



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION**

MINUTES

**Monday, December 4, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS via Webex

Members: Ewan Barker Plummer (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Téa Lonné Amir (Comms & Outreach Officer, Mayoral), Kelly Wu (Comms & Outreach Officer, D3), Allister Adair (Legislative Affairs Officer, D2), Jason Fong (Legislative Affairs Officer, D7), Chloe Wong (D1), Linda Ye (D4), Helen Cisneros (D5), Galicia Stack Lozano (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Adrianna Faagau-Noa (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Valentina Alioto-Pier (Mayoral), Isabella T. Perez (Mayoral), Aryelle Lampkins (Mayoral), Joselyn Marroquin (Mayoral).

Present: Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabbie Listana, Téa Lonné Amir, Kelly Wu, Allister Adair, Jason Fong, Chloe Wong, Linda Ye, Helen Cisneros, Galicia Stack Lozano, Skylar Dang, Adrianna Faagau-Noa, Imaan Ansari, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Isabella T. Perez, Aryelle Lampkins, Joselyn Marroquin.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access on December 4, 2023, with Chair Barker Plummer presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Barker Plummer called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

On the call of the roll:



Roll Call Attendance: 17 present.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Kelly Wu present
Linda Ye present
Helen Cisneros present
Gabbie Listana present
Jason Fong present
Galia Stack Lozano present
Skylar Dang present
Adrianna Faagau-Noa present
Imaan Ansari present
Valentina Alioto-Pier present
Isabella T. Perez present
Aryelle Lampkins present
Joselyn Marroquin present
Téa Lonné Amir present
Ewan Barker Plummer present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to approve the December 4, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye



Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

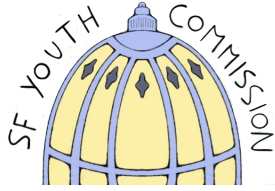
Action: Agenda Approved.

- 4. Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)
a. November 20, 2023 (Packet Materials)

Officer Fong, seconded by Officer Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the November 20, 2023 Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye



Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Presentations (discussion and action item)

- a. Light Show Concerns at SF Botanical Gardens
 - i. Presenter: Kathy Howard & Linda Shaffer, San Franciscans for Urban Nature

Katherine Howard and Linda Shaffer presented their information regarding their concerns regarding the nighttime light show events that are planned to be installed in late 2024 through early 2025, with the potential to be renewed in the future. Howard discussed their concerns regarding the effects on park wildlife of artificial lighting that will be on after the hours of the SF Botanical Gardens, in addition to the amplified sound that is included in the RFP.

Shaffer said it was super exciting to see all of the youth commissioners involved. Shaffer brought up the concerns around the difficulty of public input with PPPs, also known as public-private partnerships, since the Gardens of Golden Gate Park (GGGP) is a private non-profit and doesn't require their meetings to be public.

Commissioner Ye asked about further information regarding the concerns of the lights being projected at night, since it's important to bring small businesses and attraction visitors into the Westside, to which Howard recalled the concerns and reasoning for why the artificial lights can cause harm towards the park's wildlife. Shaffer added that they don't know if the Recreation and Parks Department knows answers, since those aren't public.

Officer Fong said that the City is currently in a fiscal budget crisis and it's super important to have events like these to help increase city revenues and he asked if the city is charging the event planners fees, to which Howard said that they're in a place where they have to decide to support nature and the environment. Howard said that they can always find ways to increase city funding, but they shouldn't sacrifice the protection of Golden Gate Park. Officer Fong asked if the city has participated in an economic study to determine its broader economic effects, to which Howard said that they don't know because this process hasn't



been public and that if it were a public process, that many of the concerns could be heard and resolved.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier asked about the event specifically, how the effects of these lights at night are any different from the artificial light coming from the rest of the city, and she also asked about the other events that currently take place in Golden Gate Park. Howard said that those are great questions for a public process as well, and responded that cumulative impacts continue to build onto the effects on wildlife.

Officer Wu, seconded by Commissioner Wong, motioned to approve the [Motion to Support Efforts - San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN) advocacy to urge Gardens of Golden Gate Park to not hold light shows], and urges the Gardens of Golden Gate Park to rescind their Request for Proposals (RFP) for holding lights shows in either the San Francisco Botanical Garden, the Japanese Tea Garden, or the Conservatory of Flowers.

