



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Transformative Justice Committee
~Draft Minutes~**

**Monday, April 12th, 2021
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:
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**United States, San Francisco (toll)
Conference ID: 146 686 1562##**

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Rome Jones (Chair), Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), Arsema Asfaw, Nora Hylton, Gabbie Listana, Amara Santos,

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Veiga calls the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Quorum is met.

Roll call for attendance:

Rome Jones (Chair), present

Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), present

Arsema Asfaw, present

Nora Hylton, present

Gabbie Listana, present

Amara Santos, present

2. Approval of Agenda (ActionItem)

Chair Veiga calls for public comment.

Public comment.

No public comment. Chair Veiga asks if any motions are to be made.

Commissioner Jones motions to approve of agenda, seconded by Commissioner Santos. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye

Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye



Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (ActionItem)

A. March 22nd, 2021

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Chair Veiga calls for public comment.

Public comment. No public comment.

Chair Veiga asks if any motions are to be made.

Commissioner Listana motions to approve of March 22nd, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. The motion passes/does not pass by a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

*Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye*

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

Public comment. No public comment.

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

A. Presentation: SF PreTrial Division [Discussion & Possible Action]
presented by Monica Perez

Chair Veiga alerts that the initial presenter was unavailable and the secondary presenter was not confident to present on their behalf on the statistics for TAY entering diversion programs or recidivism rates.

Chair asks if there is any public comment.

No public comment.

Any motions?

Commissioner Hylton motions to table this item to the next transformative justice committee meeting on April 26th, 2021 seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passes by roll call vote.



Roll call vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye

Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Gabbie Listana, aye

Amara Santos, aye

B. Check-In [Discussion Only]

Led by Commissioner Hylton

Check in question: What is your most memorable dream?

Commissioners shared their answers with each other.

C. Local Report Back [Discussion Only & Possible Action]

a. Community Updates

● Austin's updates:

- *Dph must divest coalition is figuring out a paradigm shift for the hospital staff and union on redefining safety as the biggest challenges from institutionalizing alternatives to sheriffs are union. The coalition has another event for cops out of care - please attend to learn more about how policing got involved with the medical industrial complex. Notes from [4/7](#) cops out of care webinar.*
- *Defundsfpd event on Saturday had a lot of abolitionist orgs representing like ccsf collective n DPHMustDivest and sf bayview. and austin bumped into Calvin! If folks want to be trained up on copwatch - please let austin know so to schedule a training with frisco copwatch. Also same with narcan training - for overdoses.*

■ Interest for Copwatch:

- *Amara*
- *Nora*
- *Gracie*
- *Arsema*
- *Gabbie*

■ Interest for Narcan:

- *Amara*
- *Nora*
- *Gracie*
- *Arsema*
- *Gabbie*

■ Request for this training to be open to all FYC, especially Narcan Training

b. Workgroup Updates

- *Arsema - juvenile interrogation - nothing to report.*
- *Rome - implicit bias - nothing to report.*
- *State leg group - no updates as this committee has wrapped up.*

c. Action Steps Updates

- *Sf bike - We just concluded our last session of in-person outreach. We are currently*



in the process of drafting a memo and presentation of our findings. I will have more to share in the next few weeks, when is the next TJC meeting? I would love to share that presentation at the next committee meeting to update youth commissioners on where we are at and next steps. (Community alternatives to traffic enforcement)

- #30RightNow (Message from Jordan Davis)
 - I figure since it's Sunday Night, I'd like to repeat this, if you haven't already done so:
 - 1. Make a sign that says "Mayor Breed, Please Fund #30RightNow THIS YEAR"
 - 2. Take a photo of yourself with it
 - 3. Post it on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc. If you don't have them, I can post to Twitter account. For Twitter, also tag @LondonBreed @SFMayorsOffice @SF_HSH and @ShireenMcSp
 - I am right now 9 days in, and will not bow out of this hunger strike until the mayor makes a commitment to fully fund, without division or delay, rent reductions for supportive housing tenants to 30% of income starting with the FY21-22 and permanently, and to make sure it is implemented by this fall, a very reasonable demand.
 - *Please everyone do this during the meeting and staff can take a screenshot right now to post on social media.*
- *TJ report at Police Commission (please collectively generate things for yc report to police commission this wednesday 4/14 5pm) - thanks rome*
 - *YC Report Back to Police Commission:*
 - *We toured the Norma Hotel*
 - *YC Applications are Open*
 - *Reiterating partnership with DPHMustDivest*
 - *Other than that, nothing to report*

D. Discussion: Peer Court Opportunity [Discussion & Possible Action] Led by Commissioner Veiga

Commissioner Viega: Peer Court training is asking to support them in bringing them to SF, had some questions about why this does not exist here? Research with the tools Commissioner Veiga has available found that there isn't a lot of good stuff in SF related to peer court. There isn't a broad scope in SF that has a direct pipeline to schools that used peer court to deter the amount of suspensions. Since juvenile hall has closed I think that an intervention system could support youth in San Francisco.

Question to the committee: should TJ support peer court? Support looks like: we can sign onto a letter, we can write a resolution (another youth from a different county has already started it), these were the options laid out to us.

Commissioner Jones: I have no problem supporting the general idea of peer court, but I do have issues with it. I attended peer court right before the pandemic in Marin. I would like to add some new aspects to SF, like:



- Financial crimes: car and home break ins

At one point peer court was in SF, but it didn't work well, from my knowledge. Another thing I think about is how nonprofits get funding and the peer court might need to attach itself to another org. What will it look like in SF? We need to think about details. As an individual I won't sign on to something without my questions being answered or knowing the details.

