

1 [Statement on the Shooting at Phillip and Sala Burton Academic School]

2 WHEREAS, On December 2nd, a shooting occurred at Philip Burton High School
3 that left one student injured after being shot in the leg¹; and

4 WHEREAS, This incident reflects a worrying trend in violence amongst youth,
5 particularly gun violence, in San Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, In the past two years, there have been incidents of either the
7 presence of guns on campus or gun violence occurring amongst youth at James
8 Denman Middle School, George Washington High School, Galileo Academy of Science
9 & Technology, Ocean Beach, and most recently, Philip Burton High School²; and

10 WHEREAS, Of 100 student conflicts that occurred on and off San Francisco
11 school campuses between March 2022 and April 2023, 31 of them involved guns; and

12 WHEREAS, These incidents of violence have created a culture of fear amongst
13 youth in San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, Young people in San Francisco must have the right to feel safe and
15 protected from violence both on and off school campuses; therefore be it

16 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission condemns the recent acts
17 of violence at Philip Sala Burton High School and stands in support of the victims of the
18 shooting; and

19 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission reaffirms its unwavering
20 support for increased mental health services for youth, increased school safety
21 measures that prioritize student well-being and ensure schools remain welcoming

¹ George Kelly, "Teen Injured, One Detained After Shooting on Burton High School Campus," The San Francisco Standard, December 3, 2025, <https://sfstandard.com/2025/12/02/report-teen-injured-one-detained-shooting-burton-high-school-campus/>.

² VOSF Staff, "Student Safety at San Francisco Unified School District: Concerns Rise, Solutions Stall," The Voice of San Francisco, December 8, 2025, <https://thevoicesf.org/student-safety-at-san-francisco-unified-school-district-concerns-rise-solutions-stall/>.

1 places for learning, support for gun buy-back programs and distribution of safe gun
2 storage information, and reduced weapon access for youth; and

3 FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission calls on the
4 Mayor and Board of Supervisors to stand with students by advocating for measures that
5 reduce youth weapon access and violence during this budget cycle.

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Supplemental Information:

See attached document [Statement]



Statement of Recent Shooting at Phillip Burton High School

The Youth Commission is extremely saddened and disturbed by the recent shooting at Phillip Burton High School.

On December 2nd, 2025, at around 12:10 pm, a shooting occurred at Philip Burton High School that left one student injured¹. The victim, shot in the leg, was taken to the hospital and was declared to be in stable condition. The perpetrator, a juvenile male, fled the scene shortly after.

This is not the first school shooting to happen in San Francisco. Over the past few years, we have seen school shootings and shooting threats happen at multiple schools across the city, including but not limited to Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, George Washington High School. Of 100 student conflicts that occurred on and off San Francisco school campuses between March 2022 and April 2023, 31 of them involved guns².

Since the Youth Commission's founding, we have stood clearly and strongly for reduced weapons access to youth. We have advanced this mission through targeted advocacy efforts—including formal resolutions, community dialogues, and strategic budget recommendations—focusing on gun buyback programs, comprehensive mental health

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² San Francisco Youth Commission, "Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities FY 2025 - 2026 | 2026 - 2027," *San Francisco Youth Commission*, March 2025, <https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/24-25%20Budget%20and%20Policy%20Priorities%20-%20B%26A%20Presentation.pdf>.



services for youth both within and outside school, and enhanced school safety initiatives³.

Gun violence has no place on the streets, in our schools, or in our homes. We hope that more can be done to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands, and we urge for more gun control laws to prevent incidents like this from happening in the future. The Youth Commission stands ready to work with student and adult leaders to make this happen.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from across the City and County of San Francisco responsible for advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors and policies impacting youth in San Francisco (San Francisco City Charter SEC. 4.124). The Youth Commission is a public body which encourages public input. Please contact the Youth Commission by emailing youthcom@sfgov.org, calling (415) 554-6446, and/or writing to us at Room 345, San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, California 94102.

³ San Francisco Youth Commission, "Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities FY 2025 - 2026 | 2026 - 2027."