may penalize low enrollment resulting in further loss of accreditation and financial barriers could cause low enrollment so seeking alternative funding can both increase enrollment and the overall economy as the community college system is the largest workforce training provider for the 2 million students [4] facing financial hardship due to COVID-19, with students attending or graduating doubling chances of employment [1]; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges will develop an action plan for free tuition through alternative funding in collaboration with Black, Indigenous and people of color and including a statement in support of ethnic studies, other relevant studies, and free education;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges support any initiatives, campaigns and reforms that advocate for free education, redirect funding for police and military towards universal education, and advocate for ethnic studies and other relevant education initiatives;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocate to have the Student Centered Funding Formula steer away from performance-based funding and make assessments on how the Student Centered Funding Formula has affected vulnerable student populations community colleges; and

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges advocate that all students regardless of immigration, resident, and citizenship status are included in this tuition free program.

Citation 1. <https://foundationccc.org/About-Us/About-the-Colleges/Facts-and-Figures>

2. <https://money.cnn.com/2017/02/10/pf/college/san-francisco-free-community-college/index.html>

3. <https://www.asccc.org/content/revising-%E2%80%9Cstudent-centered-funding-formula%E2%80%9D-in-centivize-student-focused-outcomes-033>

4. <https://edsources.org/2020/tuition-free-college-is-critical-to-our-economy/641232>

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlanger
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4015
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: ACA 3 (Kamlanger) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Kamlanger,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports ACA 3: Involuntary servitude. This bill would amend Section 6 of Article I in the California Constitution to prohibit involuntary servitude with no exceptions, so that involuntary servitude can no longer be used to punish crime.

The San Francisco Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

Involuntary servitude must be fully prohibited in order to dismantle the systemic racism America is built on. Using involuntary servitude to punish crimes upholds racist structures and policies that date back to slavery, and this institutional racism continues today as evidently shown through the disproportionate incarceration of Black and brown BIPOC. In 2017, 28% of the California prison population were made up of Black people, despite only making up 6% of the state population. Since 1978, the incarceration of Black people has increased 260 percent, with Black people being 8 times more likely to be incarcerated than white people. Allowing involuntary servitude as “punishment” is a form of modern-day enslavement that is morally wrong and fundamentally oppressive, and that furthers the dehumanization of those in the carceral system, especially young people of color.

For all these reasons, we support ACA 3, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Luz Rivas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 71 (Rivas, L.) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblywoman Rivas,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 71: Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act. This bill will restructure the State's response in preventing and solving homelessness. This legislation will generate \$2.4 billion yearly to support local counties with the resources and systems they need to really invest in long term solutions. These funds will restore federal taxes for large corporations to historic rates and close corporate tax loop-holes.

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The Youth Commission strongly believes that housing is a human right. For over the last couple years, we have seen homelessness in our city increase for our most vulnerable communities, including: low-income, poor people, veterans, youth and adults who identify as Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color. Housing in California is reaching historically high rates that don't match the growth of wages or income for California residents. Youth and their families are a month's rent away from being evicted and pushed into homelessness. Between 2018 and 2019, California saw a 17% increase in homelessness, and researchers estimate that we can see another 20% hike with the pandemic.

We have seen our current housing and homeless prevention systems fail to create effective solutions to keep people housed. Furthermore, our current approach to solving homelessness does not address the specific needs of certain communities. African American, Native American, and LGBTQ+ communities show alarmingly higher rates of homelessness. African Americans, who represent about 6.5% of Californians, account for nearly 40% of the state's homeless population. Additionally, we know that this data does not capture the amount of homeless youth in our state that is also increasing at alarming rates.

We have seen homelessness in our backyard be exacerbated during the pandemic. During the pandemic, San Francisco used FEMA and CARES ACT funding to house homeless individuals (who were most vulnerable to the virus) in empty hotel rooms. The consistent funding from the

federal and state governments has provided aid and care for this community during this time. However, the City of San Francisco does not have
This legislation will allow cities like San Francisco to consistently fund programs that house adults, youth, and their families instead of keeping them in the cycles of the bureaucratic process. We urge the State to pass this le

For all these reasons, we support AB 71, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4015
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 333 – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Kamlager,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 333: Participation in a criminal street gang: enhanced sentence. This bill limits the possibility of a charged person being convicted based on conjecture, safeguards against someone's prior convictions being used to convict another person – even though the two may have never even met, a tactic frequently used to target Black and Latine communities – and protects against wrongful convictions based on prejudicial, and what would otherwise be inadmissible, “character evidence.”

