



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

MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2024

5:00 pm

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

Youth Commission Membership includes:

Jason Fong (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Lucas Liang (Leg Affairs Officer, D4), Jin Valencia-Tow (Leg Affairs Officer, D7), Winnie Liao (Comms Officer, D3), Emily Yang (Comms Officer, Mayoral), Clarisse Kim (D1), Camryn Marlow (D2), Ethar Alameri (D5), Harper Fortgang (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Ikahihifo Paea (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Jason Fong, Lucas Liang, Jin Valencia-Tow, Winnie Liao, Emily Yang, Clarisse Kim, Camryn Marlow, Ethar Alameri, Harper Fortgang, Skylar Dang, Ikahihifo Paea, Imaan Ansari, Téa Lonné Amir, Eloise Krehlik, Aisha Majdoub, Ava Oram.

Absent: None.

Tardy: Gabbie Listana.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on November 18, 2024, with Chair Fong presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 16 present, 1 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - present
Camryn Marlow (D2) - present
Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Lucas Liang (D4) - present
Ethar Alameri (D5) - present
Gabbie Listana (D6) - absent
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Skylar Dang (D9) - present
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - present
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - present
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - present
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Vice Chair Listana entered the meeting at 5:08pm.

2. Communications

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

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Majdoub, seconded by Commissioner Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the November 18, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye

Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- a. November 4, 2024 ([Packet Materials](#))

Officer Yang, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to approve the November 4, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Presentations

a. San Francisco's Draft 2025 Hazards and Climate Resilience Plan

- i. Presenter: Melissa Higbee, Resilience Program Manager & Alex Morrison, Resilience GIS Specialist

Higbee and Morrison presented the draft plan for 2025 Hazards and Climate Resilience, by the Office of Capital Planning.

Officer Liao asked what specific research they've to put together their action plan, to which Higbee said that they've worked with a lot of key reports and studies that have provided data. Morrison said that they're getting guidance from the State of California that they've received data to incorporate into their local plans.

Commissioner Lonné Amir asked about debt as a potential form of payment, to which Higbee said that that means general obligation bonds, which are borrowed funds.

Commissioner Kim asked about why the eastside of San Francisco is the only part of the City that would flood, to which Kim said the elevation and geography of the eastside SF is more prone to flooding than the westside of San Francisco.

Commissioner Fortgang asked whether the climate resilience includes plans for schools with updated HVAC equipment, to which Higbee said that they didn't include SFUSD in the planning of this draft, but they are including more green cover for various parts of the City. Morrison added that there's a heat resilience project that includes SFUSD in the conversation with SFPUC.

Commissioner Alameri asked if there would be other schools that would be included in the conversation, to which Morrison said that they would be doing community outreach to include everyone in their climate resilience plan.

Officer Yang asked how they created their priority levels, to which Higbee said that they focused on feasible projects in the next 5 years to address the most prevalent issues. Yang also asked how they would make housing more affordable in the plan, to which Higbee said they need to build more types of housing for all to prepare for the increased demand.

Vice Chair Listana asked how the plan will work towards putting youth into the picture, to which Higbee said that they didn't have a lot of youth engagement throughout the plan since it was mainly put together by a variety of city agencies and departments. Morrison added that a lot of these strategies have public engagement opportunities that they can better include youth voices into the process. Listana agrees.

Chair Fong asked what measures they have to ensure these plans are not performative but that they're actually able to take the steps necessary, to which Higbee said they hope

to have more transparency and accountability on these projects, along with progress reports throughout implementation. Fong asked if they have more support mechanisms to ensure that if projects fall behind, to which Higbee said that they'll be providing technical support to expedite any delays. Fong asked if there's a definite ask for the Youth Commission, to which Higbee said that they hope to have the YC share their plans and ideas to encourage public participation.

7. Training (discussion)

a. City and County of San Francisco Budget

i. Presenter: Tracy Gallardo, D10 Legislative Aide

Gallardo presented her presentation on the San Francisco budget process.

