



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, June 7th, 2021

5:00pm-8:00pm

### Public Comment Call-in:

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*There will be public comment on each item.*

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

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

Chair Hylton calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Quorum is met.

Commissioner Sarah Cheung and Adrianna Zhang are absent.

Commissioners Ariana Arana and Erika Morris are running late.

Commissioners Ginsburg and Versace will need to leave early.

Commissioner Cheung gave advance notice before the Wednesday deadline due to AP testing. Commissioner Zhang has a health emergency.

Commissioner Arana and Morris are not present for roll call and are actively trying to log on.

#### **Roll call:**

Jayden Tanaka, present  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present  
Lillian Tang, present  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present  
Calvin Quick, present  
Gabrielle Listana, present  
Adrianna Zhang, **absent**  
Gracie Veiga, present  
Ariana Arana, not present  
Rome Jones, present  
Erika Morris, not present  
Arsema Asfaw, present  
Sarah Cheung, **absent**



Sarah Ginsburg, present  
Nora Hylton, present  
Amara Santos, present  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

No public comment. Motions: Commissioner Hylton motions to excuse the absences of Cheung, Zhang, Versace and Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by roll call vote.

**Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**  
Lillian Tang, **Aye**  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**  
Calvin Quick, **Aye**  
Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**  
Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**  
Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Not Present**  
Rome Jones, **Aye**  
Erika Morris, **Not Present**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **Absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**  
Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, **Aye**

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

There is no public comment.

Commissioner Veiga motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. Motion passes by roll call vote.

**Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**  
Lillian Tang, **Aye**  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**  
Calvin Quick, **Aye**  
Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**  
Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**  
Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Not Present**  
Rome Jones, **Aye**  
Erika Morris, **Not Present**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**



Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, **Aye**

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

A. May 17th, 2021  
[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment.

*Commissioner Arana arrives at 5:10 PM, she is marked tardy.*

Commissioner Jones motions to approve of the May 17th, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. Motion passes by roll call vote.

#### **Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**  
Lillian Tang, **Aye**  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**  
Calvin Quick, **Aye**  
Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**  
Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**  
Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Not Present**  
Rome Jones, **Aye**  
Erika Morris, **Not Present**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**  
Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, **Aye**

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

- Carolyn Goosen, Public Defender's Office:
  - YC being in front of the budget and desire a shift of money from law enforcement to non law enforcement and support values of Black Lives Matter
  - many who are in legal system can't afford legal representation
  - have asked for an addback made up of two requests
    - 1) expanding pre trial release unit (you can't get a PD until you are arraigned). have been doing a pilot but want to expand it so that you can see a PD right away and not have to wait for it to be appointed for you when you are at court. Addback request of adding an attorney plus 2 social workers and a date person. This is a preventative measure
    - 2) PD gets a small fraction of city funding compared to DA that gets double and SFPD that gets 5x so they are requesting parity so folks of



color and low income get equal access and equity re: legal support and services

## 5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] File No. 210563 - [Environment Code - Climate Action Plan]  
Sponsor: Mayor London Breed  
Presenter: Charles Sheehan, Department of the Environment Staff  
(Document B)

Staff from the Department of Environment were not able to speak today and we've been notified that they won't be hearing this legislation in committee until later.

Chair Hylton tables this item for the June 21st, 2021 FYC meeting.

*Commissioner Erika Morris logs on at 5:15pm and is marked tardy.*

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Youth-Led Public Comment Rally  
Presenter: Cynthia Bourjac, Community Rights Lead Organizer, Causa Justa|Just Cause (CJJC)

Presentation:

Been in conversation through Budget Justice Coalition, community rights organizer of cjjc - building black and brown unity in bay area - focused on defunding sfpd campaign and part of the budget justice coalition. Every year, we do a budget that ties into funding community needs and part of defunding the sfpd budget to serve community needs and advocating for public safety that doesn't involve policing. The mayor released the budget and sfpd budget has increased and hope to build momentum of youth led, multi-racial led of defund sfpd movement. A lot of ideas are circulating and hoping to create a rally June 24th, before public comment to have it in front of city hall to attract a catapult before the summer.

speakers, art build, with music, build community and show solidarity.

Another event on June 25th - lineup of speakers, and create a social media storm to get BOS and Mayor and people of San Francisco for a defund sfpd movement going forward, calling for community services, housing, education to prevent people from being continually criminalized. SF has a reputation of progressive city, and the impact of last year with growing conversations on the defund movement and disheartening that the police budget has been increased which means a big need to strategize and build up the movement.