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California's gang enhancement laws have caused immeasurable damage to our communities by criminalizing culture and relationships among people in low-income Black and Latine communities. While no empirical studies have been conducted to show that gang enhancements deter crime or violence, it is well documented that they have been applied inconsistently and disproportionately against people of color: 92% of people who receive gang enhancements are people of color. Gang enhancements have been the drivers of mass incarceration because of their vague definitions and weak standards of proof. They are responsible for the collective trauma of countless families and communities and are used as bargaining tools by the prosecution to seek longer sentences.

AB 333 will help to curtail the disproportionate effect of gang enhancements on communities of color. These enhancements are often charged against young people merely because of where they live and grew up. Law enforcement “gang experts” often refer to “gangs”, communities of color, and racial groups synonymously, using residence, cultural identity and social justice themes as evidence of a person's involvement in a gang. Social relationships between members of the same ethnic group, within the same community, and even within family members are often deemed as gang-related. Gang enhancements significantly increase penalties faced by people of color, sometimes doubling, tripling, quadrupling or imposing a life sentence that would otherwise be unavailable for the charged offense.

AB 333 is an important step forward to undoing the harm of gang enhancements by addressing several damaging effects of “gang evidence” at trial and narrowing the applicability of such evidence.

For all these reasons, we support AB 333, and we thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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Nora Hylton, Chair

Adopted on April 5, 2021

2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Mark Stone
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 503 (Stone) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Stone,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 503: Wards: probation. This bill would place a six month limit on the period of time a court could place a ward of the court on probation, with the exception that the court may hold a hearing to extend this period of probation at which the young person's attorney may submit evidence and examine witnesses in defense of the young person. Additionally, this bill would require that the conditions of probation be individually tailored to each specific ward, and be found to be situationally and developmentally reasonable. Lastly, this bill would get rid of a restitution fine of up to \$250 that the court may charge the ward, which if unable to be paid to the county treasurer, requires the ward to participate in an uncompensated work program to pay off their debts.

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The San Francisco Youth Commission strongly supports the push to reimagine the current justice system into a tool for restorative justice as opposed to a tool for punishment. Additionally, The Transformative Justice Committee has long been advocating for the rights of incarcerated and system impacted young people at the local, state and federal levels. Giving young people an opportunity to advocate for themselves, as well as their conditions of probation being tailored to them and their situation allows for a more restorative system that can hopefully have a more positive impact on their lives. In a recently released study, The United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention found that some of the greatest risk factors leading to juvenile delinquency are poverty, association with deviant peers, familial violence, familial maltreatment, peer rejection, neighborhood disorganization and neighborhood disadvantages, none of which are ever the fault of the juvenile. The state of California should move to address the root causes of juvenile delinquency as opposed to punishing young people for the mistakes they make.

Additionally, the court should not be able to fine young people, or require them to work to pay off their debts, for being found as wards of the court, as this places an unfair and unnecessary burden on young people who already tend to come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

For all these reasons, we support AB 503, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Nora Hylton, Chair

Adopted on April 5, 2021

2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Ash Kalra
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for AB 655 (Kalra) – California Law Enforcement Accountability Reform Act (CLEAR Act)

Dear Assemblymember Kalra:

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports Assembly Bill (AB) 655, the CLEAR Act. The bill would ensure all peace officers in the state of California applying for employment undergo a background check that includes examining whether the officer holds official membership in a hate group or participated in public expressions of hate or violence. Further, the discovery of those above can become grounds for disciplinary review and termination. These are necessary considerations to root out those who would jeopardize public safety with extremist and violent behavior.

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The Youth Commission acknowledges this truth that the system of policing in America and its systematic targeting of and use of deadly and brutal force against people of color, particularly black people, stems from the long legacy of slavery, lynching, Jim Crow laws, and the War On Drugs in the United States, and has been perpetuated by violent and harmful law enforcement practices. Many communities of color that experience high levels of crime and concentrated disadvantage also distrust the law enforcement, making them less likely to report crimes and partner on crime prevention and violence reduction efforts. As youth inheriting these socio-cultural-political conditions, there is an impetus on all of us to build a future that everyone can live and thrive in. All members of society equally deserve to feel safe when interacting with law enforcement and should trust that the law enforcement tasked with protecting them has no prior history of excessive force, racial bias, or other significant misconduct.

