



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Draft ~ Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

### Public Comment Call-in:

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United States, San Francisco (Toll)

**Conference ID: 219 900 722#**

*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)**

Commissioner Cheung calls the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Quorum is met.

##### **Roll Call Attendance:**

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



No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to excuse the absences of Commissioner Cureton, Arana, Santos, Nassiri, Asfaw, and Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. The motion passes by roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

No public comment. Commissioner Dong motions to approve the August 17th, 2020 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Quick. By a roll call vote, the motion passes.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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



Sarah Ginsburg, absent

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

- A. July 20th, 2020  
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No public comment. Commissioner Alameri motions to approve of July 20th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. By a roll call vote, the motion passes.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

No public comment.

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

- A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200796 [Hearing - Supportive Housing Vacancies]  
Sponsors: Supervisor Haney  
Presenter: Courtney Mcdonald, Legislative Aide, District 6  
(Document B)

Courtney Mcdonald, Legislative Aide, District 6 presents BOS File No. 200796 [Hearing - Supportive Housing Vacancies]

Presentation:



City's efforts to fill the vacancies - 8,000 units for permanent supportive housing and the department of homelessness defines housing as not just affordable but provides social services for families, adults and TAY.

Permanent supportive housing is a crucial part of the city to resolve the housing crisis. Far too many vacancies in this housing stock we have, 5% vacancy at least in housing stock - huge concern because if housing is the top tool to end homelessness, we need to make sure this ends people's homelessness. This is to hear from the department plans to apply housing, reduce wait times or waitlists, and how do we make it easier to leverage the units we've already invested in?

#### Questions/Recommendations:

- Commissioner Quick: Can we break down vacancies by category to get a sense of how big a problem this is for TAY specifically & in adults? HLU of YC has sent letters to BFC to finish the TAY Housing plan of 2015, but I think it is concerning that they are proposing a huge increase, but are not filling in the back end of promises made years ago. What are the processes to get people into PSH and where are the delays coming from? Like family supportive housing & TAY supportive housing.
  - Answer: I am not aware of the breakdown by the different types, so we will be sure to ask. We have coordinated entries for different needs.
- Commissioner Cheung: Do you know why there is a delay? How are they going to span and fill vacancies at the same time? Why are we building more housing when we can't even fill them?
  - Answer: I wish we could say we know more, but don't know too much. We have worked with housing providers previously and i think some of what has happened, we don't have a central system that can tell us what vacancies are empty and their qualifications. There is a big data and systems gap that prevents us from matching people appropriately. Anecdotally, we've heard that this system just does not work. There is another piece when units turnover, they require inspection and sometimes there is a gap in maintenance as well. These are basic reasons, but we are hoping with this hearing to dive into the nuances to answer your questions.
- Commissioner Dong: Question re: language access & how community members are able to apply for housing. How do the dpts provide language assistance to ensure that all persons have access to PSH? What is the language access plan for the department and how have they made their mark on communities? Who is being served? Who is being underserved? (questions for the hearing)
  - Answer: generally, we have a coordinated entry system that anyone who is experiencing or at risk of being homeless, will go through a rating process where the city will assess their needs & give them a score. Based on this score, the city will offer options. This is my experience with the adult system, so I can't speak to the specifics for TAY.



- Commissioner Hirji: SF Housing Authority is an attendee to this hearing, as the city got absorbed, what is the scope in the housing authority and functions and services separate from MOHCD? What stock does the Housing Authority oversee? How is their application process different from the rest of housing stock? What fxn are different from MOHCD?
  - Answer: explain their role, even absorbed with city - functions like city dpt, control section 8 or housing vouchers, separate process even though housing authority does not exist in the same way it did before
- Commissioner Ty: When do you anticipate for this hearing to be scheduled?
  - Answer: still working on details, the board is a back up, we are aiming for Sept through the GAO
- Staff Truong: how are families able to access these social services in COVID-19 time with limited access to resources?

Discussion:

Commissioner Quick:

- if the dpt has plans for resolving vacancy issues and how that relates to the projected large scale expansion of PSH over the last 2 years, hoping to build 1000 units, having problem in the process to fill current units,
  - need more units but need to make sure units are being filled
- breakdown of delay
- Question to include: How would changes to social services change during COVID19 - do any depts have a plan while they are building units so that families and community members can have access to social services?

