



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION**

MINUTES

**Monday, June 3, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS via Webex

Members: Ewan Barker Plummer (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Téa Lonné Amir (Comms & Outreach Officer, Mayoral), Kelly Wu (Comms & Outreach Officer, D3), Allister Adair (Legislative Affairs Officer, D2), Jason Fong (Legislative Affairs Officer, D7), Chloe Wong (D1), Linda Ye (D4), Helen Cisneros (D5), Galicia Stack Lozano (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Adrianna Faagau-Noa (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Valentina Alioto-Pier (Mayoral), Isabella T. Perez (Mayoral), Aryelle Lampkins (Mayoral), Joselyn Marroquin (Mayoral).

Present: Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabbie Listana, Téa Lonné Amir, Kelly Wu, Chloe Wong, Linda Ye, Galicia Stack Lozano, Skylar Dang, Imaan Ansari, Joselyn Marroquin.

Absent: Allister Adair (excused), Jason Fong (excused), Helen Cisneros (unexcused), Adrianna Faagau-Noa (unexcused), Valentina Alioto-Pier (unexcused), Isabella T. Perez (excused), Aryelle Lampkins (excused).

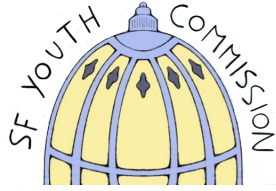
Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access on June 3, 2024, with Chair Barker Plummer presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Barker Plummer called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

On the call of the roll:



Roll Call Attendance: 10 present, 7 absent.

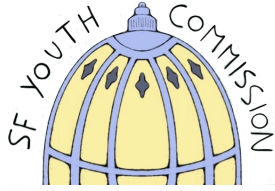
Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu present
Linda Ye present
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana present
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano present
Skylar Dang present
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari present
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin present
Téa Lonné Amir present
Ewan Barker Plummer present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Ye, motioned to excuse Commissioner Adair, Fong, Perez, and Lampkins for today's absence. Staff informed commissioners that Commissioners Cisneros, Faagau-Noa, and Alioto-Pier have no remaining excused absences. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Commissioner Adair, Fong, Perez, and Lampkins' absence excused.

2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

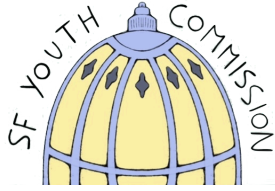
3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Officer Wu, seconded by Commissioner Dang, motioned to approve the June 3, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Agenda Approved.



4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. May 20, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Stack Lozano, seconded by Officer Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the May 20, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

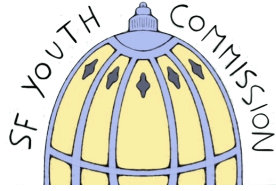
No public comment.

6. Commission Business (discussion & possible action item)

a. **Letters of Absence**

i. Presenter(s): Commissioners Alioto-Pier, Marroquin

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to accept Commissioners' Alioto-Pier and Marroquin's letters of absence. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:



Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Letters of Absence for Commissioners Alioto-Pier and Marroquin passed.

7. Legislation Referred

- a. **BOS File No. 240547** - Charter Amendment - Commission Reform
 - i. Presenter: YC Staff

Specialist Zhan introduced the charter amendment legislation and commentary from the Legislative Affairs Officers since they could not be present today. Commissioner Ye asked why there are two files of very similar legislation, to which Specialist Zhan said that they're similar but different charter amendments. Chair Barker Plummer went into detail about how each of the referred charter amendments are similar and different.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Stack Lozano, motioned to positively recommend BOS File No. 240547. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye



Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

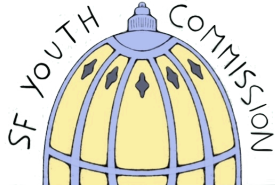
Action: BOS File No. 240547 passes with a positive recommendation.