On June 15, 2020, the Youth Commission unanimously voted to support the following motion regarding the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Resolution Urging the civil service commission to establish disqualifying standards for applicants for the position of police officer and sheriff deputy applicants based on misconduct and voted to expand the criteria of misconduct to include sexual misconduct, domestic violence, perjury, officer shootings, and drunken drinking. Members of the public cannot fully trust law enforcement officers or feel safe if they are uncertain whether an officer with whom they interact had a prior history of significant misconduct or abuse. Continued failure to address extremism, racism, and bias among peace officers contributes to the erosion of public confidence in our

justice system's legitimacy and fairness. A justice-system that enforces white supremacy, police brutality, and the use of excessive force has inflicted intergenerational harm and trauma to families and is intensifying our nation's mental and spiritual health crisis.

After the insurrection we witnessed on January 6, 2021, in the U.S. Capitol building by right-wing extremists with the apparent cooperation, participation, and support of some law enforcement and military personnel, the threat that extremist infiltration poses to equal justice and the rule of law is more evident than ever before. The CLEAR Act would ensure all peace officers in the state of California applying for employment undergo a background check that includes screening whether the officer holds official membership in a hate group or participated in public expressions of hate or violence. Additionally, the discovery of these expressions, membership, or participation with hate groups can become grounds for disciplinary review and termination. The CLEAR Act is one step closer to building community to improve trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve as it promotes accountability and breaks the cycle of distrust.

For all these reasons, we support AB 655, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Nora Hylton, Chair

Adopted on April 5, 2021

2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4167
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 937 (Carrillo) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 937: Immigration Enforcement, the VISION Act (Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our Immigrant Neighbors). This legislation will protect community members who have already been deemed eligible for release from being funneled by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention for deportation. This bill takes urgent and necessary strides toward ensuring that our local and state tax dollars are not used to funnel immigrants into inhumane conditions while in immigration detention, violate their Constitutional protections, and separate immigrant families and communities.

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The Youth Commission recognizes the disproportionate harm that California's punitive carceral system has on Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities. On July 26, 2020, the Youth Commission passed [1920-AL-13](#) [Resolution Urging the Defunding of San Francisco Police Department and Investment in Community Health and Safety], where we urged our local decision makers to defund the police and express the need to humanize people who are impacted by this unjust system. California residents have been asking for alternatives to policing and abolishing the prison industrial complex. However, the state continues to work with ICE, an agency that is known for its xenophobic and inhumane practices. This continued collaboration does not align with the values of an equitable society and continues to neglect immigrants and refugees.

When California's jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee youth, adults, and families eligible for release from state or local custody to ICE for immigration detention and deportation purposes, they subject these community members to double punishment and lifelong trauma. Community members can be incarcerated by ICE, often for prolonged periods and with no right to bail, and deported--permanently banishing them from the country, from their families, their homes, their livelihoods. ICE is also known to separate families, lose track of children, and practice medical procedures

As the state with the largest immigrant community in the country, California has an ethical and moral obligation to step up our leadership and take action to protect the rights of all refugees and

immigrants who call California home, including those eligible for release from our local jails and state prisons. If we fail to end the cruel practice of ICE transfers, California will continue to actively participate in the separation of immigrant and refugee families, and inflict irreparable harm to those who came here fleeing war and genocide or to simply build a better life for themselves and their children.

Transferring California youth, adults, and families to ICE custody is costly and misuse of California taxpayer funds. By ending voluntary ICE transfers, California can reallocate state resources that can be invested in mental health, youth and adult homelessness, youth development, and universal income -- all of which have been proven to reduce crime and stabilize communities.

In conclusion, California should not subject community members to double punishment, and disregard their record of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants. Ending ICE transfers in California is a necessary step in fulfilling the state's commitment to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration.

