



San Francisco Youth Commission Agenda

Monday, October 16, 2017

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarennnes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. October 2, 2017
([Document A](#))

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Presentation on Youth Leadership Institute's Health Impact Project - Policy Advocacy Program
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document B)
- B. Presentation on BLING Grants
Presenter: Natan Sebhatleab, Program Coordinator, Youth Leadership Institute

6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Leave of Absence Request for October 3-December 4, 2017 for Commissioner Paola Robles Desgarennnes
- B. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarennnes to temporarily step down from Executive Officer role and reopen an Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Outreach and Communications Officer
Sponsor: Executive Committee



- C. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarenes to temporarily step down from role as YC rep and reopen Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Representative to Our Children, Our Families Council
Sponsor: Executive Committee
- D. [First Reading] Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square
Sponsor: Jarrett Mao
(Document C)
- E. Motion in favor of writing a thank you to Jerry Brown for his support of Youth Justice Reform
Sponsor: Justice and Employment Committee
- F. Protocol on Connecting with City Staff and Elected Officials
Presenters: Youth Commission Staff

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee
- C. Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement Committee and Immigration
- E. Our Children Our Family Council

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

10. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

DRAFT ~ Minutes

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam.

Commissioners absent: Mary Claire Amable, Paola Robles Desgarennnes, Zak Franet, Kristen Tam. There was quorum. Commissioners Amable and Desgarennnes requested to miss in advance of this meeting. Commissioner Tam is running late.

Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the absences of Commissioners Amable and Desgarennnes. Motion approved by acclamation.

Staff in attendance: Leah LaCroix and Kiely Hosmon

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. September 18, 2017
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)



Shara and Nars from the Vote16 Documentary are getting footage of the YC. Don't worry about what you're saying just trying to get visual content. This documentary is highlighting the campaign that happened last year.

5. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on Youth Town Hall on Civic Engagement

Presenter: Kevine Boggess, Director of Policy and C.J. Amparan, Civic Engagement Coordinator, Coleman Advocates for Youth

CJ, Director of Civic Engagement at Coleman Advocates for Youth, presented on the National Week of Action Against School Pushout, where there will be a Youth Town Hall Event taking place on Wednesday, October 25th at June Jordan School from 5:30-7:30pm. Gave kudos to the YC for the work that they do.

CJ is asking for a co-sponsorship of their upcoming Town Hall as it's important to have youth civically involved and they are working with at least 10 other agencies/groups/departments.

Questions:

Staff-With co-sponsorship, is there an additional meeting that YCers would have to take part in for the event? Yes, your involvement would be: speaking about their experiences regarding civic engagement, facilitation possibly, and helping outreach about the event. Commissioners should be very involved in the facilitation and planning process.

Commissioner Gregory-is it just for this one week? They are a part of a national coalition and Coleman is just one of many having a youth town hall. Theirs specifically is October 25th at June Jordan High School.

Commissioner Lind-Commissioners who are interested should connect with you directly? Yes, YC staff can help facilitate the connection.

Commissioner Lona-you're asking for co-sponsorship of the Town Hall so when you ask for us to help facilitate do you want all of us or select few? And do you want the YC as a whole to cosponsor this? Yes, for the YC as a whole to co sponsor and not all need to be involved. The more the merrier and the more you're involved the greater impact it will have on the community.

Commissioner Yu-we can't have quorum to attend an event or it will be an offsite meeting? We can go through the roll call of who is available but first is deciding to see if you are cosponsoring.

Commissioner Andam-what time is it? 5:30-7:30pm on Wednesday October 25th.

Commissioner Tam arrived at 5:23pm.

Commissioner Lind-two paths; we can take motions to support this or not. Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to support co sponsoring this Town Hall. Motion passed by acclamation.

Commissioners interested: Lona, Nassiri, Andam, Vigil, Gregory.

There was no public comment.



6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Second Reading] 1718-AL-03 [Resolution to Protect Our DACA Youth Against President Trump]
Sponsors: Commissioner Vigil, Yu, and Amable
(Document B)

Resolution was read into the record for a second time. Commissioner Vigil thanks Commissioner Mao for his help with grammar and edits.

Commissioner Lona-asking about the hearings in the resolution and what they mean. YC would be asking BOS to hear what the impacts are and it's able for us to go on record and demonstrate these voices to city government.

Commissioner Marshall- Fricker thinks Fewer might already be holding a hearing.

Commissioner Nassiri-do you have a statement from the White House that says they are targeting communities of color? There is a lot of white supremacy emanating from the White House and the White House wouldn't actually say that, this is a symbolic statement. Commissioner Nassiri-most adults don't take us seriously and we should site where possible where we think the white house does target communities of color.

