



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

### **MINUTES**

**Monday, November 3, 2025**

**5:00 pm**

#### **IN-PERSON MEETING**

**City Hall, Room 416**

**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Youth Commission membership includes:

Gabbie Listana (Chair, D6), Téa Lonné Amir (Vice Chair, MYR), Leah Mordehai (Legislative Affairs Officer, D1), Evelyn Conboy (Legislative Affairs Officer, D7), Ayan Azad (Communications and Outreach Officer, MYR), Dawnae Jacques (Communications and Outreach Officer, MYR), Camryn Marlow (D2), Aanya Shah (D3), Shoon Mon (D4), Harper Fortgang (D8), Maximiliano Trujillo (D9), Symona Elias (D10), Natalie Liu (D11), Jacqueline Moreno (MYR), Ava Oram (MYR), Emily Yang (MYR).

**Present:** Listana, Lonné Amir, Mordehai, Azad, Jacques, Marlow, Shah, Mon, Fortgang, Trujillo, Elias, Liu, Oram, Yang.

**Absent:** Conboy (excused), Moreno (excused).

**Tardy:** None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on November 3, 2025, with Chair Listana presiding.

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

Chair Listana called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 14 present, 2 absent.

Leah Mordehai (D1) - present  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - present  
Aanya Shah (D3) - present  
Shoon Mon (D4) - present  
Evelyn Conboy (D7) - absent  
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present  
Maximiliano Trujillo (D9) - present  
Symona Elias (D10) - present  
Natalie Liu (D11) - present  
Dawnae Jacques (MYR) - present  
Téa Lonné Amir (MYR) - present  
Jacqueline Moreno (MYR) - absent  
Ayan Azad (MYR) - present  
Ava Oram (MYR) - present  
Emily Yang (MYR) - present  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Officer Jacques, seconded by Vice Chair Lonné Amir, motioned to excuse Officer Conboy and Commissioner Moreno. Staff said that Officer Conboy had an academic event to attend, and Commissioner Moreno is sick. No discussion. No public comment. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.

Leah Mordehai (D1) - aye  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye  
Aanya Shah (D3) - aye  
Shoon Mon (D4) - aye  
Evelyn Conboy (D7) - absent  
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye  
Maximiliano Trujillo (D9) - aye  
Symona Elias (D10) - aye  
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye  
Dawnae Jacques (MYR) - aye  
Téa Lonné Amir (MYR) - aye  
Jacqueline Moreno (MYR) - absent  
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye  
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye  
Emily Yang (MYR) - aye  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye

Action: Officer Conboy and Commissioner Moreno's absence excused.

## **2. Communications** (Informational)

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

## **3. Approval of Agenda** (Action)

Officer Mordehai, seconded by Officer Jacques, motioned to approve the November 3, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.

Leah Mordehai (D1) - aye  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye  
Aanya Shah (D3) - aye  
Shoon Mon (D4) - aye  
Evelyn Conboy (D7) - absent  
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye  
Maximiliano Trujillo (D9) - aye  
Symona Elias (D10) - aye  
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye  
Dawnae Jacques (MYR) - aye  
Téa Lonné Amir (MYR) - aye  
Jacqueline Moreno (MYR) - absent  
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye  
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye  
Emily Yang (MYR) - aye  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

## **4. Approval of Minutes** (Action)

### a. October 20, 2025 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Mon, seconded by Vice Chair Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the October 20, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.

Leah Mordehai (D1) - aye  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye  
Aanya Shah (D3) - aye  
Shoon Mon (D4) - aye  
Evelyn Conboy (D7) - absent  
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye  
Maximiliano Trujillo (D9) - aye  
Symona Elias (D10) - aye  
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye  
Dawnae Jacques (MYR) - aye  
Téa Lonné Amir (MYR) - aye  
Jacqueline Moreno (MYR) - absent  
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye  
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye  
Emily Yang (MYR) - aye  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

## **5. General Public Comment**

No public comment.

Chair Listana skipped to Agenda Item 7 to open public comment due to a youth's time constraints, and then moved back into Agenda Item 6.

## **6. Presentation**

### **a. Family Zoning Plan**

- i. Presenters: David Garcia, Sarah Davidson, SF Planning

David Garcia and Sarah Davidson gave their presentation on the Family Zoning Plan, as well as an overview of what zoning is and how it works throughout San Francisco.

Commissioner Shah asked if this plan kickstarts construction of new housing or if it just zones to allow new housing, to which Garcia said that this plan will approve the zoning that will allow for this new construction. Garcia added that the City is working on other plans to help kickstart construction, such as affordable housing or projects that are stuck in the pipeline. Shah also asked how this plan will focus affordable housing to be built in places that need it the most, to which Garcia said that this plan will be spread throughout the City and will be more family-friendly and affordable than current laws, and said that there are various fees that will help contribute to the City's affordable housing fund towards 100% affordable housing projects. Davidson added that this Family Zoning Plan focuses on higher opportunity areas because most

of the City's new housing development has taken place in the eastern portion of the City, and so this plan is focusing on making up housing demand on the western portion of the City.