For all these reasons, we support AB 937, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Nora Hylton, Chair

Adopted on April 5, 2021

2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 4 (Arambula) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Arambula,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 4: Medi-Cal: eligibility. This bill would expand eligibility for the full scope of Medi-Cal health benefits to all low-income Californians who would be otherwise eligible but for their immigration status. This bill builds on legislation passed in 2016 that expanded Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income youth who would otherwise qualify but for their immigration status.

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The Youth Commission strongly believes that access to healthcare is a universal right. In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is clearer than ever that making sure all Californians, especially those in historically marginalized communities, are enrolled in existing healthcare programs is a key part of a functioning social safety net. No one should be denied access to lower cost health insurance because they are considered undocumented by the state: discrimination based on immigration status has no place in our healthcare system. Excluding anyone from Medi-Cal eligibility based on their immigration status, especially youth and their families and communities, is furthermore detrimental to the ability to serve and reach all populations in California in times of great need, such as the current pandemic.

For all these reasons, we support AB 4, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Senator María Elena Durazo
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 56 (Durazo) – Letter of Support

Dear Senator Durazo,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports SB 56: Medi-Cal: eligibility. This bill would expand eligibility for the full scope of Medi-Cal health benefits to all low-income Californians over 65 who would be otherwise eligible but for their immigration status. This bill builds on legislation passed in 2016 that expanded Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income youth who would otherwise qualify but for their immigration status.

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For all these reasons, we support SB 56, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Marc Levine
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5135
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 829 (Levine) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Levine,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 829: Foster children: immigration counsel. This bill would amend the existing law to improve access to legal immigration services for undocumented children in foster care. Counties then must confirm whether the undocumented minors and nonminor dependents in foster care have been provided access to immigration legal services.

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The Youth Commission emphasizes the importance of providing immigration legal services to transition foster youth into successful adulthood. By ensuring counties track the number of undocumented youth in their jurisdiction and report their processes to do so, we can ensure youth have the best chance of being connected to immigration assistance and the process by which children are connected to immigration services. This data collection will also enable the State to better understand where existing gaps in services and resources are to better assist youth.

Currently, almost all undocumented children in foster care qualify for immigration relief. However, this relief is difficult to obtain without legal assistance. Undocumented youth in the foster care system are also especially at risk as their housing and living situations can be negatively impacted due to their citizenship status. Through legal assistance provided in this bill to young people, no matter their citizenship status, will ensure that foster youth know the resources that are available to them and are able to succeed past their youth.

For all these reasons, we support AB 829, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 600 (Arambula) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Arambula,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 600: Hate crimes: immigration status. This bill would include immigration status under the definition of “nationality” so that crimes targeting people due to their immigration status would be considered a hate crime.

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The San Francisco Youth Commission supports this bill because provides legal recognition of the vulnerable position that undocumented youth in California are in. It also protects different community-led organizations and facilities that directly work to assist undocumented youth in this country. The Youth Commission also believes that recognizing immigration status as a factor of ones’ identity that makes you a target will provide safety for undocumented youth to report crimes done against them.

For all these reasons, we support AB 600, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Steven Bradford
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety
California State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 94249-0059

RE: Support for SB 493 (Bradford) – Promoting Youth Success and Empowerment (PROMYSE Act)

Dear Senator Bradford:

The San Francisco Youth Commission is proud to support SB 493, which will amend California’s Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). JJCPA was enacted in 2000 to support youth locally and limit involvement in the justice system through collaborative efforts. For twenty years, the state has lacked oversight and accountability as county spending has fallen short of the bill’s original goals.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, the state spent \$167 million¹ through the non-competitive JJCPA grant. SB 493 will ensure the state effectively invests these hundreds of millions in grant dollars to support youth locally. This bill will ensure that youth: (1) are protected from harmful contact² with the justice system through investments in community-based youth development, prevention, and intervention services; (2) benefit from improved planning and coordination of youth-serving agencies by local counties, including greater community and youth representation in decision-making; and (3) receive support that aligns with best practices by increasing county reporting and state oversight, as recommended in a recent state audit of JJCPA grant administration.³

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Since our establishment, the San Francisco Youth Commission has advocated for an investment in jobs, education, housing, health care, and alternatives to incarceration for youth - all the elements that are required for a productive and violence-free life through budget and policy advocacy. As a body, the Youth Commission supports a budget that embraces a different vision of safety and justice - one that is built on mutual aid and thinks beyond the individual model of trauma and its effects and puts resources towards addressing the historical, structural, and institutional trauma that communities of color face.