Commissioner Ye said that she would've liked to see more research put into the motion itself, and is unsure about moving this motion forward. Vice Chair Listana agreed with Commissioner Ye and said that these light shows might not have a huge effect.

Officer Fong agreed as well in terms of wanting to see more research in the document, and said that he would like to see more clarity in a future motion. Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that they should remember that they live in a major city and that the wildlife here is more adjusted to city light pollution, and she wants to see events like these to help our city's budget.

Commissioner Wong said that she will support this motion because it's important to focus on addressing the environmental harms being done in favor of economic incentives.

Public Comment:

- (a) Josh from Mission Verde: he focuses on environmental justice and they spoke on the fact that these types of events are antithetical to the natural surroundings; they co-founded an organization to focus on what nature has to teach youth and the public; they said these types of events should be in more urban settings, not in a park.



The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 10 nays.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair nay
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye nay
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana nay
Jason Fong nay
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang nay
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier nay
Isabella T. Perez nay
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin nay
Téa Lonné Amir nay
Ewan Barker Plummer nay

Action: Motion to Support Efforts - San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN) advocacy to urge Gardens of Golden Gate Park to not hold light shows fails, with Commissioners Adair, Ye, Listana, Fong, Dang, Alioto-Pier, Perez, Marroquin, Lonné Amir, and Barker Plummer in dissent.

b. Youth Commission History

i. Presenter: Ken Khounsombath, Former Youth Commissioner

Ken Khounsombath presented on the beginning history of the first year of the San Francisco Youth Commission, and recalled his ideas and experiences when he served on the first cohort of Youth Commissioners. He talked about a story of when there was a youth conference put together by Mayor Willie Brown, but the youth ended up walking out of the conference because it was not organized or centered by youth, and Mayor Brown called him and other YC leaders into the Mayor's Office to discuss why. Those commissioners brought up their biggest concerns, and ended up planning up a youth-led/youth-organized conference that was attended by 1300 youth.



Officer Wu said since they've done so much, how did they go through all of the pushback and any advice he has for the Youth Commission in their advocacy. Khounsombath said they need to stop recommending and start demanding what they want from their city leaders. He would love to support and speak at the next Youth Commission retreat more in-depth on the history of the commission and how to organize.

Commissioner Fong left the meeting at 6:07pm, and returned at 6:09pm.

7. Legislation Referred (discussion and action item)

- a. BOS File 230446 - [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production] Ordinance amending the Planning Code to encourage housing production
 - i. Presenter: Aaron Starr, San Francisco Planning

Aaron Starr presented his information regarding the proposed legislation, and the changes that have taken place at the SF Board of Supervisors level in today's meeting.

Chair Barker Plummer asked for some clarification around the duplicates, to which Starr said that the most recent update was in regards to Supervisor Mandelman's amendment to monster homes and replaced it with a cap on very large homes, and there's still additional amendments in the Land Use and Transit Committee. The remaining duplicates will be voted on and likely combined at the SF Board of Supervisors tomorrow.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier for clarifications about the removal for neighborhood notices for expansion, to which Starr said that was regarding the expansion of units rather than just simple renovations of a property that doesn't increase density. Alioto-Pier asked another question regarding double density, to which Starr said because certain housing for vulnerable residents is so critical, the double density formula helps expand the feasibility for those units to be built. Alioto-Pier asked if there's anything stopping people from demolishing a house that isn't rent controlled or doesn't fit the character of the neighborhood, to which Starr said yes and no because housing projects with less than 10 units doesn't require affordable inclusionary housing requirements.

Officer Adair asked how long it would take currently and when this legislation is potentially enacted and implemented to build housing, to which Starr said that the current process can take about 6-9 months and that the new process could be expedited to be approved within 30-60 days of its proposal. Starr added that



discretionary review allows for the Planning Department to approve, modify, or deny any project that violates the laws and codes the City has in place.

Officer Fong asked how close this proposed legislation will bring the City to San Francisco's Housing Element goal of permitting 10,000 units/year, to which Starr said that it will definitely accelerate the housing permit approval process, but that there's many things that have to happen to accelerate the actual construction of housing and get to that number.

Commissioner Perez asked how the allowance of homeless shelters and dense housing in low-density neighborhoods will be blended together, to which Starr said the legislation ensures that there aren't any exclusionary zones in the City that keep unhoused and low-income people away from specific neighborhoods.

