

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

**BUDGET AND
POLICY PRIORITIES**

FY 2024-2025 & FY 2025-2026

ABOUT THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Per City Charter Sec. 4.122-4.124, the Youth Commission is responsible for advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on youth issues in San Francisco, particularly focusing on unmet needs.

Every budget cycle, the Youth Commission drafts and adopts Budget and Policy Priorities (BPPs), which are compiled into a report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, with our recommendations.

This year, the Youth Commission has approved 16 BPPs.

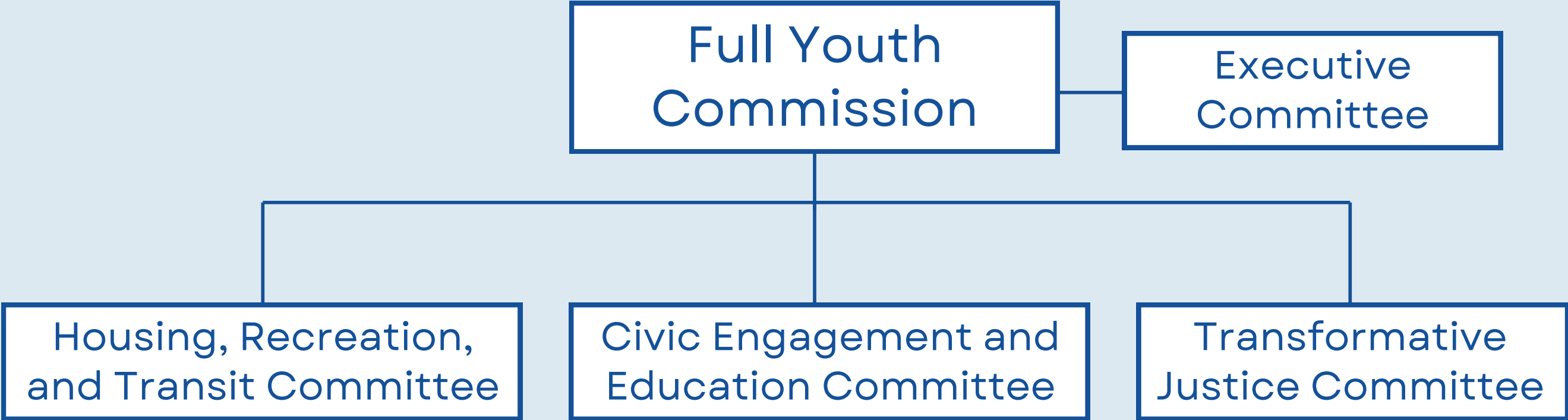


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STRUCTURE

The Youth Commission has 3 Committees focusing on specific issue areas and one Executive Committee responsible for the functioning of the Commission. Each issue-based Committee individually drafts BPPs, which are then reviewed and voted on by the full Commission.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

EXPAND THE VOTING AGE TO 16 IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Place a Charter Amendment on the November 2024 ballot

PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND NEEDED INVESTMENT IN SCHOOL SAFETY

- Provide oversight of SFUSD school safety infrastructure
- Explore funding options for upgrades
- Ensure training for emergencies
- Create a public awareness campaign for the Say Something system
- Improve Wellness Center wait times
- Encourage schools to share safe firearm storage information



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

ADDRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS

- Evaluate effectiveness of current background checking
- Standardize training and curriculum on sexual harassment and assault
- Support work of the Title IX Student Advisory Group

INCREASE VOTER PREREGISTRATION EFFORTS

- Offer more in-school opportunities to learn about pre-registration
- Continue funding the Department of Election's Youth Voter Outreach program



HOUSING, RECREATION, AND TRANSIT

MAKE FREE MUNI FOR ALL YOUTH PERMANENT

- Continue the Free Muni for All Youth program
- Collect data on the success of the program

IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE ON TRANSIT

- Urge the SFMTA to expand the school tripper program
- increase safety on Muni
- Increase the frequency and reliability of Muni

EXPAND ACCESS TO YOUTH-CENTERED RECREATIONAL SPACES

- Improve and promote the use of local parks and playgrounds
- Expand Program Hours at the Mix (Main Library)
- Maintain the Slow Streets
- Expand car-free spaces
- Address transit delay in Golden Gate Park and the Inner Sunset



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HOUSING, RECREATION, AND TRANSIT

