



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, March 24, 2025
5:00pm**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Members: Imaan Ansari (Chair, D11), Harper Fortgang (Vice Chair, D8), Winnie Liao (D3), Jin Valencia-Tow (D7), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Ansari, Fortgang, Liao, Valencia-Tow, Krehlik, Oram.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee met in-person with remote access, on March 24, 2025, with Chair Ansari presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Ansari called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present

Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present

A quorum of the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee membership was present.

2. Communications

Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Oram, seconded by Vice Chair Fortgang, motioned to approve the March 24, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. March 10, 2025 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Krehlik, motioned to approve the March 10, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Presentation

- a. CalAcademy Careers in Science Intern Program - 5:10pm
 - i. Presenter: CiS Interns, CiS Staff, Commissioner Fortgang

The CiS Interns presented their program and what they do as Careers in Science Interns to commissioners. They highlighted they need support to expand their program to have underrepresented students, and how the YC can support them.

Chair Ansari asked the Interns what the process is to apply to the internship, to which the CiS Interns said they have an equitable process and application. They mentioned that the program only takes freshmen and sophomores because it's a 3-year program.

Vice Chair Fortgang asked the CiS Interns what their program has taught them, to which they said it has helped them improve their public speaking skills, as well as open their mind to new career paths and opportunities for them.

Commissioner Oram asked the CiS Interns how to improve access to their application and program, to which they said to include their program on our website, as well as other resources or scholarships.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow asked the CiS Interns if they've worked with other community organizations or youth groups on various initiatives, to which they said they have worked with TeenForce and other programs throughout the years.

Commissioner Krehlik asked the CiS Interns if they've thought about implementing AI or some type of virtual reality with their research, to which they said somewhat with their DNA sequencing, but since a lot of it is hard science, that they do most of it themselves.

Commissioner Liao asked the CiS Interns how they found out about the CiS Internship, to which they said they heard about it from another youth program, word of mouth, and by walking up to talk to someone about it. They mentioned having a centralized hub on our website of various youth opportunities or resources could be helpful.

Commissioner Oram asked the CiS Interns if they have data on how to expand transit, to which they said they can look into providing more information about how to do that.

Vice Chair Fortgang asked the CiS Interns what their highest priority solution would be, to which they said creating a centralized resource hub and uplifting the conversation about cheaper BART youth fares.

7. Committee Business (discussion & possible action)

a. Icebreaker

Chair Imaan asked everyone “what is your favorite place in or around City Hall”? Commissioners and staff responded.

b. BOS Budget & Policy Priorities Presentation Updates

Commissioners Valencia-Tow, Fortgang, Oram, and Specialist Ochoa all spoke about how the BPP presentation had gone last week.

c. HRT BPP Advocacy Next Steps

Chair Ansari said she wants to build off of the TAY Housing BPP and use it to have new assessments on how to better support transitional-aged youth. Specialist Ochoa mentioned that HSH is currently working on some proposals because they’ve heard the calls from the community. Commissioner Oram said pushing support behind SFMTA via a letter of support or resolution, in addition to a community bike lane effort. Vice Chair Fortgang said she will continue to push for her Climate BPP recommendations in several ways. Commissioner Liao said she is interested in taking some type of action around the lack of trash cans around the City. Commissioner Krehlik also said that she wants to work on street safety. Commissioner Valencia-Tow said he’s interested in writing a resolution about the family shelter housing, as well as working with Commissioner Yang on various other resolutions. He also might work on the sewage plant that’s on Ocean Beach, as recommended by Supervisor Melgar. Chair Ansari said she wants to focus on street speed limits across her district.

Specialist Ochoa added that Specialist Zhan should be working with everyone to schedule ongoing advocacy meetings with their appointing officers as the budget process progresses.

d. HRT-related Updates

i. April 28 Meeting Cancellation

Specialist Ochoa said that the April 28th HRT Committee Meeting is going to be canceled in order to host a fun interactive activity in collaboration with WalkSF.

Specialist Ochoa presented on the MUNI Funding Working Group's six proposals that they're forwarding to the SFMTA Board of Directors to make final decisions on the potential paths toward addressing the transit fiscal cliff. Commissioner Oram said that she supports Package A or B, considering the options. Chair Ansari said the Youth Commission should do public comment to encourage the SFMTA to retain fare subsidies and the Free MUNI for All Youth program.

8. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

No announcements.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee adjourned at 6:18pm.

Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to extend the 24 bus from its ending place at Jackson and Weber St. to the Presidio Transit Center.

WHEREAS, the 24 bus line currently serves a significant number of daily riders across San Francisco, with ~84,000¹ people riding it on average each week; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the riders on the 24 bus line are students, with 41%² percent of daily riders being school or work commuters; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of efficient and direct bus routes that cross the entire city, making it difficult for residents in neighborhoods like Bayview/Hunters Point to access key areas like the Presidio; and

WHEREAS, the Bayview/Hunters Point has a median household income of \$80k³, the 4th lowest in the city, which is significantly lower than the median income of neighborhoods like the Presidio, which stands at \$200k⁴; and

WHEREAS, the racial composition of the Bayview/Hunters Point is composed of African Americans, this neighborhood demographic being 26.9%⁵, while the Presidio is primarily white (57.2%⁶), highlighting disparities in both economic and racial demographics; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the 24 bus line would pass 7 more schools, Convent & Stuart Hall, The Hamlin School, Sherman Elementary School, Galileo Academy of Science & Technology, Marina Middle School, Claire Lilienthal School, and the Bay School of San Francisco, improving accessibility for students who currently face long and inefficient commutes; and

WHEREAS, it currently takes over an hour to travel from the Bayview/Hunters Point to the Presidio by public transit, not including transfers; and

WHEREAS, extending the 24 bus line to the Presidio Transit Center would reduce cross-city travel time and provide a more accessible and direct route to the city's only national park; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's geographical size makes it possible for a more interconnected public transit system, yet current bus routes fail to maximize the potential for cross-city travel in a timely manner; and

¹ SFMTA. n.d. "Average daily Muni boardings by route and month (pre-pandemic to present)." SFMTA. <https://www.sfmta.com/reports/average-daily-muni-boardings-route-and-month-pre-pandemic-present>.

² SFMTA. n.d. "Muni 2021 Report Crosstabs." SFMTA. https://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/reports-and-documents/2022/03/muni_2021_report_crosstabs_accessible.pdf.

³ Leonard, Christian. 2024. "What's the richest San Francisco neighborhood? It's complicated." San Francisco Chronicle. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/neighborhood-income-census-data-18596582.php>.

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⁵ Tsai, Jiyun. "One in Three Homes in This San Francisco Neighborhood Lives below the Poverty Line." *The San Francisco Standard*, 8 Dec. 2022, sfstandard.com/2022/12/08/san-francisco-neighborhood-new-census-data-maps/.

⁶ Tsai, Jiyun. "One in Three Homes in This San Francisco Neighborhood Lives below the Poverty Line." *The San Francisco Standard*, 8 Dec. 2022, sfstandard.com/2022/12/08/san-francisco-neighborhood-new-census-data-maps/.

WHEREAS, the Presidio, being a national park with significant recreational value, serves residents city-wide, and better connecting it to low-income neighborhoods like the Bayview/Hunters Point would promote equal access to green spaces; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the 24 bus line would not only serve the Bayview/Hunters Point and the Presidio but also improve access to neighborhoods like the Marina and Pacific Heights, contributing to better mobility across the city; and

WHEREAS, the Presidio receives 9.5 million⁷ visits each year, more than Yosemite and the Grand Canyon; extending the line to the Presidio Transit Center will bring more revenue for the city; and

WHEREAS, the extension would create a more seamless connection between communities with diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, bridging a gap in equity and access to public services; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's budget deficit is affecting the SFMTA's service, the ridership of many residents and tourists would boost the agency's revenue, resulting in an overall benefit; and