Chair Barker Plummer said that this is the type of legislation the City needs to be able to have housing for their generation, and that this is just one piece of a bigger puzzle that will be necessary to expand housing production. He added that high-resourced neighborhoods were doing their part in supporting more housing.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Adair, motioned to approve BOS File 230446 [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production].

Officer Adair said he's in support of this legislation, and he's flabbergasted at what has been needed to be done to pass this bill. He feels that the state has been forcing the hand of the City to get this done, regardless

Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that as great as some parts of this bill are good, there's just some parts that aren't acceptable. She emphasized that the character of the city needs to be protected, and that wealthier and conservative people in San Francisco may not want homeless shelters in their neighborhood, and that they bring a lot of money to the City.

Commissioner Wong said she is strongly in support of this legislation, and that encouraging housing production can stimulate the local economy and create jobs for residents. She encourages others to support as well.

Officer Fong said he supports the legislation and believes strongly in making it easier to build housing.



Commissioner Dang said that she supports this legislation and is glad this legislation also prioritizes affordable housing and protects marginalized communities, since that will help allow them to stay in San Francisco.

Officer Wu said that she supports this legislation and that the SF Planning Department has staff who focus on protecting historical buildings and the character of the city.

Commissioner Dang asked what is considered affordable, to which Starr said that there's different levels but that it tends to be 80-120% of AMI.

Chair Barker Plummer said that although the character of a neighborhood is important, that the lack of adequate housing is a bigger issue.

No public comment.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes, 1 nay.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier nay
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File 230446 - [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production] approved in support, with Commissioner Alioto-Pier in dissent.



- b. BOS File 231140 - [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies] Resolution urging the Mayor and Department of Human Resources (DHR) to initiate an emergency hiring plan with recruitment and retention incentives for behavioral healthcare workers to fill city employee vacancies and vacancies at city-contracted providers
 - i. Presenter: YC Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Adair spoke on the importance of this legislation, and Officer Fong added that these positions need to be filled quickly to ensure that city employees can address the needs of San Francisco residents. They recommend voting in support of this legislation.

Commissioner Ye asked if there's measures to increase mental health services to reduce employee burnout, to which Officer Adair said that filling vacancies is just the first step, and that there's all of the other important resources and adequate pay for city employees to be supported.

Chair Barker Plummer asked if the Mayor stating that she intends to leave some vacant positions unfilled to cut government spending in light of the budget woes in the coming years, to which Office Fong said that the resolution does not include

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to support BOS File 231140 [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies]. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier aye
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File 231140 [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies] approved in support.

Chair Barker Plummer called for a 10-minute recess at 7:05pm, and returned at 7:17pm.

8. Legislation (discussion and action item)

- a. Resolution - Urging SFMTA to install curbside protected bike lanes or pedestrianize Valencia St., between 15th and Cesar Chavez St. to reduce traffic fatalities and increase public safety
 - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Ansari, Fong, and Wong

Commissioners Ansari, Fong, and Wong read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Ye said that given the amount of public comment given on this issue and her personal experience on the current bike plan, she commends the resolution and supports it. Chair Barker Plummer said that the current bike plan is a pilot project, when they will have any results of how effective the plan is compared to past plans, and said it's worth looking into what SFMTA intends to do next after the pilot is over. Specialist Ochoa said it was a pilot program, but that the public safety data update was postponed later in 2024 instead of the end of 2023.

- b. Resolution - Urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to take immediate action on a No Turn On Red (NTOR) citywide policy in light of recent traffic incidents and ongoing safety concerns
 - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Fong and Wong

Commissioners Fong and Wong read the resolution into the record. Chair Barker Plummer said he was skeptical of the legislation at first, but is glad to now fully support and appreciates all of the data included in the resolution.



- c. Resolution - Urging the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize and allocate permanent funding for the Free Muni For All Youth (FMFAY) program, recognizing its vital role in fostering equitable access to transportation and supporting the educational and social development of San Francisco's youth
 - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Wong, Ansari, and Fong

Commissioners Wong, Ansari, and Fong read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Ye is excited to support. Chair Barker Plummer said he agrees with everything others have said about the FMFAY program, and that he is very dedicated to making sure it's included in the upcoming city budget.

