



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, December 9, 2024
5:30pm**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Members: Imaan Ansari (Chair, D11), Harper Fortgang (Vice Chair, D8), Winnie Liao (D3), Jin Valencia-Tow (D7), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Ansari, Fortgang, Liao, Valencia-Tow, Krehlik, Oram.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee met in-person with remote access, on December 9, 2024, with Chair Ansari presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Ansari called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present

Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present

A quorum of the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee membership was present.

2. Communications

Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Oram, motioned to approve the December 9, 2024 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. November 25, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Vice Chair Fortgang, motioned to approve the November 25, 2024 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (discussion & possible action)

a. Icebreaker

Specialist Ochoa asked "what's the most unusual food you've eaten, and would you eat it again?". Commissioners and staff answered and discussed.

b. Smoke-Free Questions Discussion

Chair Ansari said that they answered most of their questions, and added that they didn't have written out language for what continued violations and penalties of this policy would be. Commissioners discussed their desire to have more research and public information for their policy proposal. Staff recommended that where there are gaps, it might be good to put in what they think would be a good policy to put in place in their resolution. Chair Ansari said that she thinks they should support this policy, but they should give their recommendations to the Bay Area Community Resources to input into their proposal, and do more research on other counties that have similar regulations.

c. Resolution Writing

Commissioners will work on language individually outside of committee, and then bring it to the upcoming meetings to announce.

d. HRT Meeting Scheduling

Chair Ansari asked what community-based organizations they'd like to see present to the HRT Committee in the coming months. Commissioner Liao wants to bring in the SRO Families United Collaborative to discuss issues within SRO housing, Commissioner Valencia-Tow wants to bring in the SF Tenants Union, Commissioner Fortgang wants to bring in the CalAcademy to discuss their careers and science program, and Commissioner Oram wants to bring in the SF Bike Coalition.

Specialist Ochoa said that everyone should look at their schedule before the full Youth Commission meeting on December 16th to see if they'll be able to attend the scheduled December 23rd HRT Committee meeting, or if the committee should reschedule or cancel that meeting.

e. HRT-related Updates

No updates.

7. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

No announcements.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee adjourned at 6:09pm.

[Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policy]

Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to implement a smoke-free housing policy in multi-unit housing in San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Over 50% of San Franciscans live in multi-unit housing (MUH).

WHEREAS, Low income people of color are more likely to live in multi-unit housing.

WHEREAS, Smoke-free multi-unit housing is the absence of tobacco and cannabis smoke from a residential building with two or more housing units, while still allowing people to smoke in designated areas while protecting others from second and third degree smoke.

WHEREAS, Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death worldwide, responsible for over 8 million deaths each year, including 1.2 million non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke.

WHEREAS, Exposure to secondhand smoke causes approximately 41,000 deaths among non-smoking adults and 400 infant deaths each year in the United States alone.

WHEREAS, Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear infections, and severe asthma.

WHEREAS, According to a 2022 study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, San Francisco is the most expensive county in the Bay Area, yet the only county without a smoke-free housing policy.

WHEREAS, 100 total surveys on smoke free housing were conducted by Youth Policy Leaders @ Bay Area Community Resources across all eleven districts, in three different languages, with the most responses from districts 1 and 5.

WHEREAS, Community based organizations in family and youth services were contacted to provide input.

WHEREAS, Nearly half of respondents (48%) reported smelling smoke at least once per week.

WHEREAS, 59% of respondents believed that a smoke-free policy in their building would benefit their family.

WHEREAS, Bay Area health experts recommend a smoke-free housing policy prioritizing equitable enforcement and resident education, rather than eviction.

WHEREAS, the current SF-MUH plan calls for “a comprehensive SF-MUH ordinance

prohibiting the smoking of cannabis, tobacco, and e-cigarettes inside private units and common areas of multi-unit housing (2+ units) in the city and county of San Francisco.”

WHEREAS, the current plan calls for the policy to be enforced and maintained by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) in partnership with landlords, who will take 9 months to one year to develop rules and regulations of enforcement in partnership with community health and housing partners and enforce the policy by January 2030.

WHEREAS, the current SF-MUH plan includes equitable resources and education materials on smoke free options, including enforcement tips/guidelines.

WHEREAS, Further and more expansive research should be conducted with tenant and apartment associations to form clear guidelines on how the policy will be enforced and what strategies, other than education will be used.

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission believes that guidelines on where to smoke from the city and building management will result in health benefits for the greater community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission urges for further outreach and surveying to inform residents of the policy and gather more community opinions and data.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to outline and implement a standardized smoke free housing policy in multi-unit housing in San Francisco.