Commissioner Alameri asked what plans there are for parks in the Tenderloin, to which Gallardo said that there's not enough people pushing for more parks in the TL. Alameri asked for more information regarding downtown recovery, to which Gallardo said that they can read the Mayor's budget proposals in the annual book the Mayor's Office distributes to every City office.

Officer Liao asked about budget requests regarding SFUSD's bathrooms in disrepair, to which Gallardo said that SFUSD has its own independent budget process and those needs can be brought to the SFUSD Board of Education and the new Superintendent Maria Su. Gallardo added that they can organize to get more updated schools with better food options.

Officer Liang asked what they can do to address the budget deficit, when programs like Free Muni for All Youth are at risk, to which Gallardo said that it's all about how effective they can be as commissioners to get their allies to fight for the same programs to be protected.

Officer Valencia-Tow asked how the budget process may be different with the newly elected officials, to which Gallardo said that the more people who turn out for public comment at the BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee meetings. Gallardo added that decisions are often made before they happen at the meeting, so they should be doing the advocacy weeks before the meetings where important votes will take place.

Commissioner Krehlik asked if there's a budget priority that continues to not be addressed throughout various mayors or in D10, to which Gallardo said that family and childcare issues are the most important for her. Gallardo said that many issues compete to be funded, and talked about budgetary arguments that take place and hard questions commissioners should ask.

Director Garcia asked how mid-year cuts will take place with so many transitions taking place at the Mayor's Office and throughout the Board of Supervisors, to which Gallardo said the Mayor has historically cut some of the BOS add backs during the mid-year cuts.

8. Legislation Referred (discussion & possible action)

- a. **BOS File #241038 [Administrative Code - Rapid Rehousing Policy]** Ordinance - Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to declare that it is City policy to provide up to five years of rapid rehousing assistance to an eligible household where the City has assessed the household's circumstances and concluded that a shorter-term subsidy will create a risk of returning to homelessness; and requiring the Homelessness Oversight Commission to hold an annual hearing and issue an annual report analyzing the City's implementation of this rapid rehousing policy. ([Packet Materials](#))
 - i. Presenter: Youth Commission Staff and Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said that this legislation was heard in the Rules Committee today. Officer Liang said that this legislation seeks to address homelessness recidivism by doing 5-year subsidies instead of 2-year subsidies. Valencia-Tow said that all the data can be found in the supporting documents.

Officer Liao asked if there's any part of this legislation that can help keep people in the homes they already have, to which Valencia-Tow said these subsidies are aimed to give people stable housing that doesn't change after two years. Specialist Zhan said this program is 70%+ successful. Liang added that unsuccessful situations are when those who go through this program do not achieve stable housing after their subsidy is used.

Commissioner Alameri asked if this program is eligible for families as well, to which Valencia-Tow said there are lots of slots that are specifically designated for families.

Chair Fong asked if there's a process on how they determine which families get housed, to which Liang said that they have an assessment process to determine need.

Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Krehlik, motioned to positively recommend BOS File #241038.

Discussion:

Officer Liang said that he does not support the current legislation because of the Board of Supervisors being in a lame duck session, and said that the financial figures aren't as accurate as they should be.

Commissioner Alameri asked if it was an accurate estimate, to which Liang said that these numbers are based on if everyone did a 5-year subsidy since they haven't studied what the actual cost would be.

Officer Valencia-Tow said that only 1% of participants get into stable housing after five years, while over 50% get into stable housing after three years.

Specialist Zhan added that this legislation could add \$32 million in costs, and that this funding would have to be found while also in a deficit year.

Officer Valencia-Tow said that the federal government does give funding in rental assistance, to which Specialist Zhan said that the majority of this funding comes from the local and state budgets.

Commissioner Alameri and Commissioner Krehlik have both rescinded their motion and second for a positive recommendation.

Commissioner Dang, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to table this item to the next full Youth Commission meeting, with the intention of sending questions and comments to the Board of Supervisors for clarity on the legislation. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 17 ayes.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
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Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Item 8a tabled to the December 2, 2024 FYC meeting.