- d. Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks"
 - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Barker Plummer, Lonné Amir, Ansari; Stack Lozano, Lampkins, Adair, Alioto-Pier, Wong, Listana, and Marroquin

Commissioners Barker Plummer, Lonné Amir, and Ansari read the motion and the attached statement into the record. Officer Lonné Amir said that as an Israeli Jewish person, she is appalled by the hateful rhetoric being leveraged towards Palestinians, Jews, and Muslims. Commissioner Ansari said she fully agrees with what Officer Lonné Amir said, and that as a Muslim, she fully condemns any hate speech being used against anyone. Chair Barker Plummer read a statement and called upon schools to enact change to help support students through these difficult times.

Commissioner Dang, seconded by Commissioner Faagau-Noa, motioned to approve the Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks". No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye



Jason Fong aye
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks" approved.

9. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Adair said they were glad to get the two legislations on today's agenda passed, and said that they'll be on the lookout for any upcoming legislation. Officer Fong said that there will also be legislation regarding habitability on the next full Youth Commission agenda.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Wu said that the outreach video is almost done and looks great. Officer Lonné Amir said the introduction posts will be going out soon, and that there are still a few people left who haven't filled out the form to do so. She said that this month's Monday Funday was great, and thanked everyone who came for turning out.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Listana said that they met last week to meet to pass today's full Youth Commission meeting agenda, and that was it.

1. Youth Commission Attendance



Director Garcia said that everyone's doing great, and that they should keep up the good work being present.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that they have started working on conversations around the Budget and Policy Priorities at their last meeting.

c. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Officer Fong said that they were able to work on and pass the three resolutions that were heard today, and that staff did a resolution training.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Dang said they weren't able to meet last week, but that Director Garcia and Commissioner Ye were able to check-in regarding some community organizations that would be willing to present to their committee. Chair Barker Plummer asked why they weren't able to meet

10. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said that this full Youth Commission meeting will be the last one for this calendar year, she announced that the Youth Commission mid-year retreat will be on January 13th and 14th, and that she will be sending out staff evaluation forms soon. Specialist Zhan has been scheduling meetings with community organizations regarding the Vote16 charter amendment, and will keep folks updated. Specialist Ochoa asked commissioners to fill out the Doodle Poll that was sent to them this afternoon regarding the upcoming Youth Leadership Mixer with YTAB/SAC and discussed some details, and the Vision Zero Task Force meeting this upcoming Thursday at 10am (in-person @ 49 South Van Ness).

11. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

No announcements.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 7:56pm.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission
FROM: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
DATE: December 6, 2023
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. 231224

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to authorize occupants of residential dwelling units to sue to enforce the prohibition on substandard housing conditions.

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

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Housing Code - Tenant Enforcement of Habitability Requirements]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Housing Code to authorize occupants of residential dwelling**
4 **units to sue to enforce the prohibition on substandard housing conditions.**

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

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

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13 Section 1. Purpose and Findings.

14 (a) The City's Department of Building Inspection helps to ensure that building
15 owners keep their housing units up to the standards in the Housing Code, and can enforce the
16 Code by issuing notices of violation and seeking administrative penalties. This ordinance
17 complements those efforts, by allowing the persons most directly affected by substandard
18 housing conditions – the occupants of those units – to file lawsuits to enforce their rights
19 under the Housing Code. Tenants should have full recourse to the judicial system if they
20 experience harm due to substandard conditions. But in allowing tenants to file lawsuits on
21 their own behalf to address specific harms that they have been experiencing, the City does
22 not intend for such lawsuits to preclude, or in any way undermine, the City's ability to pursue
23 its own enforcement efforts on behalf of specific tenants or the general public.

24 (b) This ordinance is particularly necessary where children, seniors, and persons
25 with disabilities have been exposed to poor housing conditions. Research has shown that

1 living in substandard housing conditions, for these populations especially, is linked with poorer
2 cognitive and socioemotional health, causing deficits in executive functioning, reading, math
3 performance, and socioemotional functioning. Substandard conditions can also cause toxic
4 levels of stress, increased risk of depression and anxiety, and poor physical and socio-
5 emotional health. The Board of Supervisors finds it is appropriate and in the public interest to
6 allow a trier of fact to award up to triple damages in those situations where a child, senior, or
7 person with a disability has experienced such harms.

