



# **San Francisco Youth Commission**

## **Agenda – Special**

**Monday, September 23rd, 2019**

**5:00 pm~8:00 pm**

**City Hall, Room 400**

**1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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

Chair Cureton called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Commissioner Alameri is on the way. Commissioner Hirji has an excused absence due to sickness. Quorum is met.

### **2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Santos, motioned to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion passed by a vote of acclamation.

### **3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

- A. September 4, 2019  
[\(Document A\)](#)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Cheung, seconded by Commissioner Arana, motioned to approve of the September 4th, 2019 agenda. The motion passed by a vote of acclamation.

### **4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

There was no public comment.

### **5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. BOS File No.190929 [Health Code - Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Warning for Advertisements]: Supervisors Walton and Brown  
Presenter: Natalie Gee, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Walton  
(Document B)  
Legislative Aide, Natalie Gee came back for a new proposal for labels: re: SF warning for type 2 diabetes and will take up 10% of advertisement space. It is



only applicable to paper posters, bus, car, on a wall or surface material and billboard. San Franciscans need to know health effects and nutritional information of what they consume. The American heart association reports that 1 in three children are at risk for obesity.

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Dong: For all warnings, are they only impacting san Francisco?

Gee: Yes

Commissioner Quick: Regarding page 10 of legislation - it's about the exemptions, of containers of packages and menus and handwritten establishments - how did that come about?

Gee: Our office worked with city attorney, we can control sf - can't control individual packaging, our immediate step is to work on advertisement.

Commissioner Quick: page 13 I don't understand the December 1st provision

Gee: I will have to look over that and get back to you

Commissioner Quick: what's the planning code?

Gee: I will have to look that up, attention to business - or offered than in premises where sign is located and sold or offered in such premises if incidental or at all

Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) youth representative, Aaron Kunz comments on legislation:

The law would be effective in reducing consumption, but it is still not as impactful as direct packaging. The adverse impact of this legislation is that SF is front and center in labeling requirements, which can impact how people choose to respond to it. Sugary drinks tax has been increasing - which means consumption hasn't slowed entirely, other finding dental cavities have increased among all racial groups. Direct packaging warnings would be most effective, small business and local business owners have noticed that after sddtac - consumption is still the same, researchers have said that warning labels would be the most effective. By having sf front and center, adverse impact that government tells them what to do and interceding on personal desires which can reduce effectiveness of measure. For example, one of our committee members Joi from 3rd street youth clinic shares that when rallying youth from her clinic, they were skeptical of what gov't would follow through with promises. It would be helpful to collaborate with a greater health authority such as national institute of public health.

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Hylton: What's the impact on small businesses?

Gee: We will be presenting to small business commission in the next few week. We haven't asked controller to do a study, this is like warning label on cigarettes.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Nassiri motioned to support legislation, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



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

### A. San Francisco Public Library Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Advisory Board

Presenter: Gabriella Ruiz, TAY Public Service Aide

Gabby Ruiz: Tay are young adults from the age 18-25 in the foster care system. 20% of the individuals experiencing homelessness are youth.. We are doing a lot of outreach to partner, Chalk and Larkin St Services. Here's how you can help - we are developing TAY advisory board and looking to hire 4 16- 25 TAY to commit to 6 hours a month, stipend \$100 and serve up to 2 terms to advise the library on TAY needs.

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Jones: Are you hoping for us to apply or make recommendations?

Ruiz: Both, if you are interested in applying and is available or if you can recommend and spread the word - the goal is to make as much outreach as possible to reach everyone. TAY advisory board developed a year ago and a lot of changes since, marketing as a new program because of hours and the way we are approaching it.

Commissioner Hylton: what other commissions are you reaching out to and what other communities?

Ruiz: self outreaching and there was established partnerships with larkin and first place for youth, did a lot of youth work in undergrad, spreading the word - trying to familiarize self to add knowledge that I already know of.

Commissioner Ty: You should reach out to Ali - HSH - YPAC meetings in the library, it'll be great if you mention the stipend, their time is valuable and brought it up to Ali and community orgs - the word will spread.

Commissioner Cureton: can staff/comms blast out on social media?

Commissioner Santos: we can definitely do that

Commissioner Quick: to broadcast, do we motion to support?

Staff Hosmon: no

### B. Our Children Our Families Presentation

Presenter: Alecia Barillas, MPA, Council Coordinator, Our Children, Our Families Council

Simone Combs, senior analyst for OCOF council, good to see you Josephine.