Commissioner Marlow asked where in District 2 the Family Zoning Plan focuses on building new housing since there is already a lot of housing and congestion, to which Davidson said the majority of the areas that are upzoned are focused along major transit corridors to allow new residents to have access to MUNI. Garcia added that the SF Planning website has an interactive map of San Francisco that they can look at where these projects may be built. Commissioner Marlow asked how middle-income families will be able to afford to live in the new housing since current housing is more expensive in District 2, to which Davidson said this plan focuses on protecting tenants that already live there, as well as the affordability aspect of new smaller units being compared to a new single-family home being built. Garcia added that this plan hopes to address and continue evolving to build "missing middle" housing for middle-class families, and he mentioned that legislators and planners are exploring other reforms to housing construction that can reduce construction costs, like single-stair reform. Davidson added that building large swaths of new housing will help to reduce the cost of housing instead of continuing to skyrocket.

Officer Mordehai asked how the Family Zoning Plan will affect small businesses on major transit corridors, and asked about how projects could possibly demolish the buildings that currently exist, to which Davidson said that it will affect these business corridors, but that the plan looks at underutilized sites and history shows that most of these types of development take place on parking or vacant lots. Officer Mordehai asked about two-story housing above small businesses and how their tenants may be affected by construction and upzoning, to which Davidson said that all buildings that have 3 or more rent-controlled units will have greater protections and be extremely hard to demolish.

Commissioner Fortgang asked how the greater influx of residents will affect other public services like transportation and others, to which Garcia said these questions are determined based on submitted environmental impact reports, and that the City's departments are looking at this Family Zoning Plan to anticipate in advance of these new residents. Commissioner Fortgang asked what the result would be with a possible state takeover if this plan is taken partially or not at all, to which Garcia said that the State of California will implement "builder's remedy" and that any project will be allowed, as long as they meet all state requirements, and San Francisco will fully lose local control and regulation of new housing development. Davidson added that Senate Bill 79 increases housing density around major transit routes, including in residential areas, and that would take effect in July 2026 if no alternative was passed to account for these new units.

Officer Jacques asked if there's benefits to Black and Brown families that need access to housing, to which Garcia said there was a racial equity analysis done for this plan, and that this plan specifically focuses on building housing in richer and less diverse areas of the City that have historically not been open to higher density due to past segregation patterns.

Commissioner Mon asked how they will accommodate schools to be more prepared to take in more students where housing will be built, to which Davidson said that SFUSD is currently under the threat of school closures due to lower enrollment numbers, so that there's plenty of space for students to fill classrooms. Commissioner Mon asked how they will address aging infrastructure that would likely be affected by increased residents, and Davidson said that the City's departments are already using these types of plans to account for the greater capacity of residents that may live here.

Commissioner Yang asked about microretailing spaces and how that would affect the retail zones would be affected before and after development, to which Davidson said that they are trying to offer further support services since the state does not allow for local jurisdictions to implement rent control for businesses.

Commissioner Liu asked how businesses can be protected as they're being moved, to which Davidson said they can't force the developer to move the previous displaced business but they can offer first right of return to that location by the developer.

Commissioner Trujillo asked about opposition to affordable housing, to which Garcia said oftentimes it's nearby resistance to possible social issues that can come with the affordable housing projects, but that the landscape for development has changed.

Vice Chair Lonné Amir asked how traffic and congestion will be affected on major streets like Lombard Street, to which Davidson said the Controller's Office did a report and found that these types of construction projects didn't have a major effect on traffic congestion since they take place mainly off of the street or temporarily. Davidson said that these projects can take years to finish, but that there is an effort to reduce construction times to meet the City's housing goals.

Officer Mordehai asked how many studies have been done on the implications of small business support or lack thereof, to which Davidson said the fund has been created but that the details and implementation of support has yet to be seen since the plan is still in the amendment phase.

Commissioner Shah asked if the plan was based off of other cities since San Francisco doesn't have many skyscrapers, to which Garcia said the plan is based off of focusing on what other cities were doing to further housing development, as well as increasing density near the biggest boulevards to not disrupt the fabric of neighborhoods.

Commissioner Yang asked about financial oversight since this plan will take place over many years and that the affordable housing fund focuses on building much-needed housing, to which Garcia said the affordable housing fund is already significantly past its ability to fund projects, and that legislators are continuing to work on methods that will further the City's ability to fund affordable housing projects.

Chair Listana asked about the Controller Office's report that the Family Zoning Plan will meet some of the state's requirements but not the full number and how they plan on addressing that gap, to which Davidson said it's the Planning Department's job to create the capacity for the number of units, while the Controller's report focused on effects of the plan based on the potential economic impacts. Garcia added that the Board of Supervisors are continuing to discuss what other tools and options they have to increase the real number of housing units that are built by approving this plan.

Commissioner Marlow left the meeting at 6:06pm, and returned at 6:12pm.

Commissioner Trujillo left the meeting at 6:20pm, and returned at 6:22pm.

Chair Listana called for a 10-minute recess at 6:30pm, and returned at 6:42pm.