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9 Section 2. Chapter 2 of the Housing Code is hereby amended by revising Section 204,
10 to read as follows:

11 **SEC. 204. VIOLATIONS.**

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13 (c) **Presumption of Noncompliance with Order; Civil Penalty for Violation of**
14 **Code; Civil Actions.**

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16 (3) Any person residing in a housing unit, other than a unit in a building zoned as a single-
17 family residence, where any of the conditions described in Section 1001 of this Code are present and
18 pose a substantial risk to the occupants' health and safety, may institute a civil action under this
19 subsection (c)(3) against the unit owner, subject to the following:

20 (A) The plaintiff must provide the unit owner (or the owner's authorized agent, such
21 as a master tenant or property manager) advance written notice of the alleged violation.

22 (B) The plaintiff must provide the City Attorney's Office written notice of its intent to
23 file the civil action at least 60 days before doing so; provided, however, that the City Attorney's Office
24 may authorize the plaintiff to file before the close of this 60-day period if the City Attorney's Office
25 determines in its sole and absolute discretion that the matters alleged pose a serious and imminent risk

1 to the unit occupants and that a waiver of the 60-day period is appropriate and will further the public
2 interest. The filing of an action by the City Attorney shall not affect or impair the right of a plaintiff to
3 file a civil action under this subsection (c)(3).

4 (C) A plaintiff who prevails in an action under this subsection (c)(3) shall be entitled
5 to actual damages (including damages for mental or emotional distress); and if any occupants of the
6 substandard unit are younger than 18, older than 65, or disabled within the meaning of Section
7 12955.3 of the California Government Code, then the trier of fact may award up to three times the
8 actual damages experienced by those occupants. A plaintiff who prevails in an action under this
9 subsection (c)(3) shall also be entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees. A plaintiff who prevails in
10 such an action may also obtain a court order requiring compliance with the requirements of Section
11 1001, except that the court may not order an occupant to vacate a building or portion thereof solely
12 based on a violation of Section 1001, subsection (o).

13 (D) A dismissal or judgment against a plaintiff in an action brought under this
14 subsection (c)(3) shall not preclude an action by the City Attorney. Further, this subsection (c)(3) shall
15 not limit any other right or remedy otherwise available to any party, including the City, and shall not
16 create a duty or obligation on the part of the City.

17 ~~(4)(3)~~ The remedies in this Section 204 are in addition to any other remedies
18 provided by law. No provision in this Section shall preclude prosecution of actions for civil and
19 criminal penalties concurrently, sequentially or individually.

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

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Housing Code - Tenant Enforcement of Habitability Requirements]

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to authorize occupants of residential dwelling units to sue to enforce the prohibition on substandard housing conditions.

Existing Law

Section 1001 of the Housing Code defines the basic habitability standards for housing in San Francisco. If a unit does not meet these standards, the Department of Building Inspection can issue notices of violations and seek penalties against the unit owner. The Housing Code does not authorize private parties to file lawsuits over Section 1001 violations.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would allow a unit occupant (unless the unit is in a building zoned as a single-family residence) to sue the unit owner if the unit does not meet the standards in Section 1001 and poses a substantial risk to the occupants' health and safety. The occupant would need to give the owner and the City advance notice of the lawsuit. An occupant who prevailed in the lawsuit could get attorneys' fees, an order that the owner must remedy the violation, and/or actual damages. If any of the occupants were younger than 18 or older than 65 or disabled, then the owner could have to pay up to three times the actual damages experienced by those occupants.

Background Information

The ordinance does not affect existing remedies that the City may have against owners of substandard housing. Nor does it affect other remedies that an occupant may have against an owner of substandard housing.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk,
Rules Committee

DATE: December 5, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Ordinance. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 231226

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Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
- Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission



City and County of San Francisco

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File Number: 231226 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** 30 Day Rule

Enacted: _____ **Effective:** _____

Version: 1 **In Control:** Rules Committee

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Requester: _____ **Cost:** _____ **Final Action:** _____

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History of Legislative File 231226

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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1 [Valencia Street Protected Bike Lanes]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)**
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4 **and install curbside protected bike lanes to reduce traffic fatalities and increase**
5 **public safety.**

6 WHEREAS, Curbside protected bike lanes will result in more bikers, leading to
7 less car traffic, fewer vehicle-related deaths, and an environmentally friendly,
8 economically thriving Valencia Street; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed issued a directive in late 2018 for the SFMTA
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11 WHEREAS, The SFMTA's proposed design for a protected center cycle track on
12 Valencia Street, which also included the removal of several parking spaces and the
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14 implemented; and