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions, seconded by Commissioner Hirji , to support legislation with the above questions/comments/recommendations to be included in their response.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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



B. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200784 [Administrative Code - Restrictions on Police Use of Specific Types of Force During Lawful Assemblies and in Certain Other Circumstances]

Sponsors: Supervisors Haney, Walton

Presenter: Abigail Rivamonte-Mesa, Chief of Staff, District 6  
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Abigail Rivamonte-Mesa, Chief of Staff, District 6, presents BOS File No. 200784 [Administrative Code - Restrictions on Police Use of Specific Types of Force During Lawful Assemblies and in Certain Other Circumstances]

Presentation: On Tuesday, June 9, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, and Matt Haney announced the proposal of "The Right to Protest Safely Act." The legislation will ban the use of certain crowd control methods used by San Francisco law enforcement against protesters.

Prohibited methods would include the use of rubber bullets, flexible baton rounds, flash bangs, stun grenades, and chemical agents such as tear gas, pepper spray, and mace. The use of military vehicles and equipment would also be prohibited. Military weapons, chemical sprays, rubber bullets, pepper balls, & flexible baton rounds should have no place in our city's response to peaceful demonstrators. We've seen across the country that these weapons can cause severe and permanent physical harm to individuals, even death.

Loss of police violence and solidarity with Black community, blatant acts of injustice and many of the young people taking the streets mobilized and took action and made their voices heard. Legislation was drafted in response to youth-led protest and was attended by thousands of San Franciscans, including many families and children. It was shocking and unacceptable to see these peaceful protestors come face-to-face with officers armed with flexible baton rounds and chemical agent sprays.

Questions/Recommendations:

- Commissioner Quick: very important measure, what is the scope that is prohibited here, "nonlethal crowd control methods"
  - Answer: lethal weapons can not be used during peaceful assemblies unless it reaches heightened danger for the police officers. A lot of these tactics are lethal and cause serious injury or death
- Commissioner Quick: there is a reference to a california penal code, what are the parameters that define riot in this situation
  - Answer: we haven't had our meet and confirm process w POA or Chief of Police, we are trying to see if we can remove that riot language bc it is subjective, especially when there are tense situations. We hope to push back on that riot language, but the city attorney says it is the law.
- Commissioner Hirji: ordinance police department only, but impact with sheriff department?



- Answer: sheriff get involved in peaceful protests because volume of crowd was not something SFPD could do, but city attorney has informs us that we do not have an ability to do so on this matter due to State prohibition, the moment that SFPD deploys and asks assistance to other agencies, must and mandated to abide by rules of ordinance, working side by side with sfpd, so it does carry over

Discussion:

- Commissioner Quick: this is a step in the right direction, language to apply to Sheriff, and building up on what's the language for riot and allows it to expand it's broadness,

No public comment. Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motions to respond with positive recommendation with 2 recommendations 1) remove the language that mean it does not apply in situations of "riot" and 2) seek release from State that allows us to make sure all law enforcement agencies, especially the Sheriff's department, have to abide by this ordinance.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

a. Executive Committee

a. LAO

- i. Sales tax to support caltrain was put on the ballot as a non conditional tax
- ii. Last week Sup. Mar introduced a hearing on a performance audit on HSH  
- systematic problems
- iii. Update on TJ - mayor, bos, community orgs
  - 1. defunding sfpd - ongoing as is board's budget process, initial reviewal of mayor's proposal and sfpd budget hearing



2. public comment day on budget next monday

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

- Sharing of virtual swearing in ceremony sept 9th, 2020 4:30pm - 5:30pm, alumni panel 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- onboarding paperwork dates August 24th & 25th, 5-7:30pm
- sending doodle poll for dates for orientation workshops
- BPP and community outreach summary plan

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

Commissioner Quick: Asfaw, Hylton and I released a D5 Youth Budget Needs report, check it out on our website

Commissioner Cheung: westside survey, will send out report after reviewing d5

**9. Adjournment**

Commissioner Cheung adjourns the meeting at 5:59 PM.