## **7. Legislation Referred** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **BOS File No. 250700** - Zoning Map - Family Zoning Plan
- b. **BOS File No. 250701** - Planning, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Family Zoning Plan

Officer Mordehai said that since Officer Conboy isn't present today but that they had discussed that today was a great introduction to the Family Zoning Plan, and that this would be a great opportunity for Commissioners to now go to their communities to gather feedback.

Officer Mordehai, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, motioned to table Item 7 to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

Discussion:

Commissioner Shah said that while she sees that District 3 is heavily impacted by this plan, that this plan does help match the City to be in compliance with the state's housing goals and make housing more affordable for families. She is leaning in support of the legislation.

Commissioner Fortgang said she agrees, and that she wants to see more conversation around ensuring affordable housing actually gets build, preventing displacement, and that the City's services are strained

so much to not meet the demand. She also wants to see more answers about the state housing goal not being met.

Vice Chair Lonné Amir said she hears the presenters on them saying it won't majorly impacts traffic congestion, but she can see that it would have an impact that deserves a more definitive plan on how those issues will be addressed.

Commissioner Marlow said that she fully agrees that traffic will be an issue on major roads, and she wants more time to think about how she feels about this legislation.

Officer Mordehai said that she wants to see how small businesses will be affected through these changes, since a lot of them may not find the support that they need from the City if they're displaced due to upzoning and construction.

Commissioner Yang said she wants to know more about the timeline for the Family Zoning Plan and how residents can expect on the speed of change, as well as more small business engagement from the City.

Chair Listana said she agrees that San Francisco needs more housing, and she has a lot of additional questions about the feasibility of this plan to become reality. She said it's mostly a Mayor and Board problem to figure out how to make it happen, but is supportive of the plan.

Commissioner Shah said this plan just changes where the location can be in the City when it comes to affordable housing, not necessarily that it will be built equitable.

Commissioner Trujillo said it's important to demystify false accusations about problems about affordable housing.

Public Comment:

1. Eva - They are an organizer for the Young Women's Freedom Center, and they spoke about the Youth Commission making sure to advocate for affordable housing that families can actually afford, and make sure to protect tenants and small businesses throughout the City.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.



Leah Mordehai (D1) - aye  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye  
Aanya Shah (D3) - aye  
Shoon Mon (D4) - aye  
Evelyn Conboy (D7) - absent  
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye  
Maximiliano Trujillo (D9) - aye  
Symona Elias (D10) - aye  
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye  
Dawnae Jacques (MYR) - aye  
Téa Lonné Amir (MYR) - aye  
Jacqueline Moreno (MYR) - absent  
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye  
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye  
Emily Yang (MYR) - aye  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye

Action: Item 7 tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

**8. Commission Business** (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2526-AL-01** - [Addressing Food Deserts in District 10] - Urging the Mayor's Office, District 10 Office, and Office of Economic Workforce Development to Bring a Full Service Grocery Store to Address the Food Desert in Bayview Hunter's Point Neighborhood. (Second Reading)
  - i. Sponsors: Listana, Elias

Chair Listana and Commissioner Elias read the amended clauses of the resolution into the record.

Chair Listana, seconded by Commissioner Yang, motioned to approve Resolution No. 2526-AL-01. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.

Leah Mordehai (D1) - aye  
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye  
Aanya Shah (D3) - aye  
Shoon Mon (D4) - aye  
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Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye  
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye  
Emily Yang (MYR) - aye  
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye

Action: Resolution No. 2526-AL-01 approved.

**9. Committee Reports** (Informational)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Mordehai said the biggest thing they've been working on is the Family Zoning Plan, and getting the Immigration Legal Fund budget supplemental to be referred to the Youth Commission.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Azad said that the Comms Officers are gathering post ideas from commissioners and what information to share on social media. Officer Jacques said that they will be doing some brief interviews on when each commissioner wants to be interviewed for introductions. Officer Azad said that the Great Hauntway was fun but the weather was wild.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Lonné Amir said they had a great Executive Committee meeting last week.

b. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Trujillo said they had a good meeting and was able to elect their Chair and Vice Chair, and are currently drafting a statement in regards to the recent immigration enforcement efforts.

c. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Commissioner Oram said HRT focused on a fun icebreaker, conducted their elections for Chair and Vice Chair, and discussed their goals and priorities for the upcoming term.

d. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Specialist Zhan CEEC has not met yet due to scheduling conflicts last week, but they did put together some goals and legislative priorities for this term.

**10. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements** (Informational)

*Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, reports on their Commission-related activities, and announcements.*

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Conboy, Commissioner Shah, Commissioner Jacques, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Fortgang, Commissioner Lonné Amir, Commissioner Tanaka, Commissioner Mordehai, Commissioner Moreno.

Commissioner Conboy is absent.

Commissioner Shah has been focusing a lot on the Family Zoning Plan, since she's presenting that to the District 7 Youth Council to hear feedback from youth.

Commissioner Jacques said she attended a youth summit in Minneapolis last week and represented San Francisco. She was able to talk and experience various ways for youth to protect others and be safe in their surroundings. She brought up an idea of having screens throughout the City with interactive and emergency options, and said this is an idea worth considering instead of the traditional funding for law enforcement.

