

[Statement on the passing of Claude the Alligator]

WHEREAS, On December 2nd, 2025 Claude the Albino Alligator passed away at the California Academy of Sciences at the age of 30; and

WHEREAS, Claude was a core part of the Academy and welcomed visitors for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Claude helped educate youth on the environment, endangered species, and the greater natural environment and their importance in our world; and

WHEREAS, The California Academy of Sciences is a renowned educational and scientific institution, working to “regenerate the natural world through science, learning, and collaboration”¹; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission mourns Claude the Albino Alligator and supports the California Academy of Sciences’ mission to protect endangered animals and uplift the environment.

¹ “Claude the Albino Alligator Passes Away of Cancer at Age 30 |,” California Academy of Sciences, n.d., <https://www.calacademy.org/press/releases/claude-the-albino-alligator-passes-away-of-cancer-at-age-30>.

1 **[Statement on the passing of Claude the Alligator]**

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Statement]



Statement on Claude the Alligator's Passing

The Youth Commission is extremely saddened by the passing of Claude the Albino Alligator.

On December 2nd, 2025, Claude the Albino Alligator passed away at the California Academy of Sciences at the age of 30. Claude was an integral part of the Academy and greeted visitors for over fifteen years, and helped connect youth across San Francisco with nature, eventually becoming a symbolic mascot for the city¹.

The California Academy of Sciences, located in the heart of Golden Gate Park², has played an integral role in educating San Francisco's youth about the sciences and the natural world. Behind the scenes, the California Academy of Sciences has worked to regenerate ecosystems in California and beyond, supporting a healthier and thriving world.

The San Francisco Youth Commission has partnered with the California Academy of Sciences, presenting to their Careers in Science interns and leading legislative advocacy workshops, along with writing a resolution in support of the Youth Action for the Planet program³.

¹ Julie Zigoris, "Claude's Death Leaves an Alligator-sized Hole in S.F. Hearts," *Mission Local*, December 4, 2025, <https://missionlocal.org/2025/12/claude-albino-alligator-obituary-cal-academy/>.

² "About Us | California Academy of Sciences," California Academy of Sciences, n.d., <https://www.calacademy.org/about-us>.

³ Yujie Zhou, "S.F. Youth Commission Backs Cal Academy Teens After Museum Nixed Youth Group," *Mission Local*, December 23, 2024, <https://missionlocal.org/2024/12/sf-youth-commission-passes-motion-in-wake-of-cal-academy-dissolving-youth-program/>.

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The San Francisco Youth Commission mourns the passing of Claude the Albino Alligator and stands in support of the California Academy of Sciences' mission to protect endangered animals and uplift the environment.

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.