Commissioner Lona-is it possible to do a quick line amendment and then pass it like that? Yes

Commissioner Mao-can I add myself as co sponsor. Yes.

Staff-you will need accurate footnote citations, and clarity on which acronym for queer community to use.

Commissioner Lona, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motioned to amend line 4 page 3 to say "disproportionately impact communities of color. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motioned to amend page 3 number 1 to say 'whereas the majority of people are eligible'. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motioned to approve the resolution as amended. Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Mesler yes
Commissioner Mao yes
Commissioner Lind Yes
Commissioner Andam yes
Commissioner Vigil Yes
Commissioner Greg yes
Commissioner Lona yes
Commissioner Tam yes
Commissioner Nassiri yes
Commissioner Chen yes
Commissioner Yu yes
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker yes



Commissioner Lipson yes

Motion unanimously passed.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Commissioner Yu said they went through ground rules and discussed last YC meeting. Approved the agenda for this meeting. They want to be able to help everyone on the Commission succeed so if you have any troubles or confusion you can always come to someone on EC and ask. They want to hold each other accountable and want to reach out and get to know you and if they see anything you are struggling with they will ask support. Want to be accessible to the rest of the commission.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Started off with group agreements and elected chair and vice chair. Chair is Amable and vice chair is Tam. Looked over different topics and added to it and discussed priorities and what is important. They had homework to look over each different year what past YCs have done for this committee.

C. Justice and Employment Committee

Looked at past commission priorities. Elected Chair Franet and Vice Chair is Mesler.

D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

Talked about past work of Civic Eng and the past work on immigration. Homework was to read over these years. Mao is Chair and Nassiri is vice chair.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Desgarennis is absent but they haven't met yet so no report.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Health insurance, ID badges, NEO training, sexual harassment training need to be done; especially health insurance forms.
- Free Muni article; encourage you to read it and be ready to discuss as it could come up in the year
- Need Commissioner Mesler's bio for website
- Monday is a holiday and YC office will be closed

No public comment

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Vigil-emailed chairs and vice chairs regarding presentations to particular committees so please respond to Vigil about communication. If you need resources can also reach out to Vigil and wants to work with you to connect you with folks.



Commissioner Tam-doesn't believe she received emails. Vigil emailed HECS and CEI Chair and Vice Chairs regarding certain issues.

Commissioner Lind-facilitation training after this meeting. Must stay and attend.

Commissioner Mao-newly unveiled comfort women statue in Chinatown and sister city to SF, Osaka, has threatened to cut off ties with SF. Japan has committed war crimes and don't like people talking about it. Vigil, Nassiri are interested in working on it with Commissioner Mao.

Commissioner Andam-when do we get our business cards. Shortly.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

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October 13, 2017

The PEW Charitable Trusts
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Dear Health Impact Project,

My name is Chiara Lind. As the Chair for the San Francisco Youth Commission (SFYC), I am writing this letter of commitment for the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) proposal to the Health Impact Project - Policy Advocacy Program. SFYC has partnered with YLI over the past 5 years addressing health equity issues across San Francisco. Recently, Youth Commissioners partnered with YLI to adopt a formal policy re alcohol density in low income communities in San Francisco.

Youth Leadership Institute builds communities where young people and their adult allies come together to create positive community change that promotes social justice and racial equity. For over 26 years YLI has sparked the leadership of young people to solve pressing social issues and serve our communities. We value their commitment to empower transitional age youth leaders throughout the county. YLI is positioned to provide strong leadership and advocacy opportunities, relevant skill building outcomes and system/institutional partnership opportunities with transitional age youth leaders.


The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the vision for this proposed initiative is to institutionalize youth voice in community research and decision-making. They have a proven model in addressing health inequities and through their youth-led action research project to assess youth in decision-making bodies. This project will build provide valuable data and recommendation in exploring the creation of a Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council.

Specifically, the SF Youth Commission will commit to:

- Provide opportunity for YLI youth leaders to implement a assessment of the SF Youth Commission that may include surveys, focus groups or interviews and contingent on SF Youth Commissioners vote on Monday, October 16th at 5:15pm.

We firmly believe in the youth-led model, strategies and success of YLI in addressing health inequity. YLI has demonstrated the ability to implement evidence-driven policy or systems change and has expertise in applying in community led policy or systems change that address health equity and social determinants of health.

