



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor London Breed
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

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FROM: 2020-2021 Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

RE: Four Youth Commission Actions from March 15, 2021: unanimous support for File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]; no position for File No. 210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]; unanimous support for File No. 210215 [Appropriation - Property Tax - Department of Children, Youth and Their Families - \$15,000,000 - Summer Programming - FY2020-2021]; support the Department of Environment's Young Leaders in Climate Action Summit.

At its virtual meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, the Youth Commission took the following actions:

1. Youth Commissioners unanimously voted to support BOS File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]. A record of their response, with recommendations, can be viewed in referral response no. 2021-RBM-09 ([PDF](#)) (attached).

The Youth Commissioners voted to include the following questions and recommendations:

Questions:

- how is cultural competency held? How will students of color know about this?
- What is the language access like?



Recommendations:

- continue meetings with CBOS – especially Youth MOJO from Chinese Progressive Association
 - draw information and data from DCYF's Community Needs Assessments and OCOF's Child and Youth Friendly Initiative assessments
 - budget priorities be focused on:
 - cultural competency for BIPOC communities of color
 - educational outreach for youth mental health
 - funding for alternatives for different modes of therapy
 - funding for youth rights and redefining safety as a patient (meaning that youth rights are respected)
 - compensation programs for youth to attend therapy
 - engage SFUSD in the conversation
 - explore affinity groups
 - create sustainability of care post high school and funding alternatives in community clinics:
 - increase supports in institutions
 - bring in resources for expansion in community clinics and places that have mental health trainees
2. Youth Commissioners unanimously voted to take no position on BOS File No. 210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]. A record of their response, with recommendations, can be viewed in referral response no. 2021-RBM-10 ([PDF](#)) (attached).

The sponsoring office was not available to speak on this piece of legislation and, without contextual information, the Youth Commission did not want to vote to support it or not support it. However, the Youth Commissioners voted to include the following questions and recommendations:

Questions:

- what is the impact of AAPI hate crimes on youth specifically and will it be reported by SFPD in their quarterly reports in demographics of crime/data around Asian youth targeted by hate?
- What language accessible resources are departments providing victims who have faced violence?

Recommendations:

- Regarding Mayor Breed's creation of anti-Asian Hate Crimes Taskforce - law enforcement should not be involved, and community organizations should be lead on prevention, resources, and trauma as law enforcement can exacerbate trauma; commit to it being community based intervention focused
- work with the 70+ Bay Area organizations that created the [three anti-Asian violence demands](#), and work with them to create action steps
- Utilize the [Stop AAPI Hate Report](#) that was made with SF youth and connect with them on these efforts



3. Youth Commissioners unanimously voted to support BOS File No. 210215 [Appropriation - Property Tax - Department of Children, Youth and Their Families - \$15,000,000 - Summer Programming - FY2020-2021]. A record of their response, with recommendations, can be viewed in referral response no. 2021-RBM-12 ([PDF](#)) (attached).

The Youth Commissioners understands this legislation focuses more on the movement of funds vs. the implementation of the funds, however, they voted to include the following questions, recommendations, and comments:

Recommendations:

- the follow up legislation be referred to the Youth Commission
 - the sponsoring office works with youth and community-based organizations to identify the needs for specific programming
 - engage youth for their input on the crank start
 - maintain and enforce the language accessibility piece of this funding/program roll out
 - in addition to language access, ensure that there is education around the reopening aspect, so communities feel safer to participate
4. Youth Commissioners unanimously voted to support the Department of Environment's Young Leaders in Climate Action Summit.

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554-6446 with any questions. Thank you.