- b. BOS File No. 240548** - Charter Amendment and Initiative Ordinance - Commission Reform
- i. Presenter: YC Staff

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to pass BOS File No. 240548 with no recommendation, and with comments. Commissioner Ye originally motioned to be in support, but accepted a friendly amendment from Chair Barker Plummer since there are concerns about the chosen bodies in the city charter's language. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye



Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File No. 240548 passes with no recommendation, and with comments attached regarding Commissioner's concerns.

- c. **BOS File No. 240550** - Charter Amendment - Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund for Seniors and Families
i. Presenter: YC Staff

Specialist Zhan introduced the charter amendment language.

Commissioner Ansari, seconded by Commissioner Wong, motioned to positively recommend BOS File No. 240550, with comments regarding concerns about the lack of housing options for transitional-aged youth. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye



Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File No. 240550 passes with a positive recommendation, and with comments attached regarding prioritizing TAY housing.

d. BOS File No. 240545 - Charter Amendment - Accountability for Funding Children and Youth Services for City Departments and the Unified School District

i. Presenter: YC Staff

Vice Chair Listana, seconded by Officer Lonné Amir, motioned to positively recommend BOS File No. 240545. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File No. 240545 passes with a positive recommendation.

e. BOS File No. 240564 - Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1975 (Bonta) - Medi-Cal: Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition Interventions

i. Presenter: Skylar Dang, District 9 Youth Commissioner, and YC Staff

Commissioner Dang introduced the legislation referred and its background. Officer Lonné Amir asked where the provided food would be coming from, to



which Commissioner Dang said that she's not 100% sure but that it would be coming from stores that accept Medi-Cal. Commissioner Ye brought up potential concerns around accessibility to cooking as someone many folks do not have.

Commissioner Dang, seconded by Commissioner Ye, motioned to positively recommend BOS File No. 240564, with comments attached. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes, 7 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair absent
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros absent
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang aye
Adrianna Faagau-Noa absent
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez absent
Aryelle Lampkins absent
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File No. 240564 passes with a positive recommendation, and with comments attached.

8. Committee Reports (discussion item)

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Specialist Zhan read the LAOs report. LAOs asked commissioners to RSVP for public comment day on June 24th, and for committees to look over drafts for public comment on YC BPP-related comments.

- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers



No updates.

iii. General Committee Updates

No updates.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

No updates since CEEC did not meet last week.

c. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

No updates since HRT did not meet last week.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

No updates since TJ did not meet last week. Commissioner Ye said that they'll be looking to meet next week.

9. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said to be nice to YC staff this month since we'll be doing a lot of Youth Commission interviews and handling budget advocacy. Specialist Zhan said CEEC will not be meeting anymore, but that if anyone is interested in meeting regarding the Sexual Harassment and Assault Task Force or disability access in schools, to reach out. Specialist Ochoa told HRT committee members to keep an eye on their email about rescheduling next week's meeting to later in the week.

10. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Chair Barker Plummer told everyone to have a Happy Pride Month, and that he will be trying to find a contingent for the Youth Commission to march with.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:03pm.

1 [Support for AB 1955: Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth Act]

2 **Motion supporting Assembly Bill 1955: Protection of LGBTQ+ youth from forced**
3 **outing by public education institutions and urging the Mayor, Board of**
4 **Supervisors, and San Francisco's members of the State Legislature to support.**

5 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1955, introduced Assemblyman Chris Ward
6 (California Assembly District 78), will prohibit all public education entities from creating
7 any policy that would require the non-consensual disclosure of a student's gender
8 identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation to any other person; and

9 WHEREAS, AB 1955 would also prohibit any employee or contractor from non-
10 consensually disclosing a person's gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual
11 orientation to any other person; and

12 WHEREAS, AB 1955 would prohibit any employees and governing members of
13 public educational institutions from responding to an employee who supported their
14 fellow workers in exercising their rights surrounding gender and sexual identity with
15 negative consequences; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Trevor Project 2024 Nation Survey, 52% of
17 LGBTQ+ youth found an affirming space at school and 54% of transgender and
18 nonbinary found school to be an affirming space; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the same survey, just 40% of LGBTQ+ youth and 38%
20 of transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be an affirming space;