Commissioner Trujillo said he met with a legislative aide with his fellow D9 Youth Councilmembers, and that the D9YC intends to focus on AI vehicles and street conditions. He also is excited to work on a D9 Town Hall with Specialist Zhan.

Commissioner Fortgang said she's excited to promote the California Association of Youth Commissions convention coming up later this month. She also met with the D8 Legislative Staff.

Commissioner Lonné Amir said she's working on a statement regarding youth interacting with ICE.

Commissioner Mordehai said she's been working on the creation of the District 1 Youth Council and would love support in sharing it out with others. She also

was able to attend a summit in Washington D.C. regarding foreign policies of the US with Ukraine, and is interested in introducing a resolution to make refugees feel more welcome in San Francisco. She's also working with an organization that wants to embark on a mobile voting project and asked if any other commissioners were interested, but she would send more information via email soon.

Commissioner Moreno is absent.

b. Other Legislative Introductions and Announcements

Commissioner Fortgang introduced the CAYC virtual event on November 15th from 9am to 12pm on Zoom, that'll include over 100 Youth Commissions and encouraged everyone to join. She added that the SFUSD Climate Action Fellows will be visiting on November 17th and will be doing a City Hall tour.

Commissioner Yang invited commissioners to join a Green Careers Fair event on November 15th from 12pm to 2pm, which will have professionals from various backgrounds. She said the event will have free boba, and will be at 1455 Market St in the Environment Department building.

**11. Staff Report** (Informational)

Director Esquivel Garcia has no report for today.

Specialist Zhan is working on planning for 11 district town halls in collaboration with our community organizations, and reminded everyone to be mindful of commitments that they make when they schedule meetings.

Specialist Ochoa will be sending his staff report via email, and asked Commissioners Fortgang and Yang to send the event information they announced so he can reflect that in the minutes and send out calendar invites.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 7:21pm.

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[Resolution recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day and February 24th as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine]

**Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to designate the fourth Saturday of November as Holodomor Memorial Day and to commemorate February 24th as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine, in recognition of the historical, cultural, and civic significance of the Holodomor and the ongoing struggle for peace and freedom in Ukraine.**

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is home to a vibrant Ukrainian community, with residents maintaining strong cultural, linguistic, and historical ties to Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Since the start of the full-scale war of Ukraine on February 24th, 2022, countless Ukrainian families have been displaced, with many young Ukrainians arriving in San Francisco seeking safety after fleeing violence, separation, and destruction in their communities<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, United States Census Bureau data shows that about 14,000 Bay Area residents were born in Ukraine and about 26,000 claim Ukrainian ancestry. The Bay Area has a larger number of residents with ties to Ukraine than any other city in California and in the United States, with 53 residents per 10,000 having a direct ancestral tie to Ukraine, and San Francisco having 62 residents per 10,000 who claim Ukrainian ancestry<sup>2</sup>; and

<sup>1</sup> Congress.gov. "Text - S.Res.472 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin's brutal and unprovoked war against Ukraine once again threatens the existence of the Ukrainian people, while exacerbating the problems of global hunger." November 27, 2023. <https://www.congress.gov/bills/118th-congress/senate-resolution/472/text>.

<sup>2</sup> Haney and Mandelman, "Resolution in Support of Ukrainian Refugees," *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*, n.d., <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/r0122-22.pdf>.

WHEREAS, The Richmond District of San Francisco, particularly the area surrounding Geary Boulevard between 17th and 27th Avenues, hosts a significant concentration of Ukrainian residents, businesses, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, Local establishments such as Pushkin Restaurant, Leleka Restaurant, Hromada SF, Ukrainian School of San Francisco, Holy Virgin Cathedral, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ukrainian Hall San Francisco, and the Ukrainian American Coordinating Council serve as longstanding anchors of Ukrainian heritage and community in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, February 24th marks the anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing struggle for peace, democracy, and human rights. Commemorating this date provides an opportunity for the San Francisco community to stand in solidarity with Ukraine, honor the lives lost, and reaffirm the City's commitment to global justice and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Youth in San Francisco have played an important role in preserving Ukrainian culture through initiatives such as Slavic Voice 4 Ukraine, a youth-led media and advocacy platform that promotes Ukrainian heritage, civic engagement, and intercultural understanding through storytelling, oral history, and public programming. Ukrainian youth at San Francisco State University have also been active in journalism, advocacy, and cultural initiatives, helping raise awareness about Ukraine's history, culture, and current challenges, and inspiring the next generation to engage with their heritage<sup>34</sup>; and

<sup>3</sup> "HOME | the Slavic Voice," The Slavic Voice, n.d., <https://voiceslavic.wixsite.com/the-slavic-voice>.

<sup>4</sup> Zac Zavala, "Ukrainian Hope: An Interview With Ukrainian Born and San Francisco State Alumna Anya Livshyts. Hear Her Views on the Current Tensions Between Russia and the Place She Still Calls Home, Ukraine," San Francisco State University | Department of Journalism, April 18, 2022, <https://journalism.sfsu.edu/ukrainian-hope-interview-ukrainian-born-and-san-francisco-state-alumna-anya-livshyts-hear-her-views>.



