

[Recognition of Commendation for Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee
Seat 6 Member Linda Ye]

**Resolution Recognizing and Commending Linda Ye, Former Youth Commissioner
and Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Youth Member (Seat 6) For
Her Work and Dedication Towards Youth Public Health in San Francisco.**

WHEREAS, The beverage industry has historically targeted low-income
communities of color through extensive advertising and low prices that target children and
families, resulting in disproportionately higher purchasing and consumption rates in these
populations¹; and

WHEREAS, This targeted marketing has contributed to elevated rates of chronic
diseases in these communities, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and tooth
decay²; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2024 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) Data
Brief, food insecurity in San Francisco is 67%, the highest it has been since the California
Health Interview Survey began measuring food insecurity in 2001³; and

WHEREAS, In November 2016, San Francisco voters passed the Sugary Drinks
Distributor Tax (SDDT), otherwise known as the San Francisco Soda Tax, which
established a penny-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks in San Francisco⁴; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco soda tax uplifts public health through funding
nutritional security (food security, food access, health retail, urban agriculture, and

¹ Kristin Messina, "New Study Reveals Marketing Disproportionately Affects Purchases of Sweetened Children's Drinks by Households With Low Incomes," UConn Today, October 26, 2021, <https://today.uconn.edu/2021/10/new-study-reveals-marketing-disproportionately-affects-purchases-of-sweetened-childrens-drinks-by-households-with-low-incomes/>.

² Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Public Health, "2024 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) Data Brief - Revised," *Sf.Gov*, May 2025, https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/SDDT_2024_Data_Brief_REVISED_002.pdf.

³ Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Public Health, "2024 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) Data Brief - Revised."

⁴ "San Francisco Soda Tax," *SF.gov*, n.d., <https://www.sf.gov/departments-san-francisco-soda-tax>.

1 nutrition education), physical activity, water access in public venues and schools, oral
2 health, workforce development for healthy eating/active living organizations, and
3 community building programs; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Soda Tax also provides funding to the San
5 Francisco Department of Health, San Francisco Human Services Agency, San Francisco
6 Unified School District, and the San Francisco Office of Economic & Workforce
7 Development in the form of grants and other initiatives⁵; and

8 WHEREAS, The Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee makes
9 recommendations on budget allocations of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax and its
10 impact, along with creating strategies to address public health issues in low-income
11 communities of color⁶; and

12 WHEREAS, Linda Ye served as the District 4 Youth Commissioner from
13 September 2023 to August 2024 and as the chair of the Transformative Justice
14 Committee, where she advocated for issues ranging from improving language access to
15 food insecurity; and

16 WHEREAS, Linda Ye served as the youth member (Seat 6) on the Sugar Drinks
17 Distributor Tax Advisory Committee from April 2023 to March 2025; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure on the Committee, she advised the Board of
19 Supervisors and Mayor on optimal allocation for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Fund
20 and developed initiatives to address public health challenges among low-income and
21 BIPOC communities, contributing a unique youth perspective through her role; and

⁵ "Soda Tax Programs | SF.gov," n.d., <https://www.sf.gov/soda-tax-programs>.

⁶ "Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee | SF.gov," October 6, 2001, <https://www.sf.gov/departments--sugary-drinks-distributor-tax-advisory-committee>.

1 WHEREAS, She also served as the Chair of the Community Input Subcommittee,
2 where she increased accessibility and transparency of the actions of the Advisory
3 Committee, led cross-departmental meetings, and engaged with community
4 organizations to gather feedback and ensure stakeholder voices were reflected in the
5 Sugar Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee's recommendations⁷; and therefore be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends Linda
8 Ye for her work on the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee and recognizes
9 the positive impact her legislative and budgetary advocacy has made on young people
10 across the City and County of San Francisco; and therefore be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Youth Commission is authorized to
12 issue a Certificate of Honor to Linda Ye for her dedication to advancing public health for
13 those from low-income and BIPOC backgrounds.

⁷ Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee et al., "Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Annual Report," n.d., https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/SDDTAC_2025_Annual_Report_Budget_Recommendations_FINAL_vblgKl4.pdf.