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17 13% approval from 618 respondents; and

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20 Administration advise against center cycle tracks on streets like Valencia, citing safety
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23 happened as a result of the center bikeway and the confusion it causes drivers and

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2 scooter was sent to the hospital after being hit by a driver making a U-turn through the
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8 and

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12 motorists; and

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14 Transit-First Policy, Climate Action Plan, Vision Zero goals, and sustainable mode share
15 goals; and

16 WHEREAS, A study done by the University of Colorado, Denver, showed that an
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18 drop in fatal crash rates, specifically a drastic decrease of 49% in San Francisco; and

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20 highway” with many cyclists and scooter users bypassing local businesses, thus
21 negatively impacting these businesses and the local economy as it discourages bikers
22 from stopping at local shops; and

1 WHEREAS, The negative impacts on local businesses and the safety of road
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3 lanes; and therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor, Board of Supervisors,
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8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Mayor, Board of
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1 [No Turn on Red Policy]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco**
3 **Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to take immediate**
4 **action on a No Turn On Red (NTOR) citywide policy in light of recent traffic**
5 **incidents and ongoing safety concerns**

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8 blocked or occupied crosswalks, posing heightened dangers for pedestrians, especially
9 youth, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies have demonstrated the adverse safety impacts of allowing
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12 with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reporting a marked
13 increase in crashes involving these groups; and

14 WHEREAS, The recent heartrending incident at the intersection of King and 4th
15 Street, which led to the fatal injury of a 4-year-old girl being pushed in a stroller by her
16 parents, highlights the urgent need for enhanced pedestrian safety measures in San
17 Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, This intersection at King and 4th Street's history of 12 collisions and
19 injuries between 2019 and 2023, including this recent fatality, indicates a significant
20 safety concern that requires prompt attention and action; and

21 WHEREAS, No Turn On Red (NTOR) policies have demonstrated efficacy in
22 reducing vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicycle conflicts, thereby improving safety and

1 comfort for pedestrians, and are proven to reduce “close calls” between vehicles and
2 pedestrians; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco currently employs NTOR at approximately 9% of all
4 traffic signals, with a comprehensive NTOR restriction in the Tenderloin resulting in
5 notable safety improvements; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor London N. Breed’s package of Vision Zero projects aimed at
7 increasing street safety identified a need to analyze and develop policy
8 recommendations on limiting right turns at red lights, highlighting the urgency of this
9 issue; and

10 WHEREAS, The implementation of NTOR in the Tenderloin saw positive
11 outcomes, with 92% motorist compliance, an 80% reduction in close calls, and over
12 70% decrease in vehicles blocking or encroaching crosswalks during a red light; and

13 WHEREAS, NTOR is proven to increase safety and improve the pedestrian
14 experience, as evidenced by studies and successful implementation in San Francisco
15 and other cities, such as New York City, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Washington,
16 D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, An MTA study in 2022 found that 20% of injury crashes involving
18 pedestrians or people biking in San Francisco occurred at signalized intersections,
19 emphasizing the need for enhanced safety measures; and

20 WHEREAS, The Washington, D.C. District Department of Transportation's 2019
21 study showcased a 92% decrease in times drivers failed to yield when the light was red
22 and a 59% decrease at green lights after implementing NTOR; and

1 WHEREAS, The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reported a 56%
2 increase in U.S. pedestrian fatalities from 2010 to 2021, underscoring the urgent need
3 for effective safety measures; and

4 WHEREAS, The MTA has the authority to implement NTOR and direct the
5 installation of NTOR signs, as required by state law; and

6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed Supervisor Dean Preston's
7 resolution NO. 481-23 urging the MTA to prohibit right turns on red further signifying the
8 importance of NTOR implementation; and