21 WHEREAS, According to the Trevor Project 2024 National Survey, 37% of
22 transgender and nonbinary youth reported being in a household where their pronouns
23 were not respected; and

Commissioners Stack Lozano, Alioto-Pier, Listana, Barker Plummer, and Member Rafer

1 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, many school districts throughout California
2 and the country have begun requiring teachers and administrators to disclose a
3 students sexual orientation or gender identity to the students family; and

4 WHEREAS, These policies not only break the trust between student and faculty,
5 but also deliberately put LGBTQ+ students at risk if they live in an unsupportive
6 environment at home; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco has had a long history of supporting LGBTQ+ rights;
8 and therefore may it be

9 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports Assembly Bill
10 1955: Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth Act; and be it

11 FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San
12 Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed to support Assembly Bill
13 1955.

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1 **[Support for AB 1955: Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today’s**
2 **Youth Act]**

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

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6 See attached document: [Letter of Support]

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Commissioners Stack Lozano, Alioto-Pier, Listana, Barker Plummer, and Member Rafer

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June 6th, 2024

Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward
1021 O Street, Suite 6350,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Supporting Assembly Bill 1955: Protection of LGBTQ+ youth from forced outing by public education institutions

Dear Assemblymember Ward,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 1955 (Ward). AB 1955 will prohibit all public education entities from creating any policy that would require the non consensual disclosure of a student's gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation to any other person.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board of Supervisors takes final action.

The Youth Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing the safety and rights of LGBTQ+ youth. Schools often serve as safe spaces for young people to openly

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express themselves without fear of retaliation from family members–this is under threat across California and the United States because of extreme policies requiring educators to out students. It is essential that state leaders take action to support and protect LGBTQ+ youth.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer

2023-2024 Chair, San Francisco Youth Commission

1 [Support for AB 1975: Support medically supportive food and nutrition interventions as a
2 covered Medi-Cal benefit]

3 **Motion supporting Assembly Bill 1975: Improving health outcomes and reducing**
4 **healthcare spending by transitioning medically supportive food and nutrition**
5 **interventions to permanent benefits under Medi-Cal.**

6 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1975, introduced Assemblymember Mia Bonta
7 (California Assembly District 18), would allow doctors to prescribe medically supportive
8 food and nutrition interventions under the coverage of Medi-Cal; and

9 WHEREAS, AB 1975 aims at improving health outcomes and reducing
10 healthcare spending by transitioning medically supportive food and nutrition
11 interventions to permanent benefits under Medi-Cal; and

12 WHEREAS, “Adequate food and nutrition are fundamental in preventing and
13 treating chronic conditions, particularly among Californians of color who are
14 disproportionately affected” affirmed Assemblymember Bonta; and

15 WHEREAS, In the first 18 months of the state's CalAIM initiative, food-based
16 interventions ranked second in utilization out of 14 pilot services aimed at addressing
17 social drivers of health;

18 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and
19 funding of battling food insecurity programs in San Francisco, shown in our 2023-2024
20 Budget and Policy Priorities; and

21 WHEREAS, It is essential to expand access to nutritious food as low-income
22 communities and people of color communities generally have to rely on fast food and
23 processed food which is more accessible rather than healthier nutritious options; and

1 THEREFORE BE MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports
2 Assembly Bill 1975: Support medically supportive food and nutrition interventions as a
3 covered Medi-Cal benefit.

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1 **[Support for AB 1975: Support medically supportive food and nutrition**
2 **interventions as a covered Medi-Cal benefit]**

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

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6 See attached document: [Letter of Support]

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Assemblymember Mia Bonta
1020 N. Street LOB
Suite 390
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0018

Re: Support medically supportive food and nutrition interventions as a covered Medi-Cal benefit

Dear Assemblymember Mia Bonta,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, AB 1975 (Bonta). AB 1975 would allow doctors to prescribe medically supportive food and nutrition interventions under the coverage of Medi-Cal.

