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Note to Erica: I will Call in, but if I have trouble getting through as I have in the past, here is my testimony.

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Youth, Young Adult and Families Committee – Feb. 11, 2022, meeting, item #3

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And we intend to play that role – as the community's sounding board - to ensure that your policies regarding this current report are implemented.

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DPH, DA, PD, HSA, DCYF and the Juvenile Court.

Our Commission intends to be active in all follow-up actions taken by the Board of Supervisors. We are all relying on your policies to guide us in implementing key elements of the report such as community-based intake, reduction in the number of youth in detention and on probation, the development of more behavioral health community supports, shared leadership in operating secure detention, and having adequate community beds so that no youth is EVER in secure detention as a result of lack of beds.

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From: [Kazani Finao](#)
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Good evening Erica,

This Kazani, I am the SF Site Director for the Young Women's Freedom Center. I have attached our item for the agenda for the Youth, Young Adult and Families Committee meeting on February 11, 2022. We spoke last Thursday. I do not have the file number you gave me. Can you please resend that for us as well. Please let me know if there is any additional information needed.

Thank you so much.

-Peace & gratitude

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"I believe young women, girls, trans and gender expansive youth are capable and resilient beyond measure. They hold the power to radically transform the world for generations to come. I believe in young folks. I believe in their strength and their knowledge. I believe in their hearts and their fire. I trust they have the answers. I believe it is the job of everyone to create radical solutions guided and informed by those directly impacted by harm perpetuated by systems." -*Through Their Eyes* pg. 119
YWFC Freedom Research Institute



Dear Youth, Young Adults, and Families Committee,

As the deadline for the shutdown of Juvenile Hall in SF has passed and we are heading into the implementation phase, the Young Women Freedom Center, the Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition, and the Youth Law Center, along with the community, would like to put forth our demands to ensure that this next stage remains true to the City's commitment to invest in youth, their families, and community-based programs.

- **We want a plan for action. It must:**
 - Be overseen by a city agency that is not a law enforcement entity;
 - Center youth in the implementation planning;
 - Include milestones and benchmarks for forward progress;
 - Be accountable to the public through regular oversight hearings.

- **We believe there are urgent issues to prioritize first:**
 - 1. Implement community-based diversion programming that has no contact with the system.
 - 2. Before developing any plan for a creating new place of detention, ensure that there are youth at the decision-making table who have actual influence over the planning process.
 - 3. Dollar for dollar, commit to spending the *same amount* that is spent on a new secure facility on community-based housing (with no system involvement), so that young people don't end up in juvenile hall just because they have no safe place to live.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these demands further with you.

In Community,
Young Women's Freedom Center
Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition
Youth Law Center