ADDRESS VISION ZERO

- Create a new action plan
- Reduce speed limits
- More Quick-Builds
- No Turn On Red policy
- Self-Driving Technology
- Congestion pricing program
- Build closer together

ADDRESS SAN FRANCISCO'S HOUSING AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

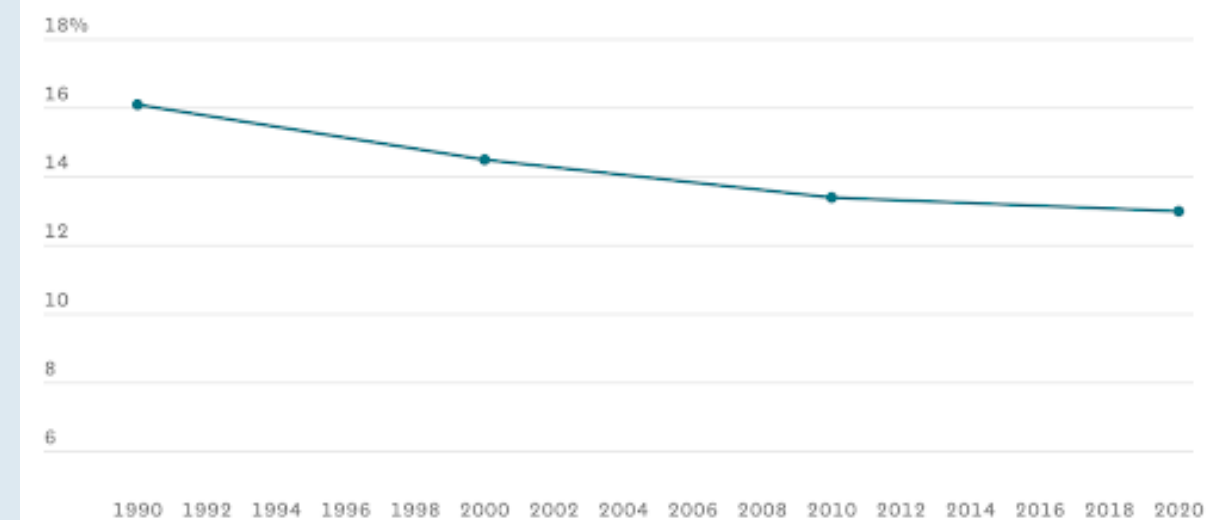
- Specific and concrete annual building targets
- Explore additional amendments to the Planning Code
- Eliminate Discretionary Review
- Promote affordable housing development through policy

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Share of population under 18 in San Francisco