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The Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and funding of battling food insecurity programs in San Francisco, shown in our 2023-2024 Budget and

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Policy Priorities. Commissioners held listening sessions for what families wanted out of the Student Success Fund, a grant schools may apply for, with many responses being better food options. The Youth Commission values the right to access affordable, healthy, and nutritious foods in San Francisco. It is essential to expand access to nutritious food as low-income communities and people of color communities generally have to rely on fast food and processed food which is more accessible rather than healthier nutritious options. In our 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities, we also acknowledge the relationship between food insecurity and health disparities. It is vital that everyone is able to have access to food that makes them feel their best self regardless of their socioeconomic class and background.

The Youth Commission further encourages the implementation of a work group to advise DHCS, making it not only limited to, providers, farmers, researchers, and more.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer

2023-2024 Chair, San Francisco Youth Commission

1 [Support for SB 1078: Support the establishment of the Office of Language Access in
2 the California Health and Human Service Agency (CalHHS)]

3 **Motion supporting Senate Bill 1078: Will provide oversight, accountability, and**
4 **coordination of language access plan across CALHSS departments and urging**
5 **the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and San Francisco’s members of the State**
6 **Legislature to support.**

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (SB) 1078, introduced Senator Dave Min (California
8 Senate District 37), will provide oversight, accountability, and coordination of a language
9 access plan across California Health and Human Service Agency (CALHSS)
10 departments; and

11 WHEREAS, SB 1078 would require all departments in CalHHS to create a
12 language access plan and corrective action plan in the case a department has not
13 achieved the goals of the language access plan; and

14 WHEREAS, SB 1078 would help to ensure that all residents of California,
15 regardless of their language proficiency, would be able to receive equitable access to
16 government services; and

17 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Youth Commission values equitable access to all
18 government services and believes that language should never be a barrier; and

19 WHEREAS, Language barriers can easily result in unequal access to essential
20 services as non-English speakers would need to face additional hurdles; and

21 THEREFORE BE MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission supports
22 Senate Bill 1078: Support creation of Office of Language Access in CAHSS; and be it

1 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco
2 Board of Supervisors and Mayor London Breed to support Senate Bill 1078.

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1 **[Support for SB 1078: Support the establishment of the Office of Language**
2 **Access in the California Health and Human Service Agency (CalHHS)]**

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4 **Supplemental Information:**

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6 See attached document: [Letter of Support]

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Senator Dave Min
1021 O Street, Suite 6710
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support the establishment of the Office of Language Access in the California Health and Human Service Agency (CalHHS)

Dear Senator Dave Min,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for your bill, SB 1078 (Min). SB 1078 would require all departments in CalHHS to create a language access plan and corrective action plan in the case a department has not achieved the goals of the language access plan.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the Commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board of Supervisors takes final action.



The Youth Commission has been prioritizing the implementation and funding of Language Access programs all throughout San Francisco, as shown in our 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities. Commissioners have been engaging with OCEIA to learn about their efforts to spread language access. The Youth Commission values equitable access to all government services and believes that language should never be a barrier. In our 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities, we also acknowledge the importance of being able to provide comprehensive translations and interpretation training for staff. With many different types of people living in San Francisco, it is vital that when someone does not speak English, they are properly supported. Language barriers can easily result in unequal access to essential services as non-English speakers would need to face additional hurdles. SB 1078 would help to ensure that all residents of California, regardless of their language proficiency, would be able to receive equitable access to government services. SB 1078's requirement for a corrective action plan would also hold departments across California accountable for not meeting language access goals. This mechanism would ensure that government agencies address any shortcomings within their language access programs and serve all residents fairly.

The Youth Commission further encourages the implementation of the Office of Language Access in the California Health and Human Service Agency.