Background and context: Kindergarten wellbeing

OCOF est 2014 - prop C, voters wanted city to improve outcomes for youth and families with better coordination in systems. Our Council is a 42-member advisory body co-led by the Mayor of San Francisco and the superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District. We believe that collectively, by coordinating and unifying systems of support and leveraging policies and resources, we will improve outcomes for all children, youth and families in San Francisco. Goals- live in a safe and nurturing environment, thrive in a 21st



century learning environment. Our approach- all of our work is grounded in equity, an emphasis on youth, thinking about Black and Brown communities but other marginalized communities such as the LGBTQ community. They partner with the people who are already doing the work.

Through data and research, they hope to inform decision making and build capacity and skills to recognize, understand, support, and provide services to children, youth and families that promote equitable access and opportunities.

We are a neutral party in a lot of the decision making process.

Kindergarten readiness: ready to learn, closing equity gap and see improvements in everyone. Short term goal - is 100% of youth are ready to learn.

We plan to accomplish this through data and research, there is a pending pilot system into the school district, around mental well-being there is a pilot to focus on high school populations.

K Readiness: working with sfusd and community, points of disconnection and identifying funding sources community. Testing and sustaining our work - advisory group, monitoring progress goals and providing guidance in pilot strategies and terms of sustaining.

Final note: outcomes framework - has 19, had to corral resources and go deep will go deeper in the framework

Commissioner Questions:

Commissioner Santos: implementing a training...for who?

Combs: training the workforce, not the students or families, training who is going to be hired: caregivers, teachers, and counselors

Commissioner Santos: statistics -- marginalized people, black, brown, is there a cultural sensitivity training?

Combs: Training leans on and trauma informed framework and systems

Commissioner Ginsburg: What is kindergarten readiness?

Combs: specific definition of socio-emotional ability and indicators of learning, beyond academic

Commissioner Jones: source of definition?

Combs: sfusd is same definition

Commissioner Jones: Where did you get the data presented throughout powerpoint?

Combs: k readiness - out of sfusd, mental wellbeing pulled from youth behavior risk survey, 2 sfusd students, national source



Commissioner Santos: issues re: mental health, re: middle and high school - developing or strengthening wellness center - where is this going

Combs: yet to come, as we move to implementation, goals is where we want to be and solutions are kicking off right now, we'll have different ways of engaging

Commissioner Hylton: Can you speak more on youth seat and what that entails, and specific perspective is needed?

Cureton: as a youth member - the only youth voice, up to you, time commitment - 2 meetings on my term, working groups - unable to participate because of school schedule

Combs: staff is willing to talk and meet off hours, we try to work around that with whoever participates on this

Staff: When are the meetings?

Combs: 10/22 meeting in the afternoon and typically in civic center, days vary - Tuesday 2:30 - 2 hour meeting, 3x a year

C. Co-Sponsorship Request for District Attorney Candidate Forum from Coleman Advocates YMAC

Presenter: Andrea Mejia, Civic Engagement Organizer, Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth

Andrea - civic engagement organizer and youth organizer, district's attorney 10/8 - youth commission can cosponsor

Uplift youth voice, d10, and d11 high school - building youth leadership, different workshops and clubs and building their power, youth don't have or work with black and brown Samoan youth - our district is Bayview, Sunnydale, and affected by poverty and school inequities

We specifically wanted cosponsor ship because we love youth all over the city and we wanted it youth led, youth are putting things together (venue), photography and setting things up and letting more youth outside of our youth program and how we lead and co sponsor and advertise in networks, be part of planning committee (Thursdays

Questions:

Commissioner Cureton: cosponsorship - certain orgs want commitment of folks, how many would you want to attend?

Andrea: 10

Commissioner Santos: For the workshops for youth and what curriculum do you try to follow?

Andrea: civic engagement, pre-registration as long as they are 16, community organizing, school equity, building their voice and neighborhoods, leading campaigns, building on what the school is doing, partnerships with teachers, YPAR - youth participatory action research,

Commissioner Jones: What's the goal of the event?



Andrea: youth led, civically involved, our black and brown folks informed and engaged, partnering with dept. election to have information

Commissioner Quick: a lot of da debates, questions to be youth centric or specific to issue?

Andrea: Focusing on youth voice, youth coming up with the questions.

Commissioner Arana: Is this event public and open to all kids?

Andrea: yes

Commissioner Jones: What's the venue?

Andrea: We are working on getting a confirmation from Thurgood Marshall middle school.

Commissioner Quick: What time will this take place?

Andrea: 5:30

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Quick motioned to support and cosponsor Coleman advocates YMAC da forum, seconded by Commissioner Versace. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioners that can attend: Cheung, Quick, Cureton, Hylton, Ariana, Alito-pier, Ginsburg, Asfaw, Versace, Jones, Alameri can attend

D. ConnectSF: Statement of Needs regarding Future of Transportation

Presenters: Camille Guiriba from SFCTA, Kansai Uchida from SFMTA, Peter Lauterborn from Civic Edge Consulting  
(Document C)

Kansai SFMTA project editor, update of work from the past year, we are sharing upcoming workshops. Background we look into new infrastructure projects. To give some context the last time the city planned a project of this scale was in the four corridors project. 2014 first phase of connect SF- what will the city look like in 50 years. We contributed opinions from the community, resulted in five goals. To make those goals a reality we have to address the current challenges within our current transportation system, and we need to decide on priorities and implementation strategies.