9 WHEREAS, The youth of San Francisco, as future leaders and active members
10 of the community, deserve a safe and secure urban environment conducive to their
11 growth and mobility; and therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the MTA Board to adopt a
13 comprehensive No Turn On Red (NTOR) policy that restricts turns on red at all
14 signalized intersections across San Francisco to the greatest extent possible; and
15 therefore be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the MTA to develop
17 and implement a plan to expand and implement NTOR across San Francisco, sharing
18 said plan with the Board of Supervisors and the MTA Board within 120 days; and
19 therefore be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the MTA Board to
21 adopt a policy requiring NTOR restrictions to be added during updates or modifications
22 at signalized intersections, including upcoming quick build projects, speed reduction
23 efforts, and future implementation of the Active Communities Plan; and therefore be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges MTA, in instances
2 where state law or resource constraints limit immediate citywide implementation of
3 NTOR, to prioritize intersections on the High Injury Network for NTOR restrictions; and
4 therefore be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges the MTA to engage
6 with vulnerable communities, including communities of color, people with disabilities,
7 youth, and seniors, to identify additional intersections for prioritized NTOR
8 implementation; and therefore be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Mayor, Board of
10 Supervisors, SFMTA Board of Directors, SF Bike Coalition, WalkSF, and the VisionZero
11 Task Force.

1 [Free MUNI For All Youth Program]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the San Francisco**
3 **Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize and allocate permanent**
4 **funding for the Free Muni For All Youth (FMFAY) program, recognizing its vital**
5 **role in fostering equitable access to transportation and supporting the**
6 **educational and social development of San Francisco's youth**

7 WHEREAS, Public transportation is the most efficient, equitable, and
8 environmentally sustainable mode of transportation that allows for many people,
9 especially youth, to have equal access to opportunities and resources in urban settings;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The 2019-20 Youth Commission passed RESOLUTION NO. 1920-
12 AL-14 “Transportation Equity - Free Muni for all Youth” (FMFAY) where they advocated
13 that the Free Muni for Low- and Moderate Income Youth program suffered from a
14 complex application process and was not widely known, especially to people with
15 limited English proficiency and people who do not have easy access to the SFMTA
16 offices at 1 South Van Ness Ave. and/or internet resources, and disproportionately for
17 people who are Black, Indigenous and/or people of color; and

18 WHEREAS, On August 15, 2021, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation
19 Agency (SFMTA), with \$2 Million in funding included in Mayor Breed’s Fiscal Year (FY)
20 2022 budget proposal, expanded from the Free Muni for Low- and Moderate-Income
21 Youth program which started in 2013, and launched the 1-year pilot FMFAY program
22 until August 14, 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, On April 19, 2022, the SFMTA Board of Directors voted to approve
2 their FY 2023-24 budget which included \$4.1 Million to continue the FMFAY program
3 until June 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Free Muni for All Youth Program has
5 successfully operated since its inception, demonstrating a clear commitment to
6 improving access to public transportation for the youth of San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2014, San Francisco adopted a Vision Zero policy that committed
8 the city to eliminate all traffic deaths on city streets by 2024 through initiatives including
9 engineering safer streets, education about traffic safety, enforcement of traffic laws, and
10 advocating for the legalization of new tools including automated speed enforcement;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The SFMTA's Transit First policy complies with and complements
13 San Francisco's Vision Zero policy as it prioritizes public transit, bicycling, and walking
14 on San Francisco's streets which shifts people out of their cars, significantly reducing
15 the amount of private vehicles on the road, and vehicle deaths and injuries by
16 extension; and

17 WHEREAS, The FMFAY program encourages and ingrains sustainable travel
18 habits from an early age, thus aligning with SFMTA's Transit First Policy; and

19 WHEREAS, Early exposure to public transportation shapes future transit habits,
20 as evidenced by a study published in the Journal of Planning Education and Research,
21 which found that experiences with public transit during early life stages contribute to
22 increased transit usage in adulthood; and

1 WHEREAS, Data collected in July of 2021 by SFMTA concluded that the
2 previous Free Muni for Youth (FMFY) program had 39,350 active users, which was
3 approximately 72% of those eligible at the time; and

4 WHEREAS, The current FMFAY program drastically increased the accessibility
5 and amount of youth using public transportation, as seen in a survey taken in January
6 2022, that reported 61% of youth utilizing the FMFAY program, did not participate in the
7 previous FMFY program; and

8 WHEREAS, This long-term behavioral shift towards public transportation, as
9 identified in the study, can lead to reduced traffic congestion, lower carbon emissions,
10 and a more environmentally sustainable future; and