Sincerely,


Chiara Lind
Chair, 2017-18 Youth Commission

1 [Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square]

2 **Resolution supporting the memorialization of comfort women and other atrocities**
3 **committed by the Japanese Imperial Army during the 2nd World War.**

4 WHEREAS, although in 1993 an apology was issued by Japan and a fund was created for the
5 victims, the fund relied on private donors and was never fully accepted by the South Korean
6 government^[1,3]; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2015 South Korea and Japan came to an agreement that Japan would make an
8 apology, and a promise of \$8.3 million dollars to a foundation used to care for the victims; however,
9 South Korea agreed to never criticize Japan over the issue again^[1,3]; and

10 WHEREAS, the agreement has been criticized by activist groups as they were not consulted
11 enough and many Koreans want the decision reversed^[1,5]; and

12 WHEREAS, there were as many as 200,000 women and girls taken from occupied countries
13 such as China, Korea, and the Philippines and used in brothels during World War II by the Japanese
14 military^[1]; and

15 WHEREAS, the Japanese Imperial Army committed countless atrocities across the Asian
16 continent ranging from human experimentation by Unit 731 and Unit 100 of the Japanese military to
17 massacres in Manila and Nanjing to name a few^[9,10,11,12]; and

18 WHEREAS, Tokyo refuses to admit atrocities committed in formerly-occupied countries and the
19 events are not taught in their schools^[8]; and

20 WHEREAS, many comfort women survivors have passed away and only 35 South Korean
21 victims are alive today, and many are running out of time for the reparations and apologies they so
22 long seek^[4,5]; and

23 WHEREAS, survivors are still haunted by their experiences: "It was my first time and that
24 experience really caused me so much pain... I cooked for and prepared the needs of Captain Sakuma
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1 in the morning, while at night he would lie beside me and forced me to make love with him. I did not
2 put up any resistance every time he would have sex with me, because I was afraid of being hurt. After
3 he was through, I would go to the [lavatory] and douche myself.” -Ma Fe Yabut Santillan, the
4 Philippines^[6]; and

5 WHEREAS, the survivors are not only psychologically tormented by their experiences but
6 some were physically harmed like having uteruses removed^[7]; and

7 WHEREAS, the statue was created by Californian Steven Whyte^[1]; and

8 WHEREAS, the statue depicts three young girls and a grandmother figure^[1]; and

9 WHEREAS, it was first unveiled in St. Mary’s Square on September 22nd, 2017^[1]; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s sister city Osaka, Japan has threatened to sever ties with San
11 Francisco over the statue, calling the issue “Japan-bashing” and “a one-sided view”^[1,2]; and

12 WHEREAS, 40 statues dedicated to the same message of memorializing Japan’s wartime sex
13 slaves have been erected in South Korea, and 10 in the United States including Virginia, New Jersey,
14 and Southern California^[1]; and now therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, that the threats by San Francisco’s sister city Osaka will not deter the San
16 Francisco Youth Commission from standing on the side of truth; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors
18 and Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Japanese government to recognize all atrocities committed by the
19 Japanese Imperial Army during WWII ; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission stands by the freedom to express
21 oneself including through the use of art; and be it finally

22 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the Board of Supervisors
23 and the Mayor Ed Lee to encourage the Mayor of Osaka to rethink his threats to sever ties with San
24 Francisco and to resolve this through open dialogue between our sister cities.
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1 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/21/why-japan-is-losing-its-battle-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/21/why-japan-is-losing-its-battle-against-statues-of-colonial-era-comfort-women/?utm_term=.d06657d1d580)
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3 [http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/diplomacy/article/2113015/it-japan-bashing-osaka-may-sever-sister-](http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/diplomacy/article/2113015/it-japan-bashing-osaka-may-sever-sister-city-ties-san-francisco)
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10 http://maywespeak.com/?page_id=981^[6]
11 <http://news.trust.org/slideshow/?id=8b7369dd-247d-4f66-ba19-45797760b647>^[7]
12 <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-21226068>^[8]
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15 [war.html?mcubz=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2001/09/02/world/japanese-veteran-writes-of-brutal-philippine-war.html?mcubz=1)^[10]
16 <http://unit731.org/experiments>^[11]
17 [http://www.nytimes.com/1995/03/17/world/unmasking-horror-a-special-report-japan-confronting-](http://www.nytimes.com/1995/03/17/world/unmasking-horror-a-special-report-japan-confronting-gruesome-war-atrocity.html?pagewanted=all&mcubz=1)
18 [gruesome-war-atrocity.html?pagewanted=all&mcubz=1](http://www.nytimes.com/1995/03/17/world/unmasking-horror-a-special-report-japan-confronting-gruesome-war-atrocity.html?pagewanted=all&mcubz=1)^[12]
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