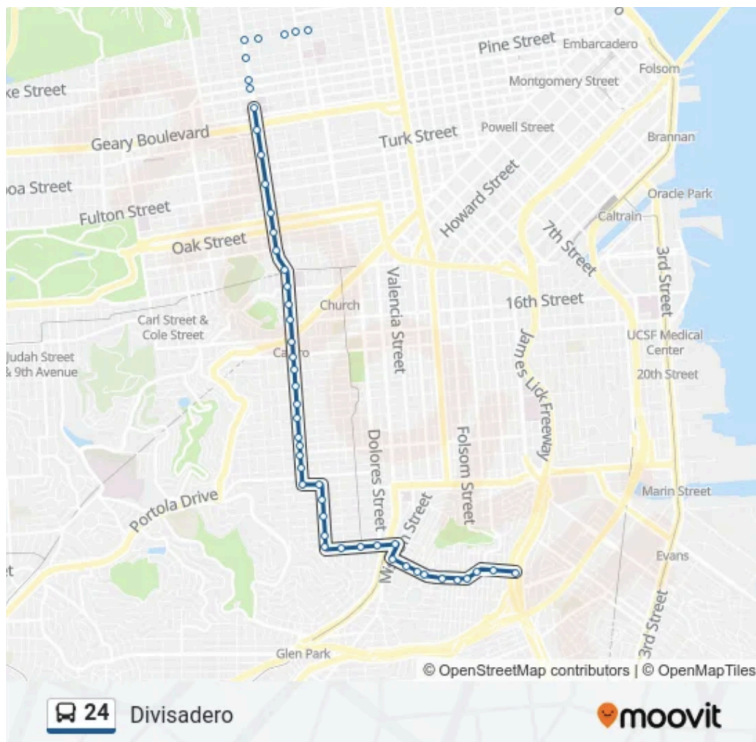
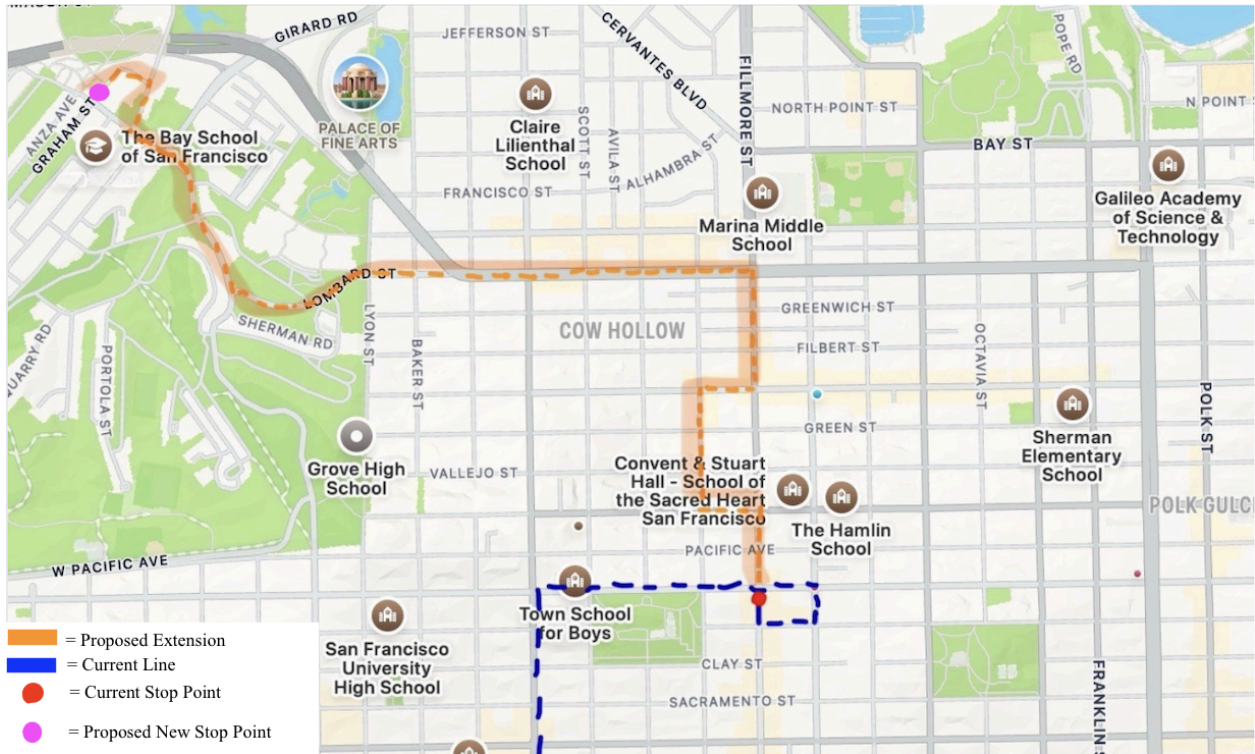
WHEREAS, extending the 24 aligns with the city's goals of creating more sustainable and inclusive urban mobility, supporting both residents' needs and San Francisco's long-term environmental goals; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Youth Commission believes that extending the 24-bus route to the Presidio Transit Center would address critical transportation inequities in San Francisco by connecting lower-income neighborhoods to the city's only national park, improving access to schools with high concentrations of students living farther south, and enhancing cross-city connectivity to make travel between neighborhoods more efficient in a geographically small yet major metropolitan area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission recognizes that extending the 24-bus route to the Presidio Transit Center would not only increase ridership from residents but also enhance accessibility for tourists visiting one of San Francisco's most popular destinations. By providing a direct and reliable transit option, this extension would generate additional fare revenue, which is especially critical given the city's current budget constraints. Increased ridership from both locals and visitors would contribute to the financial stability of the SFMTA, helping to sustain and improve transit services despite ongoing funding challenges; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to direct the SFMTA to prioritize extending the 24-bus route from its current stopping point at Jackson & Steiner Streets to Lombard Street, into the Presidio, ending at the Presidio Transit Center to create a more accessible and connected San Francisco.