To address the healing, we must also recognize the initial hurt and recognize where we, as a society, have failed young people and the communities they come from. We need to change the conditions under which violence prevails and invest in vital systems of support that support a future where all young people can live and thrive. The bill would require programs and strategies funded under these provisions to, among other things, be modeled on trauma-informed and youth development approaches

¹ Board of State and Community Corrections. (2021). Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youthful Offender Block Grant Annual Report to the Legislature. At <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021-JJCPA-YOBG-Leg-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

² There is a growing body of evidence that initial contact with the juvenile justice system both inhibits youth development and increases the likelihood of further involvement with the system. See Liberman, Akiva M., David S. Kirk, and KiDeuk Kim. 2014. “Labeling Effects of First Juvenile Arrests: Secondary Deviance and Secondary Sanctioning.” *Criminology* 52 (3): 345–70.

³ California State Auditor. (2020). Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act: Weak Oversight Has Hindered Its Meaningful Implementation. At: <http://auditor.ca.gov/reports/2019-116/summary.html>.

and in collaboration with community-based organizations. With SB 493, we can ensure state funds no longer prop up a system that has consistently failed youth and communities of color. Instead, we can invest in youth development and equity.

SB 493 addresses chronic shortcomings of JJCPA implementation while serving as a stimulus for community-based organizations (CBOs) and public health and education agencies. Amid community needs heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among people of color⁴, CBOs offer critical services but struggle with limited resources. Last June, 83 percent⁵ of large and mid-sized nonprofit organizations reported declines in funding that have, in many cases, led to reduced staffing and services. Small CBOs may experience even greater difficulty remaining afloat. SB 493 will redirect existing state resources to more effectively serve youth in their homes, schools, and communities.

The JJCPA grant program was originally created by the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act (2000), which authorized non-competitive funding for county juvenile justice programs and designated the Board of Corrections, now the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), as the administrator of funding. Community leaders originally conceived of the JJCPA as a response to the over-incarceration of youth in California and tough-on-crime measures⁶ that came with high social and fiscal costs. According to the original author and former Assemblymember Cardenas, “The JJCPA funds were intended to reduce youth involvement in the justice system, ensure that there is a diverse membership in the JJCC in counties for decision-making, and a meaningful performance assessment.”⁷

Unfortunately, JJCPA funds have been distributed with little local or state oversight, resulting in poor spending decisions. The majority of funds have been “distributed” by county probation departments for their own staffing, or to other law enforcement agencies, running counter to the bill’s collaborative goals. In some cases, counties have used JJCPA grants to implement harmful “voluntary probation” programs, which impose invasive probation conditions on youth who have not been arrested for any crime.⁸ Law enforcement contact and probation involvement – including the “net-widening” effects⁹ of excessive supervision – does more harm than good.

The California State Auditor verified long-held concerns that insufficient planning and reporting has led to irresponsible spending. The audit finds that counties maintain outdated spending plans and reports fail to show if JJCPA-funded programs are effective. Many counties left mandatory stakeholder seats vacant on their JJCCs, with 20 percent of all California counties lacking a JJCC entirely during the audit review period. In Fiscal Year 2017–18, four of the five counties sampled spent over 75 percent of their JJCPA funds on probation departments despite massive declines in youth arrests and referrals to probation,¹⁰ leaving youths’ needs unmet when they could be served by non-law enforcement providers.

Black, Brown, and Indigenous youth bear the brunt of our state’s most harmful investments in

⁴ California Budget and Policy Center. (2021). Confronting Racism: Overcoming COVID-19 and Advancing Health Equity. At: https://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/R-FP-Health-Equity_.pdf.

⁵ Independent Sector. (2020). The Impact of COVID-19 on Large and Mid-Sized Nonprofits. At: <https://independentsector.org/resource/covid19-survey/>.

⁶ For example, Proposition 21 (2000) increased penalties for youth in the justice system, including incarceration, and placed youth at greater risk of transfer to adult court. See: Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO). (2000). Proposition 21. At: https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2000/21_03_2000.html.

⁷ Cardenas, Tony. Letter to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. June 14, 2019.