Source: U.S. Census

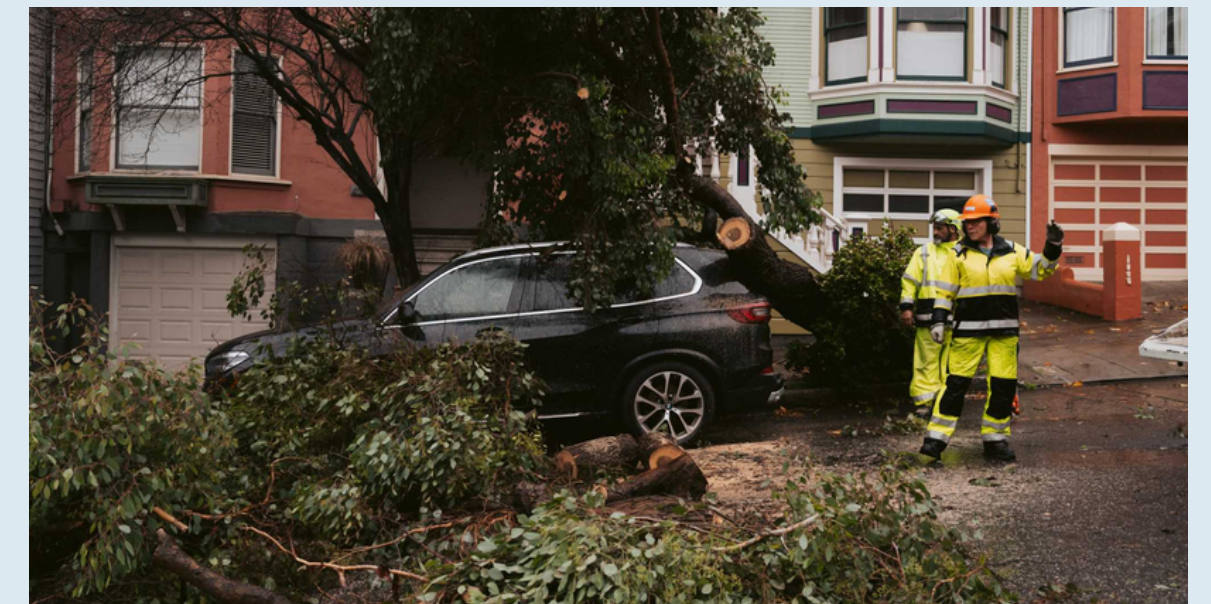
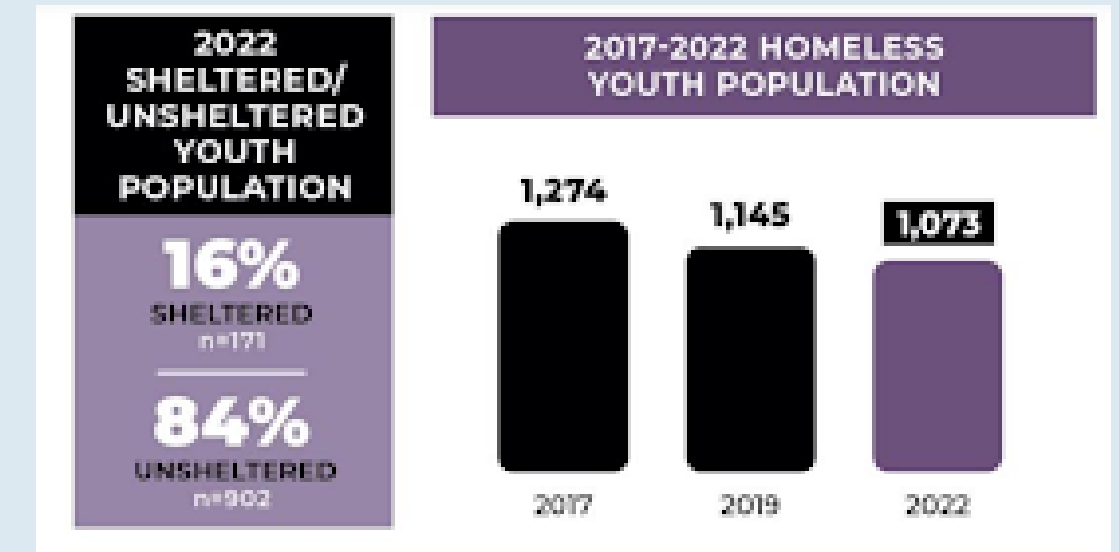
HOUSING, RECREATION, AND TRANSIT

SUPPORT YOUTH AND TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- Implement long-term solutions to homelessness without displacement
- Research the efficacy of navigation centers for youth
- Target support for LGBTQ+ and minority youth

IMPROVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Rework climate action plan
- Routinely check trees
- Invest in environmental resilience



TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

REDUCE YOUTH WEAPON ACCESS

- Support CBOs + City Departments Continue to provide youth violence prevention and development
- Gun Buy-Backs and Weapon Trade-In events
- Accessible information on safe firearm storage
- Accessible mental health services for youth

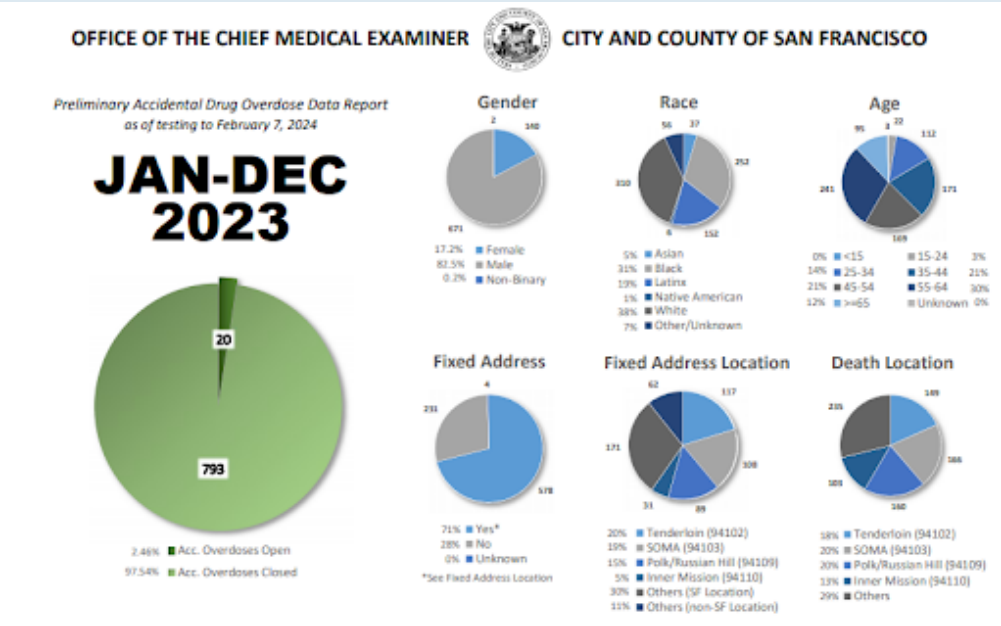
IMPLEMENT FENTANYL OVERDOSE REDUCTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