Commissioner Veiga: I'm with you on that and if we wanted to our resolution can address the details and add out specific wants in the resolution. In terms of funding, it's free right now and operating with volunteers. We can start out with using some Marin Youth Court funding to start us off meanwhile we look for our own grants. I'm not sure we have the capacity to identify those details, but we can figure that out.

Commissioner Jones: I WILL NO LONGER EVER SUPPORT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T PAY YOUTH WHILE ADULTS GET PAID FOR IT

Commissioner Hylton: the irony of the logic behind this idea doesn't make sense.

Commissioner Afaw: I also feel like the intention is good for this peer court, but we should be focusing on supporting youth in and out of the system. Advocating for the expansion of this body doesn't seem helpful. This is more than youth connecting with their peers, we should support CBO's who do authentic youth work. We should look for ways to cut the budget and reroute the money to CBOs.

Commissioner Jones: Also I think we are too invested in response and not prevention

Commissioner Santos: I've said it before, but I completely agree with Arsema & Rome. Just because I meet another young person doesn't mean they are my equal. There are class, race, and gender differences especially in SF. I live in D11 and it is so different from other districts in SF. What would someone from the Marina know about survival crimes? It reminds of girlboss energy. I don't feel comfortable putting my name on this, it doesn't feel right. Implementing in SF is going to be too large, there are so many things that don't feel right. It feels like another system led by people that will harm my community.

Commissioner Listana: I agree with my peers. I can't put my name on this because it doesn't support youth. This peer court wouldn't pay youth, meanwhile adults are benefitting. I understand peer court, but it doesn't support youth.



Commissioner Hylton: Rome brings this up all the time - there are so many youth programs in SF that are getting City's funding. Huckleberry is doing something similar, not exactly the same, but some of the same elements. I value the work they are trying to do, but I also don't think we should create a whole new program. Maybe we can connect them with Huckleberry, who is already doing the work. I agree, I am not comfortable enough right now to support this new program.

Commissioner Veiga: Yes, I totally agree. Although there's been success stories in Marin, we are seeing some discrepancies.

Motions:

Commissioner Hylton motions for no position and include the following recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Veiga.

- No support with recommendations:
 - Sustainable funding in SF isn't secure → where does payment for youth lie?
 - This is creating another system that wouldn't support black and brown communities
 - TJ is advocating for defunding and
 - There is a surplus of youth programs in SF who are already providing similar support and have the cultural competence to work with systems involving youth.

No public comment.

Roll call vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye

Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Gabbie Listana, aye

Amara Santos, aye


**E. Work Session: AB 1165 (Gipson) Letter of Support
Led by Commissioners Veiga and Jones**

Please consider submitting a letter of support for AB 1165 (Gipson), which would abolish the use of chemical agents in California's juvenile facilities. The bill also prevents juvenile facilities from further obtaining and storing chemical agents. AB 1165 is co-sponsored by Children's Defense Fund-CA, Disability Rights California, GLIDE, MILPA Collective, RYSE Center, and Youth Law Center.

The deadline to submit your letter of support is Tuesday, April 13. Attached is a sample letter and a fact sheet. Additional information is below.

The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Committee on Public Safety on Tuesday, April 20, at 1:30 PM. If you are able to deliver public comment in support of the bill, you



can sign up to  receive notifications by completing this form.

WHY IS AB 1165 IMPORTANT?

Chemical agents are:

Abusive, traumatic, and inconsistent with the requirement that juvenile facilities “shall be a safe and supportive homelike environment”;

Banned or severely limited by the vast majority of states;

Counterproductive to youth development and successful re-entry;

Dangerous for youth and staff, especially for anyone with cardiovascular or respiratory conditions, such as asthma and COVID-19 infections; and,

Disproportionately used on youth with disabilities and youth of color.

The committee has decided not to draft a letter of support, because they do not feel knowledgeable on the item and feel limited within the time constraint. They don't feel comfortable giving an opinion when they aren't entirely informed.

6. Staff Report

Please work together to submit a short clip for our YC applications. Applications are open now 4/9 – 5/23, spread the word at tinyurl.com/SFYCAPP2021 and info sessions rsvp at tinyurl.com/SFYCInfo2021.

Graphics for sharing:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pakDxt1KgDenO6XJkITO_fodf3w2ot0l?usp=sharing

Outreach templates:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OOZsj08ZuTOqq5WgVK9YSo0ekwz76p_N?usp=sharing

Also please sign up to be a panelist for yc info session - there will b a qa. 4/23,4/30,5/5 5-6pm - schedule was determined to avoid ap exams. Adrianna and arsema are moderators and planners. (take names now)

Fri 4/23: Nora,

Fri 4/30: Nora, Gabbie

Wed 5/5: Gabbie

7. Appreciations

Commissioner Veiga: I appreciate my committee for their opinions and perspectives during our discussions

Commissioner Hylton: I appreciate when our meetings are discussion heavy because we have interesting conversations. Thanks itzel for staffing and taking notes

Commissioner Asfaw: Thanks Itzel for stepping up last minute and facilitating this meeting. & Appreciate Rome for his perspective during the peer court discussion.

Commissioner Jones: Thank you for the compliment. I'm overall appreciative for the patience while my phone blanked out. & getting comfortable with saying no, it feels cool & empowering.



Commissioner Listana: thank you itzel for stepping in and appreciate everyone else for engaging in our discussions. I thought it was really nice and interesting to hear everyone's thoughts.

Commissioner Santos: I appreciate everyone, especially Rome and Arsema.

Staff Estrada: Appreciate y'all for saying no and admire your love and passion for

Staff Mazariegos-Tecun: thanks itzel for facilitating and commissioners for having a deep dive in your discussions. Your passion for youth advocacy really shows.

Commissioner Hylton (announcements): Thinking of doing a resolution on the JFK closures.

8. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 7:07pm