

1 [Recognizing the Youth Commission's 20th Anniversary]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the Youth Commission's 20th Anniversary and honoring its**
4 **20 years of service to the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has for decades led the country in youth
7 advocacy and civic action; and

8 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of the year that the first youth
9 commissioners were seated after voters approved a charter amendment establishing a Youth
10 Commission in November 1995; and

11 WHEREAS, Since 1996, a diverse group of 17 young San Franciscans between the
12 ages of 12-23 have undertaken their chartered duties of advising the Board of Supervisors
13 and Mayor on issues impacting youth each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Youth commissioners undertake robust outreach efforts each year in order
15 to gather community input and to increase the civic impact and knowledge of young San
16 Franciscans; and

17 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission office, located in room 345 of City Hall, is the only
18 space dedicated to welcoming youth in City Hall and serves as an inviting place for dozens of
19 youth-serving community groups and young people visiting City Hall and attending meetings
20 of the Board of Supervisors each year; and

21 WHEREAS, Youth commissioners work to ensure that City policy reflects the true
22 needs of young people through budget advocacy to establish, protect, and expand effective
23 programs and services; monitoring of policies affecting youth; and reviewing new legislative
24 and policy proposals from the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, and city departments; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth commissioners fulfill their chartered duties by holding afterschool
2 hearings and providing official comment on youth-related Board legislation, providing
3 feedback on 35 pieces of Board legislation during their 2015-16 term alone; and

4 WHEREAS, Youth commissioners work in issue-based committees to research and
5 prepare an annual set of over a dozen key budget and policy priorities to share with the Board
6 of Supervisors each spring; and

7 WHEREAS, The commission's recent priorities and successes include advocating for
8 the establishment of the Free MUNI for youth program; advocating for the expansion of
9 services and supports for transitional age youth; building a national conversation about the
10 inclusion of 16-17 year olds in municipal elections; advocating for legal and financial support
11 for undocumented youth applying for deferred action; clarifying the role of police officers on
12 school campuses; urging City support for City College of San Francisco; expanding training
13 for City staff on serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex and
14 Queer (LGBTQIQ)youth; and improving visiting opportunities for youth with incarcerated
15 parents; and

16 WHEREAS, For the last 20 years, youth commissioners have given freely of their time
17 to serve the people of our City and County; and

18 WHEREAS, The experience gained while serving on the Youth Commission has
19 served to develop the capacities of civic leaders serving as current and past members of the
20 City College Board of Trustees, vice-chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party, the Mayor
21 of Berkeley, and staff of multiple city departments and countless community organizations;
22 now therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends
24 the individual leaders who have served as youth commissioners since 1996; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors and
2 commends the San Francisco Youth Commission for its 20-year legacy of fulfilling the charge
3 bestowed upon it by voters by promoting and engaging the leadership of young San
4 Franciscans and providing well-informed advice on City policy impacting youth.

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December 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang and Yee
Vacant: 1 - District 8

File No. 161325

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/13/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Mayor

12/23/2016
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Signature of Angela Calvillo
for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

12/23/2016
Date