

1 [Recognition of Coleman Advocates]

2 **Resolution recognizing and commending the work and impact of the Coleman**
3 **Advocates.**

4 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates is a multi-racial, intergenerational youth-
5 development, leadership, and racial-justice advocacy community organization in District
6 11 and a long-time partner of the Youth Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates actively advocates for Black and Brown
8 people's rights such as leading rallies demanding SFUSD to pause school closures
9 affecting neighborhood kids, youth-led campaigns to close juvenile hall, and community
10 events for community feedback; and

11 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has been a champion in civic engagement.
12 They have been a valuable partner in supporting the Youth Commission and Vote 16—
13 the ballot initiative campaign to lower San Francisco's voting age to 16 years old in
14 2016 and 2020. Their efforts have built momentum to increase youth civic engagement
15 for disproportionately represented Black and Brown communities¹²; and

16 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has created an environment where youth are
17 challenged and encouraged to become leaders in their community, through support
18 from the Coleman Advocates YMAC and SMAC; and

19 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has created a safe space for youth where their
20 diverse cultures and identities are celebrated; and

¹ Civic Engagement Committee, "Minutes - Draft," *San Francisco Youth Commission*, January 11, 2019,
https://www.sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/CE021119_minutes.pdf.

² "Coleman Advocates – a Black & Brown Member-led, Nonprofit Organization Based in San Francisco.," n.d.,
<https://colemanadvocates.org/>.

1 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates are consistently advocating for youth mental
2 health resources, ensuring that they are readily accessible to Black and Brown
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2014, Coleman Advocates led Prop C which provided 60 million
5 dollars in public school fund, now referred to as the PEEF Fund. The passage of Prop C
6 gave youth access to quality education and a supportive learning environment,
7 significantly improving public education in San Francisco³; and

8 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has created spaces like CMAC (Citywide
9 Parent Advisory Council) and PMAC (Parent Mentorship and Advocacy Council),
10 ensuring that parents have the knowledge to be active roles in shaping youth education
11 and school systems; and

12 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates advocated for the Children's Fund in 1991 to
13 sustain a long term funding towards youth related programs/services, this gives youth
14 access to vital services while also a voice in shaping city priorities; and

15 WHEREAS, Coleman Advocates has been a valuable partner to the Youth
16 Commission in leading Vote 16 – the campaign to lower San Francisco's voting age to
17 16 years old in 2016 and 2020, building momentum to increase youth civic engagement
18 for disproportionately represented Black and Brown communities; and therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends the
20 work of Coleman Advocates, congratulates their 50th anniversary, and recognizes their

³ Children's Funding Community Coalition, "Recommendations for Re-Authorizing the Public Education and Enrichment Fund (PEEF): Toward improving the well-being of SF's children, youth and their families," *Coleman Advocates*, March 2014, <https://colemanadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/PEEF-Recommendations-Final.pdf>.

- 1 positive advocacy and impact for BIPOC, low-income youth in District 11 and the City
- 2 and County of San Francisco.