Key findings-growth experienced from several decades will continue.

Accommodating growth will be a key challenge to address. Jobs will be more accessible with our transportation system.

In 2015 communities of concern we found that in the future access declines in the future. In looking at how people get around in the future by looking at mode we see that there is not that much change. One of our challenges is to decrease emissions even more. Challenges to address: creating equitable transportation outcomes, improving sustainability, accommodate to forecasted growth.

Recap of findings in statement of needs- our current plans will not take us where we need to be in 2050, we need to advance for city-wide sustainability goals, do more for



communities of concern. Fast paced growth has occurred since 1980, and will likely continue. Our transportation policies are working, but we need to do more to meet our aggressive goals. New policies and investments - both incremental and transformational - are needed.

Opportunities for engagement: explore and provide feedback on interactive maps available at [connectsf.org/about/transportation-needs](https://connectsf.org/about/transportation-needs), in-person outreach in summer/fall 2019, and request a presentation.

Youth workshop this fall: workshop purpose - obtain feedback on priorities, connections we need to make, and ideas for projects

Ask for youth commissioners: participate in the workshop, offer suggestions on youth groups and networks to invite

Nov. 12th - land use committee, open to having it as a workshop time

Staff - before calendar negotiations, they need to vote

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: where would it take place and how many people? Besides being present in what other ways can we show up for you?

Peter: host on your terms, provide food, 1 - 2 hours, broken down into smaller discussion 5 - 12 group, upwards of 30 - workshops structure - things that are important to folks all over the city ex: Geary and Fillmore, how can we keep our community connected long term

Commissioner Ginsburg: What's the general connection with sfmta and connect sf? Planning dept., transit authority, sfmta, oewd are partners in this effort.

Commissioner Jones: if we bring 50 young people, what's the guarantee that their opinions will be considered and who will it go to and enacted in connect sf?

Peter: long term plan, not built soon - this assumes that everything is built, 2020 - 2050 growth, for everyone involved in the process, to create a process - is to use this process to narrow the range of options considered and focuses on what's already considered. There are of course constraints such as timeline, funding before 2020, but feedback will directly influence which projects move forward.

Commissioner Versace - transit equitable for workers, but what specific routes or areas of concern?

Celina: outcomes for communities of concern, those households in areas improve outcomes metrics included with commute times, we also look at model results and household incomes not particular groups but looking at city wide outcomes and projects we are considering and creating during this phase will be evaluated by the improvement of those outcomes in the future

Commissioner Asfaw: Are there workshops any youth can come, a consistent one or ways to include multiple youth voices in your program?

Celina: futurist task force through connect sf - we have youth members in the visioning phase - one had to go to college and left the city, a lot of stakeholders all over the city if





commissioners are interested - webinars and preview outreach materials and technical analyst for ongoing basis

Commissioner Cheung: Is this a one-time workshop and how frequently?

Peter: this round will have 4 workshops, one in se this fall, youth centric, 2 in new year (east and westside) - all will be welcome to those, limited to that - part of the outreach is an opportunity to do so

Commissioner Asfaw: projected area of growth - Bay area, transportation in and out of sf for local community or just sf based.

Kansai: We are prioritizing corridors in sf, there are a lot of plans in regional - east bay and south bay, what are we going to do - is it good candidates and sf focused, still looking at how to get people in and out of the city more efficiently

Commissioner Cureton: how do we take this on - do you want hlu for main liaison or exec coordinate this

Peter: we can move it, but we were suggested HLU as the primary.

Commissioner Jones: Can we move the November 12 date?

Peter: Just a suggestion

Commissioner Quick: I think for housing it will be easier to discuss having it on another day

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick motion to support organizing the connect sf youth town hall / forum / workshop regarding future transportation, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned for a 10-minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation. Back in session at 6:34 PM

## **7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

### **A. Election of 2019-20 Our Children Our Families Representative**

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: time commitment?

Commissioner Cureton: 3 meetings a year, weekday afternoon, prep call for each with yc staff, 2 hour meeting, attend working groups

Commissioner Santos: how many hours a month

Commissioner Cureton: I would say the commitment is every three months

Commissioner Nassiri: would this be a role where you can't be in ec?

Staff: no

Commissioner Asfaw, seconded by Commissioner Hylton, nominates Commissioner Santos. Commissioner Santos accepts.