1 WHEREAS, Local organizations, volunteers, and host families in San Francisco  
 2 provide vital support to these youth, helping them continue their education, participate in  
 3 cultural and civic activities, and integrate into the community. Youth-led initiatives and  
 4 programs amplify the voices of young Ukrainians, promote intercultural understanding,  
 5 and ensure their experiences and contributions are recognized and celebrated<sup>5</sup>; and

6 WHEREAS, Holodomor Memorial Day, observed annually on the fourth Saturday  
 7 of November, commemorates the millions of Ukrainians who perished in the man-made  
 8 famine of 1932–1933. At the height of the Holodomor in 1933, it is estimated that  
 9 Ukrainians died at a rate of 28,000 a day with nearly a third of the victims being children  
 10 younger than 10 years old; and this day provides an opportunity to educate the public  
 11 about this historical atrocity, honor the victims, and acknowledge its lasting impact on  
 12 Ukrainian culture, history, and diaspora communities<sup>6,7</sup>; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day in San Francisco would  
 14 honor the historical, cultural, and civic contributions of Ukrainian residents and affirm the  
 15 City's commitment to remembrance, education, and cultural understanding; now,  
 16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the  
 18 Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to designate the fourth  
 19 Saturday of November as Holodomor Memorial Day, to honor the lives lost and educate  
 20 the public about the historical significance of the Holodomor; and, be it

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<sup>5</sup> "San Francisco Teen Finds Creative, Constructive Way to Show Support for Ukraine," *NBC Bay Area*, December 20, 2023, <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/video/news/local/bay-area-proud/san-francisco-teen-finds-creative-constructive-way-to-show-support-for-ukraine/3402106/>.

<sup>6</sup> Southern California Holodomor Genocide Committee, "Home - Southern California Holodomor Genocide Committee," Southern California Holodomor Genocide Committee - the Website Devoted to the Genocidal Famine in Ukraine, November 1, 2025, <https://socalholodomorgenocidecommittee.org/>.

<sup>7</sup> Ray Cooper, "Holodomor Remembrance Day," State of North Carolina | Office of Governor, 2022, <https://governor.nc.gov/governor-proclaims-holodomor-remembrance-day-2022/open>.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recommends that the City and County of San Francisco commemorate February 24th as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine, in remembrance of those impacted by the ongoing war and in recognition of the resilience of the Ukrainian people; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) is encouraged to collaborate with community partners, educators, and youth organizations to develop educational programming and classroom activities on February 24th and the fourth Saturday of November, including lessons on Ukrainian history, the Holodomor, culture, and democracy, as well as opportunities for students to learn about peacebuilding, civic engagement, and human rights; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, City departments, and community organizations to collaborate in hosting cultural events, educational programming, and public awareness initiatives on and around the fourth Saturday of November and February 24th; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs for their consideration and action; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor is encouraged to raise the Ukrainian flag at San Francisco City Hall at noon on the fourth Saturday of November in honor of Holodomor Memorial Day, February 24th, and August 24th (Ukrainian Independence Day) in recognition of Ukraine's Independence and resilience.

1 [Upholding San Francisco's Commitment to its Newcomer Communities]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to protect and uphold San**  
3 **Francisco's commitment to its newcomer communities.**

4 WHEREAS, Following its January 20th, 2025, inauguration, the current  
5 Presidential administration ("the administration") has forcibly escalated its anti-  
6 newcomer rhetoric; and

7 WHEREAS, The administration has adopted increasingly aggressive tactics to  
8 persecute newcomers on legal status, such as arbitrary searches and apprehensions,  
9 including of U.S. citizens and permanent residents; and

10 WHEREAS, The administration is pursuing legally unprecedented policy,  
11 prompting many legal experts to deem its actions illegal and unconstitutional; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is among cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and  
13 New York targeted by the administration for historically protecting newcomers through  
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS),  
15 and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agent raids in areas with significant  
16 newcomer presence; and

17 WHEREAS, As an instance of legally unprecedented and targeted raids, and in  
18 what was called a violation of "due process rights," by attorney Milli Atkinson of the San  
19 Francisco Bar Association, four asylum-seekers attending pending asylum hearings  
20 were arrested at San Francisco's 100 Montgomery Street building, according to reports  
21 from the San Francisco Standard, the Associated Press, SFGATE, among others; and

22 WHEREAS, Concerns around the treatment and the honoring of the rights of  
23 newcomer detainees have prompted surveying visits to ICE facilities in San Francisco

1 by Supervisors Fielder, Chen, and Dorsey, with Supervisor Mahmood prohibited from  
2 entering facilities on an attempted visit; and

3 WHEREAS, Undocumented youth and children are especially vulnerable to anti-  
4 newcomer rhetoric and policy, including reported apprehensions of minors and their  
5 families during ICE raids; and