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Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer

2023-2024 Chair, San Francisco Youth Commission

1 [Support for San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee budget
2 recommendation for FY 24-25]

3 **Motion supporting the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory**
4 **Committee budget recommendation for FY 24-25, and urging the Mayor and**
5 **Board of Supervisors to support]**

6 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory
7 Committee (SDDTAC) is an advising body of 16 members consisting of community
8 representatives, medical researchers, and experts; and

9 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations
10 to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Sugary Drinks
11 Distributor Tax in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8; and

12 WHEREAS, the role of the SDDTAC has been critical to informing funding
13 priorities and ensuring that the SDDT funding is aligned with key values of decreasing
14 sugary drink intake, and increasing healthy eating and active living; and

15 WHEREAS, the last five years of SDDTAC recommendations have consistently
16 recommended and highly prioritized the most dollars to community-based organizations
17 (CBOs); and

18 WHEREAS, for FY 24-25, the SDDTAC recommended \$3.3 million to be
19 allocated for community-based grants, such as the Healthy Communities Support grants
20 and the Policy, Systems, and Environmental grants which has afforded close to 40
21 CBOs the ability to provide direct services to communities most impacted by chronic
22 illnesses; and

1 WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax
2 for FY 24-25 seeks to cut \$1.9 million from community-based grants, in order to help
3 divert \$4.9 million to new Human Services Agency programs that will support food
4 access; and

5 WHEREAS, the Human Services Agency has no affiliation with the Department
6 of Public Health and the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, this cut by the Mayor’s Proposed Budget will eliminate programming
8 and food box distribution within many CBOs including, but not limited to, Fa’atasi Youth
9 Services, All My Usos (AMU), and Florence Fang Community Farm; and

10 WHEREAS, CBOs such as Fa’atasi Youth Services, All My Usos, and Florence
11 Fang Community Farm empower their local communities through the cultural relevance
12 of their work; and

13 WHEREAS, CBOs also provide jobs and opportunities for disproportionately
14 impacted youth, whether that is through learning how to garden organic vegetables at
15 the Florence Fang Community Farm, participating in physical fitness programs with
16 Fa’atasi Youth Services, or learning about financial literacy, leadership, and
17 entrepreneurship through All My Usos, and

18 WHEREAS, Food access is important, but food access is not everything to
19 address the health of communities and our youth; and therefore be it

20 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the
21 Board of Supervisors to allocate in alignment with the budget recommendations of the
22 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee in FY 24-25 to ensure that the Soda
23 Tax keeps working for all our communities and our youth.

1 [Supporting the Funding Ask of HYPE (Helping Youth People Elevate) Center]

2 **Motion to support the HYPE Center's endeavors in providing key resources to**
3 **marginalized and trafficked youth.**

4 Whereas, The San Francisco Department for Children Youth and Families
5 (DCYF) has made recent funding decisions that result in no funding for youth sex
6 trafficking prevention or support in our city, significantly impacting vulnerable
7 populations; and

8 Whereas, Freedom Forward, a San Francisco nonprofit organization, is
9 dedicated to serving young people who are vulnerable to sex trafficking, particularly
10 focusing on transitional-aged youth (TAY) ages 14-24, who are increasingly being
11 trafficked and experiencing homelessness due to systemic and economic barriers; and

12 Whereas, Freedom Forward's HYPE Center (Helping Young People Elevate) is
13 San Francisco's only multi-service drop-in center that specifically aims to prevent
14 commercial sexual exploitation of youth, offering a wide array of services such as
15 mental health support, legal assistance, housing access, and basic needs like food and
16 showers, through a coordinated effort with over 20 youth-serving partners; and

17 Whereas, The HYPE Center has successfully served over 500 unduplicated
18 youth members, predominantly from BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and homeless communities,
19 providing them with essential support and preventing repeated exploitation; and

20 Whereas, Compelling success stories, such as that of Shanté, illustrate the
21 profound impact the HYPE Center has on young people's lives, offering them a safe
22 space, necessary resources, and a supportive community that enables them to escape
23 cycles of exploitation and homelessness; and