11 WHEREAS, The easy and equitable access to public transportation that the
12 FMFAY program provides is essential for San Francisco's young people to access
13 school, extracurricular activities, jobs, and other opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, The provision of free transit for youth is a vital equity measure,
15 supporting low-income families and reducing financial barriers to mobility; and

16 WHEREAS, By permanently funding the FMFAY program, the City reaffirms its
17 commitment to social equity, ensuring that all young residents have equitable access to
18 public transportation for education, employment, and civic engagement; and therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, The Youth Commission strongly urges the Mayor, Board of
21 Supervisors, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to
22 secure permanent funding for the Free Muni For All Youth (FMFAY) program to

1 guarantee its continued operation and accessibility for all youth in San Francisco and to
2 include it in all future SFMTA baseline budgets; and therefore be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to collaborate
4 with local, state, and federal officials to diversify SFMTA's funding stream to ensure the
5 FMFAY permanent program does not disproportionately affect the SFMTA budget; and
6 therefore be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board
8 of Supervisors to continue to promote the FMFAY program; and therefore be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Mayor, Board of
10 Supervisors, SFMTA Board of Directors, Youth Transit Advisory Board (YTAB),
11 WalkSF, VisionZero Task Force, SFUSD Student Advisory Council (SAC), and the
12 Sierra Club.

1 [Schools and Communities First]

2 **Resolution to support the mission of Schools & Communities First, an**
3 **organization whose mission is to reclaim over 12 billion dollars for schools and**
4 **communities across California.**

5 WHEREAS, Schools across the state of California have overcrowded classrooms
6 and some of the worst ratios of counselors, librarians, and nurses per student; and

7 WHEREAS, Large corporations are to blame for these issues that schools face
8 throughout the state as they find loopholes to avoid paying property taxes; and

9 WHEREAS, As large corporations avoid paying taxes that can be used for school
10 funding, the local tax revenue per person has experienced a steady decline since 1978
11 despite years of economic growth; and

12 WHEREAS, However, by reforming the commercial property tax system, 12
13 billion dollars could be reclaimed, with 60% allocated to local governments and 40% to
14 public education, with priority given to the most underresourced schools; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the vision of Schools & Communities First, the highest-value
16 properties will pay the most in taxes, exempting small business owners and all
17 commercial property owners whose property is less than 3 million in value from the
18 ballot measure; and

19 WHEREAS, Provided that the constitutional amendment proposed by the
20 California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act passes, there will be annual
21 public reports on how funds are distributed and spent to hold elected officials
22 accountable: ; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission will support the mission
2 of Schools & Communities First to ensure that schools and local governments receive
3 proper funding; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That large corporations must pay the necessary
5 property taxes to support students and youth across the state.

1 [Recognition of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month]

2 **Resolution recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and**
3 **Prevention Month**

4 WHEREAS, 1 in 3 high schoolers will experience dating abuse before high
5 school graduation; and

6 WHEREAS, Young people are impacted by abusive relationships as they are
7 threatened with or subjected to physical violence, sexual violence, psychological
8 aggression, or stalking from a current or former intimate partner; and

9 WHEREAS, Dating violence can also occur digitally through social media and
10 other electronic communication in the form of cyberstalking, non-consensual distribution
11 of intimate images, and other technology-facilitated harms; and

12 WHEREAS, Young people experiencing violence are more likely to be vulnerable
13 to long-term behavioral and health consequences, including mental trauma and drug
14 abuse; and

15 WHEREAS, Trauma from adolescent domestic violence increases the risk of
16 violence in adulthood and future relationships; and

17 WHEREAS, It is crucial to educate young people about the signs of domestic
18 violence, to set them up for success by allowing them to recognize for themselves what
19 healthy, nonviolent relationships look like; and

20 WHEREAS, Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence and Black Women
21 Revolt Against Domestic Violence's Youth Advisory Council shall partner with the San
22 Francisco Youth Commission to host the "Love Like That" Teen Dating Violence

1 Awareness Month (TDVAM) 2024 Event and raise awareness about the impact of teen
2 dating violence for San Francisco Youth; and therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes the month of
4 February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to affirm the right
5 of all young people to experience healthy relationships free from dating abuse in
6 adolescence and beyond; and therefore be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission introduce
8 and urge the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to recognize the month of February as
9 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to encourage and facilitate the
10 education of teen dating violence for all young people in the City and County of San
11 Francisco; and therefore be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
13 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor and Board of
14 Supervisors.