6 WHEREAS, Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code § 12H.1-12H.5 and  
7 §§ 12I.1-12I.5, the City and County of San Francisco has declared itself a place of  
8 refuge for all residents, including newcomers; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco Administrative Code § 12H.2. maintains that “No  
10 department, agency, commission, officer, or employee of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco shall use any City funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of Federal  
12 immigration law or to gather or disseminate information regarding release status of  
13 individuals or any other such personal information ... unless such assistance is required  
14 by Federal or State statute, regulation, or court decision”; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor’s Office  
16 and the Board of Supervisors to do more to protect and defend San Francisco’s status  
17 as a safe haven for newcomers; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board further employ means of  
19 combating the administration’s threats to San Francisco’s safe haven status, including  
20 via legislation and the direction of city departments; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board hold city departments and  
22 actors violating San Francisco’s Administrative Code in aiding the unwarranted  
23 apprehension of newcomers in San Francisco; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board and hold law enforcement  
2 and those sharing San Francisco police data, such as license plate data from  
3 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) operated by the San Francisco Police  
4 Department, accountable through the enactment of penalties for aiding in the  
5 apprehension of newcomers; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board explore the creation or  
7 expansion of legal literacy efforts among San Francisco's newcomer communities,  
8 especially in languages not covered by San Francisco's Language Access Ordinance,  
9 including Indigenous languages; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board explore the creation or  
11 expansion of legal literacy curricula or easily accessible resources in San Francisco  
12 Unified School District (SFUSD) schools aimed at students who are undocumented or  
13 with undocumented family members; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board expand funding to legal aid  
15 nonprofits and organizations servicing newcomers through changes to fiscal policy or  
16 city budget where feasible; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor more overtly address and denounce the  
18 administration's unprecedented and aggressive apprehension of newcomers in San  
19 Francisco, especially of children and minors; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board work with state and federal  
21 legislators, the California Governor, and those representing San Francisco in higher  
22 government to counter the administration's newcomer policy through enacting  
23 legislation and measures; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board continue to recognize the  
2   urgency and necessity of combating the administration's anti-newcomer policy through  
3   enacting policy and organized action.

1 [Statement on the Recent Richmond District Shooting]

2 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission is deeply saddened by the  
3 recent shooting near Fulton Street and the Great Highway in the Outer Richmond  
4 neighborhood on November 8, 2025, which had impacted five victims, including four  
5 young people; and

6 WHEREAS, Local data show that between 2018-2022 total shooting incidents in  
7 San Francisco increased by 74%, and gun homicides increased by 48% and according  
8 to a report from the San Francisco Youth Commission, in one school-year span (March  
9 2022–April 2023) there were about 100 student conflicts on and off school campuses,  
10 and 31 of those involved guns<sup>12</sup>; and

11 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has a longstanding commitment to  
12 addressing gun violence and promoting youth safety; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2023, the Youth Commission passed Resolution 2223-AL-19,  
14 which urged the City & County of San Francisco to expand public awareness of gun  
15 violence restraining orders (GVROs), particularly among students, educators, and  
16 school administrators; and

17 WHEREAS, This resolution emphasized that youth are disproportionately  
18 affected by gun violence and highlighted the importance of ensuring that both young  
19 people and adults in their communities know about the resources available to prevent  
20 harm; and

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<sup>1</sup> "Youth Commission 03/18/24 Supporting Documents," San Francisco Youth Commission, March 2024,  
[https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/fyc031824\\_supporting.pdf](https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/fyc031824_supporting.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> "Youth Commission 03/04/2024 Supporting Documents," *San Francisco Youth Commission*, March 2024,  
[https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/fyc030424\\_supporting.pdf](https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/fyc030424_supporting.pdf).

1 WHEREAS, Reducing gun violence and weapon access has been a consistent  
2 topic in the Youth Commission's annual Budget and Policy Priorities, advocating for the  
3 expansion of gun buyback programs, better mental health services for youth, increasing  
4 funding for violence prevention and community safety programs, and upgrading safety  
5 infrastructure in San Franciscan schools; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2025, the Youth Commission also co-hosted events recognizing  
7 Gun Violence Awareness Day, further demonstrating its dedication to engaging youth in  
8 advocacy, education, and public awareness campaigns around gun safety and  
9 prevention; and, therefore be it

10 MOVED, The Youth Commission stands ready to partner with city departments,  
11 schools, and local organizations to amplify these efforts and ensure that youth voices  
12 are included in the development of policies that directly affect them; and

13 FURTHER MOVED, The Youth Commission remains committed to a vision of  
14 San Francisco where young people can live, learn, and thrive without fear of gun  
15 violence; and

16 FURTHER MOVED, The Youth Commission urges city leaders to build upon  
17 these initiatives by supporting and expanding community-based violence prevention  
18 programs, increasing access to youth mental health resources, and fostering  
19 neighborhood environments where every young person can feel safe; and

20 FURTHER MOVED, The Youth Commission calls on the Mayor, the Board of  
21 Supervisors, and all city leaders to take decisive steps to prevent further tragedies and  
22 to invest in programs that empower our youth, strengthen our communities, and  
23 promote long-term safety and well-being.