1 Whereas, The initial funding for the HYPE Center through the California
2 Department of Social Services (CDSS) under the SF SOL initiative is coming to an end,
3 requiring new independent funding to continue its critical services; and

4 Whereas, The HYPE Center requires an annual investment of \$875,000 for 2025
5 and 2026 to sustain its programming, continue serving the vulnerable youth population,
6 and secure a permanent funding stream; and

7 Whereas, The potential closure of the HYPE Center due to lack of funding would
8 leave 534 youth members without a dedicated space for addressing their basic needs
9 and accessing specialized services, thus exacerbating their vulnerability to sexual
10 exploitation; and

11 Whereas, Mayor London Breed has publicly supported efforts to prevent youth
12 exploitation and chronic homelessness, recognizing the importance of such initiatives
13 for the city's most vulnerable residents; and therefore be it

14 Moved, That we urge the City of San Francisco to allocate an annual \$875,000
15 investment for the HYPE Center for the years 2025 and 2026 via add-back dollars; and

16 Moved, That this funding will ensure the continued operation of the HYPE
17 Center, enabling it to serve the vulnerable youth community and prevent the closure of
18 this vital resource; and

19 Moved, That the City of San Francisco recognizes the essential role of the HYPE
20 Center in preventing youth sex trafficking and exploitation, and commits to embedding
21 HYPE into the fabric of services within the nonprofit sector to support and protect our
22 youth.

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1 **[Supporting the Funding Ask of HYPE (Helping Youth People Elevate) Center]**

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document: [Letter of Support]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Director, Youth Commission
Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Youth Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, *Victor Young*
Rules Committee

DATE: June 15, 2024

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 240676

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that money set aside for the San Francisco Unified School District in the Student Success Fund cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, or other provisions in the Charter; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

- No Comment
- Recommendation Attached

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Charter Amendment - Student Success Fund]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on November**
4 **5, 2024, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that**
5 **money set aside for the San Francisco Unified School District in the Student Success Fund**
6 **cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School**
7 **District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the Public**
8 **Education Enrichment Fund, or other provisions in the Charter.**

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10 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City
11 and County, at an election to be held on November 5, 2024, a proposal to amend the Charter of
12 the City and County by revising Section 16.131, to read as follows:

13 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.
14 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
15 **Deletions** are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.
16 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter
17 subsections.

18 **SEC. 16.131. STUDENT SUCCESS FUND.**

19 (a) **Establishment of Fund.** There is hereby established the Student Success Fund (“the
20 Fund”) to be administered by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (the
21 “Department”), or any successor agency. Monies therein shall be expended or used solely by the
22 Department, subject to the budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter, for the purposes set
23 forth in this Section 16.131.

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25 (d) **Annual Appropriations to the Fund.**

(1) In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the City shall appropriate \$11 million to the Fund
(an amount that is equivalent to approximately 3.1% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for

1 Fiscal Year 2023-24, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year 2024-2025,
2 the City shall appropriate \$35 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately
3 9.4% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2024-25, as projected by the
4 Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the City shall appropriate \$45 million to
5 the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to approximately 11.5% of the anticipated value of Excess
6 ERAF for Fiscal Year 2025-26, as projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022). In Fiscal Year
7 2026-2027, the City shall appropriate \$60 million to the Fund (an amount that is equivalent to
8 approximately 14.6% of the anticipated value of Excess ERAF for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as
9 projected by the Controller on June 1, 2022).

10 (2) In each year from Fiscal Year 2027-2028 through Fiscal Year 2037-2038, the
11 City shall appropriate to the Fund an amount equal to the prior year's appropriation, adjusted by
12 the percentage increase or decrease in aggregate discretionary revenues, as determined by the
13 Controller, based on calculations consistent from year to year, provided that the City may not
14 increase appropriations to the Fund under this subsection (d)(2) by more than 3% in any fiscal
15 year. In determining aggregate City discretionary revenues, the Controller shall only include
16 revenues received by the City that are unrestricted and may be used at the option of the Mayor
17 and the Board of Supervisors for any lawful City purpose.

