

1 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]

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3 **Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the**  
4 **Mayor’s Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2020-2021**  
5 **and FY 2021-2022, and urging Department of Elections, the Department of Children,**  
6 **Youth and their Families, the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation**  
7 **Department, the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of Police**  
8 **Accountability, the Public Defender’s Office, the Department of Homelessness and**  
9 **Supportive Housing, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San**  
10 **Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the Board of Supervisors to request**  
11 **funding for such programs in the submission of their department budgets.**

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13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco operates on a two-year budget  
14 cycle, with the elaboration of department budgets beginning every year in December with the  
15 issuance of budget directions to departments by the Mayor’s Office and the Controller’s  
16 Office, and the final budget being signed in August; and

17 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to present a report on its  
18 Budget and Policy Priorities (“BPPs”) for youth to the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) every year  
19 for consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May;  
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21 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission’s BPPs consist of recommendations for  
22 consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide  
23 range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the  
24 BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and

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1           WHEREAS, However, Youth Commissioners cannot advocate in their official capacity  
2 for youth-related programs and funding until they have formally endorsed them; and

3           WHEREAS, Currently, the budget has already gone through many iterations by the  
4 time the Youth Commission presents its BPPs to the BOS, leaving little room for significant  
5 changes based on recommendations made in the BPPs; and

6           WHEREAS, The needs of youth and their communities are therefore easily left out of  
7 the elaboration of department budgets and further review before they come before the BOS;  
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9           WHEREAS, In order to represent the interests of youth throughout the entire budget  
10 process, this Resolution enumerates the youth-related programs that the Youth Commission  
11 wishes to see funded in FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022; and

12           WHEREAS, This Resolution enables the Youth Commission to advocate early on in the  
13 budget process for certain specific programs that fulfill the needs and requests of the Youth  
14 Commission's constituency; and

15           WHEREAS, Furthermore, this Resolution allows for youth advocacy organizations to  
16 influence the budget process through the Youth Commission in a meaningful way from the  
17 very beginning of the budget process; and

18           WHEREAS, This Resolution has been considered by the three policy committees of the  
19 Youth Commission which, in conjunction with the Youth Commission's Executive Committee,  
20 have heard from community members and organizations, as well as City departments, and  
21 have ensuingly formulated recommendations for various youth-related programs that they  
22 wish to see funded in the upcoming budget season; and

23           WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Civic Engagement Committee of the Youth  
24 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for  
25 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and

1           WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Transformative Justice Committee of the Youth  
2 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for  
3 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and

4           WHEREAS, On November 7, 2019, the Housing and Land Use Committee of the Youth  
5 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for  
6 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement Committee,  
8 the Youth Commission urges the Department of Elections to propose funding in its budget for  
9 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to cover the costs of outreach and internal system  
10 reorganization should an initiative to expand the municipal voting age to 16 pass at the  
11 November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Adult Probation Department (“APD”) to  
14 increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for re-entry programs and  
15 services such as the Interrupt, Predict, and Organize for young adults, focusing on  
16 employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation  
17 services, and education support; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges APD to propose funding in its budget for FY  
20 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for maintaining and expanding the Young Adult Court; and, be  
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22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
23 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth and their  
24 Families (“DCYF”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for  
25 social services, health and mental health care, substance use support, or other wrap-around

1 services, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families who have had  
2 contact with the justice system; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
4 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to increase funding in its budget for  
5 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for justice programs that support leadership skill-building  
6 and workforce development, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families  
7 who have had contact with the justice system; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
9 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Police Accountability to  
10 increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs to increase  
11 community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Homelessness and  
14 Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-  
15 2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive  
16 housing for girl shelters to avoid out of county placements after contact with the juvenile  
17 justice system; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Juvenile Probation Department to  
20 collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in its  
21 budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive  
22 programming, employment resources, education support, mental health and counseling, after  
23 detention rehabilitation and healing support and services, and community-based programs for  
24 youth and families; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
2 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department  
3 (“SFPD”) to propose funds in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mandatory  
4 in-depth youth and Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”) rights training that incorporates youth brain  
5 development through an equity and trauma-informed lens; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
7 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFPD to propose funds in its budget for FY  
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the Know Your Rights trainings have community advisory  
9 workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback in the interest of fostering  
10 more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties  
11 will be aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Tranformative  
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Public Defender’s Office to increase  
14 funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for immigration relief programs, bail  
15 reform initiatives, services for children of incarcerated parents, and case management for  
16 reentry programs; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
18 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
19 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of  
20 permanent supportive housing for TAY; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
22 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
23 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs and services that target TAY experiencing  
24 homelessness proportionally to the size of the population of TAY within the larger population  
25 of individuals experiencing homelessness; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
3 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mental health and substance use treatment and counseling  
4 programs, particularly targeting TAY experiencing homelessness or living in supportive  
5 housing; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
7 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid  
9 survival resources, and for increased support services for food, laundry, and transportation for  
10 that population; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
12 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and  
13 community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY  
14 2021-2022 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training for TAY, and financial  
15 support for education resources for TAY; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
17 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
18 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for more accessible drop-in centers for TAY experiencing  
19 homelessness to enter a supportive system; and, be it

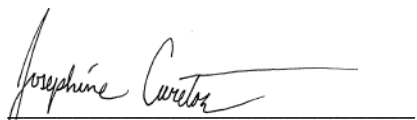
20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
21 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation  
22 Agency (“SFMTA”) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to propose funding  
23 in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to establish a strategy to build an effective,  
24 equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco youth and students; and,  
25 be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to propose funding in their budgets for  
3 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to work collaboratively with the San Francisco Unified  
4 School District and City College of San Francisco, to make sure all students and youth are  
5 enrolled in the Free Muni for Youth program; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
7 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to increase funding in its budget for FY  
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of  
9 developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to  
11 include funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to increase the Youth  
12 Commission budget, specifically raising the salary of all Youth Commission staff over 100%  
13 AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory,  
14 and allocating the Youth Commission an outreach and community events budget of \$3,000 to  
15 cover the costs of organizing and hosting community outreach events key to maintaining close  
16 links with the various communities the Youth Commission is charged with serving; and, be it

17 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the  
18 passage of a budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 that reflects the needs of the youth  
19 population in San Francisco.

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22 Josephine Cureton, Chair  
23 Adopted on January 19, 2020  
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