We hope to have an in person rally and have participation by youth to help us organize this and get y'all on board and make this as part of your movement as well.

Questions:

Commissioner Hylton: The sfpd budget is something we are angered by and love to build with the community, can you repeat which day the rally is?



Cynthia: 6/24 4 - 6pm, buffer hours before and after for set up and clean up  
public comment day 6/25 virtual - 9 - 10am,  
and a social media week storm we hope you can participate in

- In person rally - **Thursday June 24th 4-6pm**
- Zoom speaker event - **Friday June 25th 9am**
- Social Media storm **Friday June 25th 10am and on**
- Cynthia's contact information: [cynthia@cjjc.org](mailto:cynthia@cjjc.org)

Commissioner Santos: this is something the tj committee feels, distraught isn't even the word for it, even with the endless killings from george floyd and other members of the black and brown community, thank you for bringing this up and led by black and brown youth. What are other ways we can get engaged, that capacity doesn't allow for in person rally - ways to support your work of org at large and relationship going throughout movement and campaigns with organization.

cynthia: this campaign preparing to buckle down, years long of fight - heightened issues of violence of policing, not new issue of black people being affected, just in alignment of the pandemic and isn't a trend for us, or leave in the back burner as limelight leaves as part of an abolitionist movement - it'll take all hands on board, community orgs, youth, and elders through and through we have to show up into these spaces - if not in this budget cycle, all hands on deck - sf in the moment unclear vision of what defund means, which shows creating spaces to have communication and build out how we keep each other safe. because during this time, people are asking about what's the alternative if not police. If not in person rally, help with logistics, planning a rally depends on how many people are able to help, finding a local artist, securing materials for the day off, spreading awareness for this event, plugging in musicians, activism for loud and bold input. i'm going to put my email in the chat to get in touch - still in assessment for power mapping of who is in this movement and continue in summer with defund strategies.

Commissioner Quick: appreciate and echo amara's comment. The youth commission has worked with defundsfpdnow movement throughout this year with a POA contract and wondering if you are in contact and working with them because of budget stuff.

Cynthia: so with cjjc and sfrising coleman advocates - having a public event or action the day before public comment so that's how this emerged but organizing piece is including so many groups, with dphmustdivest and nnsfjc,

commissioner quick: great to hear since those are partners with tj

Commissioner Santos: Cynthia, which orgs have you met with as part of reallocating funds and what organizations that work with social needs for housing and social services?

Cynthia: within bjc that has a plethora of organizations from housing advocacy groups, mental health clinicians, we have

Austin: Larkin YAB. Hoping to have BJC HESPA folks present with their youth, no one was able to come today. We also have SOMCAN who do eviction rights work.

Cynthia: This is still a work in progress and opportunity for folks to do initial outreach. A lot of folks who are service providers for mental health, housing,

Commissioner Hylton: you mentioned a social media campaign of some kind - do you have flyers that are things that we can post on our social media.



Cynthia: We are still finalizing the social media tool kit and we will have more to share at the end of the week.

Internal Discussion:

Commissioner Santos - looking forward to supporting this formally and building relationship with the organization and imperative to stand against white supremacy.

Commissioner Hylton - roll call of who can attend any of the events and/or planned? invitation to organize, attend, and outreach:

- In person rally - **Thursday June 24th 4-6pm**
- Public Comment Day:
  - Zoom speaker event - **Friday June 25th 9am**
  - **Public Comment on day of -**
- Social Media storm, **Friday June 18th - June 25th 10am and on**

There is no public comment.

Commissioners who are interested in supporting and fire to keep them safe, educated, healthy, and housed:

Jayden Tanaka, out of town the 20th, but can support with social media storm

Valentina Alioto-Pier, out of town the 20th, social media storm and outreach process

Lillian Tang, not sure of in person, but zoom speaker and social media

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, not free in person, zoom speaker event and social media storm

Calvin Quick, maybe for in person rally 'cause busy those days, available for public comment day and support in logistics!!!

Gabrielle Listana, out of town, social media

~~Adrianna Zhang,~~

Gracie Veiga, unable to say closer to the time for in person, yes for the zoom,

Ariana Arana, social media storm and tentative for June 24th rally

Rome Jones, help with social media, can't support with other two

Erika Morris, maybe at rally,

Arsema Asfaw, no to all, at full capacity

~~Sarah Cheung,~~

Sarah Ginsburg, social media, for both events after work likely to attend

Nora Hylton, social media and not in person 2 virtual

Amara Santos, at capacity for all three

~~Stephen "Rocky" Versace,~~

Commissioner Hylton motions to support a youth-led rally and plug on social media to get people out, seconded by Commissioner Santos. Motion passes by roll call vote.

**Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**

Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**

Lillian Tang, **Aye**

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**

Calvin Quick, **Aye**

Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**

Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**



Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Aye**  
Rome Jones,  
Erika Morris, **Aye**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **Absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**  
Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, **Absent**

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Resolution No. 2021-AL-15 [Supplemental Omnibus Youth Commission Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]  
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick  
Presenter: Commissioner Quick  
(Document C)

Commissioner Quick provides context: earlier this year we passed the Omnibus Budget resolution that approved the YC’s budget priorities and recommendations for the city and departments of the upcoming fiscal years. Over the following months we met and presented to staff from city departments, commissions, and the Budget and Appropriations Committee of the BOS.

As of June 1, the proposed budget from the Mayor has been issued and is the first comprehensive budget proposal for the next couple of years. As a way to respond to some of the things in the proposed budget and to formalize the YC’s positions since passing the original Omnibus Resolution, Calvin is bringing forward an updated resolution that adds supplements to the original resolution. It is not a replacement but a list of some additional recommendations to include. Some come from Committees, some are cleaned up from FYC with stances taken and to reiterate formally.

Commissioner Quick reads the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Quick and Hylton will be giving another presentation to the BAC this Wednesday. Requesting a suspension of the bylaws to allow for passage on first reading in order to get these voted upon for the BAC presentation.

Questions: none

There is no public comment.

Discussion:

Commissioner Quick motions to suspend the bylaws as specified in Article 9, seconded by Commissioner Santos. Motion passes by roll call vote.

### **Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**



Lillian Tang, **Aye**  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**  
Calvin Quick, **Aye**  
Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**  
Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**  
Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Aye**  
Rome Jones, **Aye**  
Erika Morris, **Aye**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **Absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**  
Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, **Aye**

Commissioner Quick motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hylton.  
Motion passes by roll call vote.

**Roll call vote: Aye / Nay / Abstain**

Jayden Tanaka, **Aye**  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, **Aye**  
Lillian Tang, **Aye**  
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, **Aye**  
Calvin Quick, **Aye**  
Gabrielle Listana, **Aye**  
Adrianna Zhang, **Absent**  
Gracie Veiga, **Aye**  
Ariana Arana, **Aye**  
Rome Jones, **Aye**  
Erika Morris, **Aye**  
Arsema Asfaw, **Aye**  
Sarah Cheung, **Absent**  
Sarah Ginsburg, **Aye**  
Nora Hylton, **Aye**  
Amara Santos, **Aye**  
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, **Aye**

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

**A. Executive Committee**

**a. LAO**

- i. climate action plan (postponed till 6.21 to hear in yc)
- ii. shelter in place rehousing plan (hear in next fyc 6.21)
- iii. mayor’s budget
- iv. kickstarting redistricting process by 2022, boundaries movement on which communities represented by which neighborhood

**b. Comms**

- i. yc podcast planning for artists, apps still out, first episode 6/18 for budget and why it matters to us

**c. General Committee Updates**



- i. use discussion of each item effectively and try to model that better as exec

B. Civic Engagement

- a. focusing on survey and celebrating end of term

C. Housing and Land Use

- a. discussion on tay navigation center and drafted a letter to mayor and went through work group updates

D. Transformative Justice

- a. we did a frisco cop watch training

E. OCOF

- a. ocof team giving regular updates quarterly

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

- yc apps on a rolling basis d5, 8, 10, and 11
- Reminder for folks who are helping with interviews - look out for email with details and doodle to match to interviews
  - thank you to the folks who attended the training re:implicit bias last week
- Reminder BAC presentation wednesday - give public comment if able to
- Former Supervisor Yee and the AAPI & Black solidarity event interest
  - Wednesday Dinner 6/16 6 pm Far East Cafe (2 invites): yes\_ Arsema, Amara, Back ups: Rome \_ maybe: Adrianna, Sarah C., Lillian
  - Thursday 6/17 3 pm - 4:30 pm Youth Chat (**7 invites**): Adrianna, Sarah C, Lillian, Rome (3:30pm)
- General reminder: year is wrapping up, can expect cmtes to wrap up, FYC still expected to meet
- Staff Truong is transitioning out. We will miss them and wish them nothing but success in their future endeavors!

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

No announcements.

11. **Adjournment**

Chair adjourns the meeting at 6:25 PM.