**[Statement on the Recent Richmond District Shooting]**

**Supplemental Information:**

See attached document [Statement]

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Dear Mayor Lurie and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission is deeply saddened by the recent shooting near Fulton Street and the Great Highway in the Outer Richmond neighborhood on November 8, 2025. We extend our thoughts to the five victims, including four young people, and their families during this difficult time. Incidents like this highlight the urgent need for continued attention to youth safety and community well-being.

Gun violence shakes the foundation of our city and erodes the sense of safety that every San Franciscan deserves. Local data show that between 2018-2022 total shooting incidents in San Francisco increased by **74%**, and gun homicides increased by **48%** and according to a report from the San Francisco Youth Commission, in one school-year span (March 2022–April 2023) there were about 100 student conflicts on



and off school campuses, and 31 of those involved guns. While we are grateful that all victims are expected to recover, this incident is a painful reminder that our communities, schools, and gathering spaces must be protected through proactive prevention, community investment, and trauma-informed care.

The Youth Commission has a longstanding commitment to addressing gun violence and promoting youth safety. In 2023, we passed Resolution 2223-AL-19, which urged the City & County of San Francisco to expand public awareness of gun violence restraining orders (GVROs), particularly among students, educators, and school administrators. This resolution emphasized that youth are disproportionately affected by gun violence and highlighted the importance of ensuring that both young people and adults in their communities know about the resources available to prevent harm. Additionally, reducing gun violence and weapon access has been a consistent topic in our annual Budget and Policy Priorities, advocating for the expansion of gun buyback programs, better mental health services for youth, increasing funding for violence prevention and community safety programs, and upgrading safety infrastructure in San Franciscan schools. In 2025, the Commission also co-hosted events recognizing Gun Violence Awareness Day, further demonstrating our dedication to engaging youth in advocacy, education, and public awareness campaigns around gun safety and prevention.

In light of the Outer Richmond shooting, we urge city leaders to build upon these initiatives by supporting and expanding community-based violence prevention



programs, increasing access to youth mental health resources, and fostering neighborhood environments where every young person can feel safe. The Commission stands ready to partner with city departments, schools, and local organizations to amplify these efforts and ensure that youth voices are included in the development of policies that directly affect them.

The Youth Commission remains committed to a vision of San Francisco where young people can live, learn, and thrive without fear of gun violence. We call on the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and all city leaders to take decisive steps to prevent further tragedies and to invest in programs that empower our youth, strengthen our communities, and promote long-term safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

**San Francisco Youth Commission, 2025–2026**

1 [Statement on the Deployment of Federal Troops in San Francisco]

2 WHEREAS, The recent statements by the Presidential Administration to deploy  
3 Federal troops in San Francisco has sown fear and instability across San Francisco  
4 even after the reversal of the deployment; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission stands firmly in support of  
6 young people and families in all communities, including immigrant communities that are  
7 the foundation of this city; and

8 WHEREAS, The trauma caused by this situation, along with the increase of ICE  
9 raids in San Francisco throughout the year—particularly to children and youth—has led  
10 to increased absenteeism in schools, disengagement from civic life, and fear of  
11 accessing basic services such as public transit, healthcare, and legal aid; and

12 WHEREAS, Youth and their families are now afraid to report crimes, seek  
13 protection, or ask for help, directly undermining public safety and weakening the trust  
14 between communities and the institutions meant to serve them; and

15 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission strongly condemns the  
16 possible federalization and deployment of the National Guard in San Francisco and the  
17 fear they have caused amongst immigrant communities across the nation; and

18 FURTHER MOVED, That the Youth Commission reaffirms its unwavering support  
19 for San Francisco's sanctuary city policies and urges all City departments, especially  
20 those serving youth, to uphold these protections in both policy and practice; and

21 FURTHER MOVED, The Youth Commission calls on the Mayor, the Board of  
22 Supervisors, and all relevant city agencies to advocate against the deployment of the

1 National Guard and increased ICE presence along with investing in programs that  
2 protect and empower immigrant youth and families during this budget cycle.

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Dear Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission is deeply disturbed by the recent prospect of the deployment of federal troops in our city which has sown fear and instability across San Francisco. We stand firmly in support of the young people and families in all communities during these distressing times, including immigrant communities, that are the foundation of this city.

On October 22, 2025, it was reported that more than 100 federal agents were being dispatched to the Bay Area which raised concerns among immigrant communities. The city and county of San Francisco responded with protective steps as the Mayor signed an executive directive to prepare for the federal deployment. Then, on October 23, 2025, President Donald J. Trump announced he was cancelling the planned deployment of federal troops. Even though the enforcement surge and National





Guard deployment were paused for now, the threat or possibility remains. The trauma caused by this situation —particularly to children and youth—has led to increased fear in schools, disengagement from civic life, fear of accessing basic services such as public transit, healthcare, and legal aid, only further highlighting the need to strengthen immigrant protections in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Youth Commission has a longstanding commitment to the immigrant and undocumented communities in the city, with immigrant protections being a topic in the Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities from the 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 terms. Additionally, in the 2024-2025 term, the Youth Commission passed numerous resolutions regarding immigration. These include Motion No. 2425-AL-35, a statement on ICE raids on the undocumented community in San Francisco, and Motion No. 2425-AL-29, a Letter of Support for California Senate Bill 48, which would prohibit schools their personnel from granting immigration authorities access to the non-public areas of a school site without presenting a warrant.