⁷ <https://presidio.gov/about/presidio-fact-sheet>



Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge SFMTA to implement lower speed limits to Alemany Boulevard and parts of 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra to reduce the risk of pedestrian-vehicle collisions.

WHEREAS, speeding is the leading cause of car accidents in San Francisco, accounting for 28% of collisions; and

WHEREAS, under California Assembly Bill NO. 43, San Francisco has the power to lower speed limits on certain streets; and

WHEREAS, studies done by SFMTA have shown that compared to the 20% chance of survival someone has being struck by a vehicle traveling 40 mph, a person has a 90% chance of surviving being struck by a vehicle going 20 mph; and

WHEREAS, SFMTA has also found that reducing speed limits by just 5 MPH can make a large difference in someone's chance of survival in an accident; and

WHEREAS, Alemany Boulevard has proven to be one of the most dangerous streets, with a speed limit of 35 MPH and a history of fatal accidents; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, a 76 year old man was hit and killed on the Alemany and Rousseau intersection in the Excelsior District; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the street, as it is near a freeway, has no stoplight at the intersection, and has four travel lanes, combined with its 35 MPH speed limit makes it incredibly risky for pedestrians and even makes people more likely to speed; and

WHEREAS, Alemany Boulevard is also on the high injury network, the 12% of streets in San Francisco where 68% of traffic fatalities occur; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard is highly traveled and very busy, as it leads to getting on a highway; and

WHEREAS, drivers often get confused at this intersection, posing a threat to pedestrians who have to cross three different crosswalks to get to the other side of the intersection and for MUNI riders getting off the M train; therefore be it

RESOLVED, reducing speed limits on these streets will decrease the risk of pedestrian-vehicle collisions and will make San Francisco streets more safe overall; and be it

RESOLVED, the Youth Commission strongly urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge the SFMTA to decrease the existing speed limits of 40 MPH and 35 MPH on the intersection of 19th avenue and Junipero Serra and Alemany Boulevard, respectively, by at least 5 MPH.

Resolution in Support of AB 1157 to provide relief to families struggling with rental price increases by lowering yearly increases from 5% to 2% adjusted to inflation.

WHEREAS, Renters make up 44% of households in California, above the national average of 35%, and;

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, renters make up 65% of households, and;

WHEREAS, The average rent for a one bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$2,900 and in some areas upwards of \$3,500, with the cheapest rent being 88% higher than that of the national average, and;

WHEREAS, Home ownership is unattainable for the vast majority of residents, with the median home price most recently standing at \$1.39 million, and;

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco 2024 Youth Homelessness Point-In-Time Count, a total of 8,323 homeless individuals were counted in San Francisco, and;

WHEREAS, 63% of transitional-aged-youth struggling with homelessness are LGBTQ+, and;