- Encourage SFUSD to reform the health educational curriculum
- Increase accessibility to Narcan and drug testing strips
- Work with CBOs specializing in drug education to engage youth further



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TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESS SUPPORT FOR SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS

- Increased financial support for ESL and foreign language programs in SFUSD and CCSF
- Increased support for the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs
 - Increased support for training and outreach for OCEIA services in City departments
 - Ensure CBOs that serve immigrant community's language needs stay funded
 - Increased translation and interpretation support for “emerging” languages
- Make City-translated and interpreted material more accessible



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TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE

TAKE DRASTIC ACTION IN ADDRESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS IN BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT

Allocate resources to accelerate cleanup efforts in the Bayview:

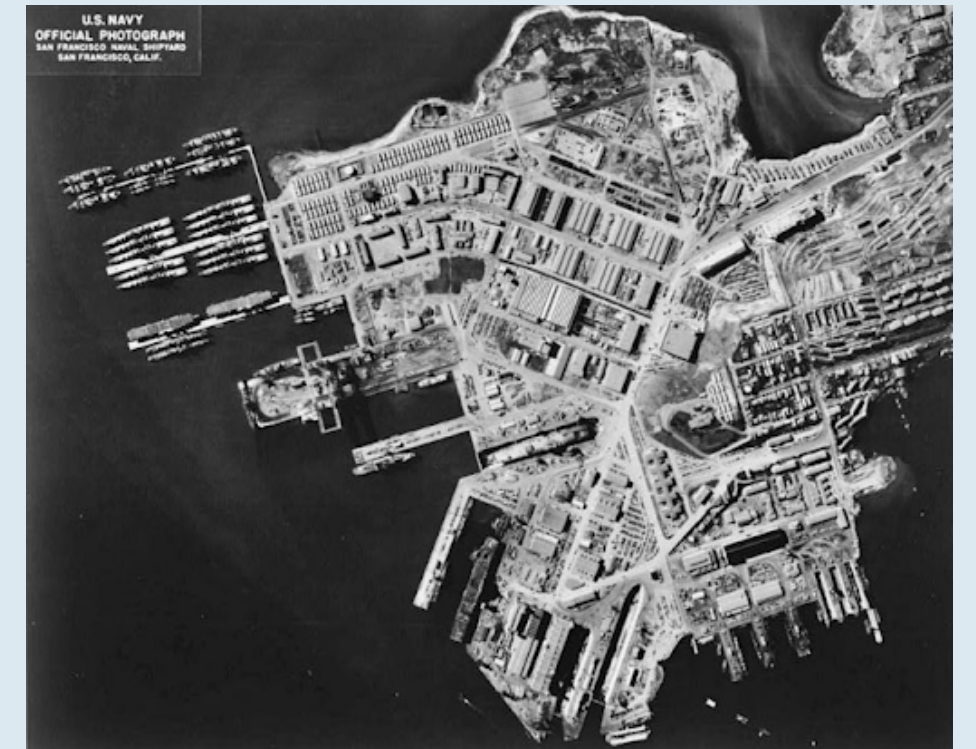
- Look into the effects of rising groundwater on cleanup and revitalization efforts
- Accept and implement the entirety of the 2021-2022 Civil Grand Jury report
- Support Community Initiatives

ADDRESS FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL INSECURITY

- Support community initiatives
- Increase outreach for food support programs
- Focus on food policy
- Provide nutritious + healthy food in schools and family shelters
- Invest in neighborhoods most impacted by food/nutritional insecurity

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THANK YOU

The full Budget and Policy Priorities Report is available at sfgov.org/yc

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