Given sustained threats to San Francisco's immigrant communities, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to act accordingly. We urge the Mayor and Board to take protective steps, where feasible, to protect Immigrants and defend San Francisco's Sanctuary Ordinance, including, but not limited to: combating the President's direction of illegal raids by federal agents through legislation, working with state legislators to counter federal measures, and to hold those violating San



San Francisco's Sanctuary status via aiding arrests of immigrants—namely law enforcement agencies supplying automated license plate data—responsible.

The Commission remains committed to building a city that protects and uplifts immigrant and undocumented communities through both policy and practice. We stand firmly behind San Francisco's sanctuary policies and urge all departments and agencies, especially those who serve youth, to uphold these protections in their work. We hope that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors will continue to advocate against inhumane practices and fund programs that protect and empower immigrant youth and families during this budget cycle.

Sincerely,

**San Francisco Youth Commission 2025-2026**



## English:

### What to say if stopped by ICE and questioned about your or someone else's status, location, etc.:

- I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
- I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.
- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.
- **You have the following constitutional rights:**
  - **TO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if an immigration agent is knocking on your door
  - **TO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTION** that an immigration agent might say when they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent
  - **TO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first talking to a lawyer. You have the right to talk to a lawyer
  - If you are outside your house, ask the agent if you have the ability to leave and if they say yes, leave peacefully

## Español:

### Qué decir si lo detiene el ICE y le pregunta sobre su estatus migratorio o el de otra persona, su ubicación, etc.:

- No deseo hablar con usted, responder a sus preguntas ni firmar o entregarle ningún documento, en virtud de mi derecho a no autoincriminarme, amparado por la Quinta Enmienda de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos.
- No le autorizo a entrar en mi domicilio, en virtud de mi derecho a no autoincriminarme, amparado por la Cuarta Enmienda de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos, a menos que tenga una orden judicial firmada por un juez o magistrado con mi nombre, la cual deberá deslizar por debajo de la puerta.
- No le autorizo a registrar ninguna de mis pertenencias, en virtud de mi derecho a no autoincriminarme, amparado por la Cuarta Enmienda.
- Elijo ejercer mis derechos constitucionales.
- **Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:**
  - **NO ABRA LA PUERTA** si un agente de inmigración está tocando la Puerta

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- **NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA** de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio
- **NO FIRME NADA** sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado
- Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad\



**To:** San Francisco Youth Commission

**Re:** Resolution Recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day and February 24th as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to express our strong support for the resolution titled “Resolution Recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day and February 24th as a Day of Solidarity with Ukraine.” This letter of endorsement is on behalf of three organizations operating in the Bay Area: the Federation of Ukrainian Student Organizations of America (SUSTA), the Ukraine Support Alliance at Stanford (USAS), and TeleHelp Ukraine (THU).

**SUSTA** (Союз Українських Студентських Товариств Америки), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, represents Ukrainian student organizations across the nation, fostering leadership, cultural preservation, and advocacy within Ukrainian American youth communities.

**USAS**, a student-led organization at Stanford University, works to promote awareness, scholarship, and humanitarian support related to Ukraine through campus initiatives and public engagement.

**TeleHelp Ukraine**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides crucial telemedicine support to Ukrainians affected by the ongoing war, connecting volunteer medical professionals with patients in need.

Together, our organizations serve students, families, and communities deeply impacted by both historical trauma and ongoing violence. We believe this resolution reflects not only an acknowledgment of the past but a commitment to empowering youth with historical understanding, global awareness, and civic responsibility.

**Holodomor Remembrance Day** honors the millions of Ukrainians—many of them children—who perished in the 1932–33 Holodomor, a genocide engineered by the Soviet regime. Recognition by the San Francisco Youth Commission reinforces the importance of educating young people about the dangers of authoritarianism, state-sponsored violence, and the suppression of truth. Establishing this day in San Francisco ensures that the memory of the victims is preserved and that future generations understand the consequences of historical injustice.



Likewise, establishing **February 24 as a Day of Solidarity for Ukraine** acknowledges the ongoing full-scale invasion launched by the Russian Federation in 2022. For nearly three years, young Ukrainians have lived through displacement, fear, interrupted education, and the loss of homes and loved ones. Many continue to volunteer, serve, or provide humanitarian aid despite extraordinary circumstances. Solidarity from youth institutions in the United States amplifies their voices and underscores the shared democratic values that unite our communities.

We believe the San Francisco Youth Commission is uniquely positioned to elevate awareness among young people, create opportunities for meaningful civic engagement, and model global citizenship. Passing this resolution would demonstrate leadership and compassion, reinforcing the importance of standing with communities affected by both historical and contemporary injustice. SUSTA, USAS, and TeleHelp Ukraine fully support the resolution and commend the Commission for considering it. We welcome future opportunities to collaborate on educational programming, remembrance events, youth dialogue, or other initiatives that foster understanding and support for Ukraine.

Thank you for your attention, your commitment to youth empowerment, and your dedication to truth and human dignity.

Respectfully,

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