WHEREAS, Many families with youth are at risk of going homeless and are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of living in San Francisco, and;

WHEREAS, Many working class families have been forced to choose between leaving the City due to high housing costs or struggling to make ends meet to be able to stay, and;

WHEREAS, Many working class families have been forcibly removed from their homes through eviction *add data*, and;

WHEREAS, Affordable housing and rent control was a top priority for the San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy and Priorities Report, and;

WHEREAS, Deserve affordable, and;

WHEREAS, Young people are an integral part to San Francisco, yet only 13% of residents are 18 or under, a direct result of the housing crisis, and;

WHEREAS, It is imperative for San Francisco to ensure families with children and youth aren't affected by displacement and rising costs of living, and;

WHEREAS, Young people deserve to live in the city that they were born in, have found community through, and made opportunities out of, and;

WHEREAS, The cost of living should not be a barrier for young people to take full advantage of San Francisco's *specify what kind of* opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, The 2019 Tenants Protection Act, or AB 1482, limited annual rent increases to 5% with inflation, and;

WHEREAS, The 2019 Tenants Protection Act required landlords to provide "just cause" to evict a tenant, and;

WHEREAS, Although the 2019 Tenants Protection Act has provided some relief in recent years for residents, rent has continued to rise due to inflation, with a max increase for Aug. 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025 set at 8.8%, and;

WHEREAS, Under the 2019 Tenants Protection Act, single family homes and duplexes are exempt from the rent cap, and;

WHEREAS, Updated legislation is needed to respond to an increase in rent and protect existing safeguards such as rental caps, and, now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports AB 1157 which would lower the existing gross rental rate increase of 5% adjusted to inflation to 2% adjusted to inflation, relieving the economic burden of families struggling to keep up with rising rental prices, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission believes that protecting families from evictions and rising rental prices is an important step to ensuring the city can remain accessible for all young people, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes the importance of strengthening existing statewide legislation to keep San Francisco affordable for all families, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes that the 2019 Tenant Protection Act is sunseting in a few years, and updating this piece of legislation is crucial to responding to current events, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support AB 1157 and demonstrate our shared commitment to fighting for tenants rights, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff shall transmit a copy of this resolution and letter to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Resolution in Support of SF Planning's 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is currently facing a housing crisis with the city only having achieved building 5% in moderate-income housing, 7% in low-income housing, and 7% in very low-income housing to reach the Housing Element mandated building of 46,000 affordable units, and;

WHEREAS, *add*

WHEREAS, Addressing our housing shortage through the building of affordable housing will help ensure that living in San Francisco can be accessible to all, and;

WHEREAS, Urgent action is needed to meet the state mandated 82,000 new units of housing with 46,000 of those units being affordable, and;

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy and Priorities report acknowledged that amending the planning code to lessen height limits is an important step to increase new units of housing in the city, and;

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy and Priorities report also acknowledged that an increase in housing production should be ensured that the housing being built is not just market rate but affordable, and;

WHEREAS, Many working class families with children and youth have struggled with rising costs of rent and face threats of displacement, and;

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department's 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan promotes housing production, notably in the lower density west side of the city, and;

WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan aligns with Youth Commission BPP thing about height limits, and;

WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan something about tenant protections, and;

WHEREAS, Right to return policy, and;

WHEREAS, Building takes a long time and it's unrealistic for people to be able to return, and;

WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan does not directly address the feasibility of tenants returning to their homes after construction of new units finishes, and;

WHEREAS, Something about tenants deserving protection from displacement and deserving a comprehensive plan for what happens if demolition happens, and, now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support a zoning plan if there are comprehensive

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes that it's important for comprehensive, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports the building of new housing, and also believes in the protection of current residents from displacement, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission believes that in the planning process of refining the zoning plan ***tenant protection

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

Resolution in support of expanding family shelter options.

WHEREAS, Fam

WHEREAS, 90 day eviction notices

WHEREAS, Importance

RESOLVED,

FURTHER RESOLVED,

<https://missionlocal.org/2025/02/supervisor-connie-chan-vows-to-save-homeless-families-from-city-eviction/>

<https://indivisiblesf.org/call-scripts/2025/4/8/mayor-lurie-bos-no-more-children-on-streets>