- 9. Committee Reports** (discussion item)
 - a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said that the LAOs and Executive Officers are planning the Youth Budget Community Forum to hear from various community voices, and asked everyone to send the flyer to their schools.

Officer Liang had no update.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Liao said they are continuing to post the YC spotlight posts on social media, and thanked everyone for submitting their biographies and answers. Liao asked staff to distribute flyers to everyone.

Officer Yang requested that everyone share the Youth Budget Community Forum flyer as much as possible, to ensure there's enough outreach and turnout for the event. Yang also mentioned that they'd be posting an update on recent legislative actions that the Youth Commission has taken.

iii. General Committee Updates

Officer Fong said the last Executive Committee meeting went great, and said that they might have an additional meeting before the budget forum to plan the run-of-show.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Kim said their meeting was really fun and successful, they did an icebreaker, did a summary from previous meetings, did a resolution training, and discussed connecting with community organizations.

c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Fortgang said they received a presentation by the Bay Area Community Resources organization and their support for a smoke-free housing policy proposal, and that they're going to be putting forward a resolution. She added that they did a resolution training and an outreach activity.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Lonné Amir said that they went over a resolution training, and did an outreach activity.

10. Roll Call and Introductions (discussion item)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission-related activities.

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Valencia-Tow, Commissioner Liao, Commissioner Fong, Commissioner Dang, Commissioner Fortgang, Commissioner Lonné Amir, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Krehlik.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow said he gave a presentation about ballot measures at his school, as well as being able to discuss the election overall.

Commissioner Liao said last Saturday they attended the California Association of Youth Commissions where there were a lot of speakers, discussion about youth issues, and heard from the founders about educational disparities. She also spoke at a youth advocacy panel with Dear Asian Youth.

Commissioner Fong said he's been working with the District 7 Youth Council to help support them with their financial issues and to get them back on track, with the support of the D7 Office.

Commissioner Dang said she's noticed a surge of youth violence at her school and she's been gathering information to put together a resolution for SFUSD to address these ongoing issues.

Commissioner Fortgang said back in October, she participated in the KALW event to discuss the Youth Commission, attended the Great Hauntway, and attended the CAYC conference last Saturday.

Commissioner Lonné Amir said she's no longer going to pursue the conference on mental health of teenagers based on social media usage, but that she would be potentially moving forward with a resolution. She added that she attended the Great Hauntway event.

Commissioner Alameri said she's working with the Boys and Girls Club leader in her neighborhood and will be working with them more closely moving forward. She attended the memorial yesterday for the victims of traffic violence in San Francisco, where she heard from victims and families on the need to address vision zero.

Commissioner Kim said she will be meeting with the Richmond Community Center to discuss educational programs to support, and she may do additional outreach to community organizations in the future.

Commissioner Krehlik said she has been telling other students at school about the Youth Commission and what it does, and how to include more middle school youth in advocacy.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No introductions.

11. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said that everyone should have access to their online training portals and that they should do them during Thanksgiving break, and she emphasized letting staff know if they won't be present during committee meetings next week.

Specialist Zhan thanked everyone for doing the community outreach and resolution activities in their respective committees, for those absent from last week's committee to choose a CBO that they'd like to do outreach to, and reach out to staff or officers to ensure everyone knows how resolutions are written in committee.

Specialist Ochoa asked which commissioners will not be able to attend committee meetings on Monday since it's a holiday week, and said that he will be looking into meetings regarding SFMTA and transportation since there is a lot at risk for transit funding.

12. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Commissioner Fortgang discussed updates regarding the California Association of Youth Commissions conference that took place last Saturday. Officer Yang gave her thoughts. Officer Fong said it was great to work with other youth commissions, even though the San Francisco Youth Commission is the best youth commission.

Officer Yang encouraged everyone to put up the Youth Community Budget Forum flyers, and send proof that they've posted them up.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:59pm.

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