⁸ See Sigma Beta Xi v. County of Riverside (2018). At: <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/cases/sigma-beta-xi-v-county-riverside>.

⁹ “Net-widening” refers to administrative or practical changes that result in more individuals being controlled by the justice system. See Leone, M. (2002). At: <https://sk.sagepub.com/reference/crimepunishment/n286.xml>.

¹⁰ California Department of Justice. (2001-2020). Crime in California; Crime and Delinquency in California; and various reports.

policing, punishment, probation, and incarceration¹¹. As a state, we must confront the legacy of policy choices that have resulted in disparate impacts on youth of color and unconscionable inequities in our communities. With SB 493, we can ensure state funds no longer prop up a system that has consistently failed youth and communities of color. Instead, we can invest in youth development and equity.

Specifically, SB 493 will ensure that 95 percent of JJCPA funds are distributed to CBOs and/or non-law enforcement public agencies providing youth development services in schools and/or communities. This is a critical improvement given that “use of JJCPA funds on law enforcement personnel – including net-widening with excessive supervision – is contradictory to the bill’s original intent of investment in collaborative, community-based services.”¹² SB 493 requires that JJCPA-funded programs be modeled on trauma-informed and youth development approaches. Additionally, the bill improves reporting requirements to assess each program’s effectiveness. Under SB 493, counties’ Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils (JJCCs), which decide how JJCPA funds are allocated, will have a balanced representation of government and community stakeholders.

SB 493 supports youth development and counters the historic harm caused by criminalizing youth of color throughout California. This bill ensures stable funding for critical services run by schools, public health agencies, and CBOs to support at-promise and justice-involved youth.

Now is the time to invest in a new vision for California’s young people – one that recognizes that health, education, and community-based services are essential in preventing youths’ exposure to violence and involvement in the justice system.

For these reasons, The San Francisco Youth Commission is pleased to support SB 493, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

¹¹ Ridolfi, L. et al. (2020). California Youth Face Heightened Racial Disparities in Division of Juvenile Justice. At: http://www.cjcj.org/uploads/cjcj/documents/2020_DJJ_realignment_racial_and_ethnic_disparities.pdf.

¹² Cardenas, Tony. Letter to Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer. July 15, 2020.

April 5, 2021

Assemblymember Robert Rivas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5158
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1140 (Rivas, R.) – Letter of Support

Dear Assemblymember Rivas,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 1140: Foster care: rights. This bill would specify that the duties of the state Ombudsperson's office to children placed in foster care, which includes investigating and attempting to resolve complaints made by or on the behalf of the child, includes unaccompanied immigrant children placed in state-licensed facilities and group homes under the custody of the Office of Refugee resettlement.

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The San Francisco Youth Commission supports this bill, as it gives children who are in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement an avenue to report any mistreatment that they may be facing in their place of residence. The state of California needs to protect all the children in its custody, especially those who are at high risk of falling victim to abuse. It is essential that young people have advocates that they can reach out to about any issues they may have because young people need to know that they, and their issues, matter.

For all these reasons, we support AB 1140, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

April 5, 2021

Senator Dave Cortese
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3070
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 739 (Cortese) – Letter of Support

Dear Senator Cortese,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports SB 739: California Universal Basic Income for Transition-Age Youth Pilot Project. This bill would provide a Universal Basic Income (UBI) of \$1,000 per month for 3 years to California youth transitioning out of the foster care system this year at age 21.

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First, we believe in the right of all youth to have safe and affordable housing. According to the National Foster Youth Institute, about 1 in 4 youth in foster care will become homeless within 4 years of aging out of foster care, while over 40% couch-surf. This inequity has only been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, a time where foster youth who were already struggling have had to endure additional financial and emotional burdens. The proposed UBI of \$1,000 per month would relieve the financial burden and would address the housing insecurity that many youth are facing.

Additionally, this bill provides legal recognition of the vulnerable position that transitional-aged youth occupy in California, specifically foster care youth. The Public Policy Institute of California states that about 3,000 youth age out of Extended Foster Care in California each year, the majority of whom are youth of color. We believe in amplifying these voices and supporting those who are being disproportionately impacted by issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the foster care system.

For all these reasons, we support SB 739, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on April 5, 2021
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