Commissioner Santos statement: they want to do work with kindergarten readiness to understanding a child and their capacity starts at a young age, not all kids start with the same resources, if we start the conversation at a young age it aides them to excel and having a good understanding in high school and identity and resources - our wellness center did so much work, and would love to do this work.

Questions:

Commissioner Cheung: what elementary and high school you go to?

Commissioner Santos: Commodore, white and Asian school and the ones that were black and brown were tokenized, Aptos opposite demographic, black and latinx, diverse range of experiences

There was no public comment.:

By a vote of acclamation, Commissioner Santos is the new OCOF representative. The reports will be an agenda item under staff report.

B. Motion No. 1920-AL-01 [Motion Declaring Solidarity with Climate Strikers in San Francisco and Internationally]

Sponsor: Commissioner Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer  
(Document D)

Commissioner notes the impact of climate change and is led by youth - this motion is about solidarity with climate strikers. He reads the motion to the record.

Questions:

Commissioner Ginsburg: every place has a different condition, what's the unified goal - that we can act on the conditions?

Commissioner Quick: yes and no, there are goals that do not change but they do differ from country to country. U.S has a large carbon footprint. This is one of the larger aims that varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction - to impose a carbon tax or national level a carbon trade program - but we do have legislative authority to ban natural gas in buildings. Different levels of ways to address climate change. This supports climate change without specifics.

Commissioner Dong: for the last section - youth and staff to inform climate change movement is that intentional?

Commissioner Quick: That is one way to do it, it is a way for the movement to have add us as a list of organizations that support the movement.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Dong. The motion to support passes by a vote of acclamation.

C. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-02 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]



Sponsor: Commissioner Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer  
(Document E)

Commissioner Quick reads the omnibus process to the record and presents the budget process and the importance of starting this as soon as possible to follow the budget timeline.

Question:

Commissioner Asfaw: what have we endorsed in the past and what we would be endorsing this year?

Commissioner Quick: I don't know right now because it is what we have in our policy committees.

Commissioner Asfaw: the money comes from the police department or up by the fiscal year or beginning?

Commissioner Quick: it depends - it generally works if the BOS and Mayor hold a bunch of money through taxes and other mechanisms, some departments are given programs - and police training program that come through general fund, and take some money out of that police department on how it trains youth

Chair Cureton reminds that this will be done in committees.

Chair Cureton and Commissioner quick reads this into record.

Question from Commissioner Asfaw: do the recommendation have to be approved by full youth commission before put into resolution, but committees make the recommendations.

Quick: Yes, I would consider the document that I just read as a draft, this will be further discussed in committees.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### **a. Exec:**

#### **a. LAO**

- i. Sugary drinks legislation
- ii. Bos report back hearing in Oct 22nd about the progress on recommendations of DOJ
- iii. Dpt of juvenile probation - effectively bos requesting money to be appropriated funds back into bos
- iv. City attorney to draft legislation about jpd to not craft positions and programs for leftover jpd funds

#### **b. Comms**

- i. Social media increasing our presence, posters and community events,
- ii. Throwing around district forum of the whole commission for youth commissioners to help support and organize that
- iii. District 4 youth forum in need of support
- iv. District 5 trying to do youth forum

### **b. CEC:**

- a. Have not met, will reconvene next week



**c. HLU:**

- a. Discussed issue areas: tay nav center, land use, and transportation

**d. TJ:**

- a. Elections, focused on goals and actions for the year, we had a history of PIC, youth seat on police commission 2nd wednesday - once a month Rome will be our representative, sfcipp transitioning out so is going to be disbanded, project what! And will share and support in the next few weeks, first police commission meeting on oct 9th, youth townhall 9/30 cornerstone baptist church to police

**9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- a. Rocky, sarah g, khatab, rome, valentina - id and one more piece of paper
- b. Extra calendars - should be the most final update, candidates and holidays
- c. Lgbt student rep for queer and trans advisory council
- d. Business cards coming soon
- e. This is not regular meeting room - 416 for oct 7th meeting and moving forward.
- f. Commission dong and hylton please bring name plates to your meetings.
- g. October 1st is Itzel's first day and will staff exec and hlu and ocof rep,

**10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

- a. Committee reports what we discussed, sept 30th
- b. Commissioner Quick: community event, western addition sunday st. baker and fillmore, cole valley 9/29 fair,
- c. Commissioner Jones informs folks about the HRC transit equity meeting on Thursday.
- d. Commissioner Cureton: d4 movie nights every Friday
- e. Staff reminds commissioners to send events to Comms to post and add to community events calendar and social media.

**11. Adjournment**

Commissioner Cureton adjourns the meeting at 7:31 pm