18 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2), the City may freeze
19 appropriations to the Fund for any fiscal year after Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at the prior year
20 amounts when the City's projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year at the time of the
21 March Joint Report or March Update to the Five Year Financial Plan as prepared jointly by the
22 Controller, the Mayor's Budget Director, and the Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst exceeds
23 \$200 million, adjusted annually beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by the percentage
24 increase or decrease in aggregate City discretionary revenues, as determined by the Controller,
25 based on calculations consistent from year to year. In any such fiscal year, the City also may in

1 its discretion appropriate to the Fund an amount less than the amount required by subsection
2 (d)(1) or (d)(2), as applicable, provided that the City must appropriate at least \$35 million to the
3 Fund in each such fiscal year.

4 (4) Notwithstanding subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), or (d)(3), if the Controller
5 determines that there will be a Significant Reduction in Excess ERAF in any fiscal year after
6 Fiscal Year 2023-2024, then the City shall not be required to appropriate the full amount set
7 forth in subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) for that fiscal year, but the City shall appropriate at least \$35
8 million to the Fund in that fiscal year, in the following manner and sequence: In any such fiscal
9 year, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from the separate reserve account under
10 subsection (d)(6) until that account has no remaining funds. If there are no remaining funds in
11 that reserve account, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from the City's Budget
12 Stabilization Reserve established under Charter Section 9.120. If there are no remaining funds in
13 the Budget Stabilization Reserve, the City shall appropriate monies withdrawn from other budget
14 reserve accounts established under Charter Section 9.120.

15 (5) If, at any election after November 8, 2022, the voters of the City enact a
16 special tax measure that dedicates funds for the purposes described in this Section 16.131, the
17 City may reduce the amount of appropriations in subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) in any subsequent
18 fiscal year by the amount of special tax revenues that the City appropriates for those purposes in
19 that fiscal year.

20 (6) Reserve Account.

21 (A) The Controller shall establish a separate reserve account in the Fund
22 to facilitate additional appropriations and expenditures during fiscal years described in
23 subsections (d)(3) and (d)(4). In any fiscal year described in subsection (d)(3) or (d)(4), the City
24 may appropriate and expend funds from this separate reserve account for the purposes permitted
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1 by this Section 16.131, provided that the total amount expended from the Fund in any fiscal year
2 shall not exceed the amount set forth for that fiscal year in subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2).

3 (B) At the end of each fiscal year, the Controller shall deposit in the
4 separate reserve account any monies that were appropriated to the Fund under subsection (d)(1)
5 or (d)(2) but that remain uncommitted, provided that the amount in the separate reserve account
6 shall not exceed \$40 million. The Controller shall return to the General Fund any additional
7 monies in the Fund that remain uncommitted.

8 (7) Monies from the Fund shall not replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for
9 funding that is included or partially included in the Children and Youth baseline requirements
10 under Section 16.108, the Public Education Enrichment Fund baseline requirements under
11 Section 16.123-2, or any other provision of this Charter that requires the City to provide funding
12 to the District or to services for children and youth.

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14 ~~(h) **Task Force.** By no later than March 31, 2023, the Board of Supervisors shall pass~~
15 ~~an ordinance establishing a task force to exist until at least July 31, 2024 with the purpose to~~
16 ~~provide advice to the Board and the Mayor regarding potential future sources of revenue for the~~
17 ~~Fund, including a potential special tax measure that would dedicate funds for the purposes~~
18 ~~described in this Section 16.131.~~

1 (i) **Expiration.** This Section 16.131 shall expire by operation of law on December 31,
2 2038, following which the City Attorney may cause it to be removed from the Charter unless the
3 Section is extended by the voters.

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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
6 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

7 By: /s/
8 JON GIVNER
9 Deputy City Attorney

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