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Preface: Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis on Youth

Introduction

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health, declared COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus, a term designating a family of viruses known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases, as a global pandemic. This pandemic has brought to the forefront many of the pre-existing gaps and inequities at every level of governance within the United States, California, and the City and County of San Francisco.

To fulfill the Youth Commission's duty of advising San Francisco policy-makers on the unmet needs of youth, the Executive Committee of the Youth Commission has prepared this Preface to address the most pressing issues facing San Francisco youth as a result of the pandemic, building on the initial work on this matter related to the preparation of [YC File No. 1920-AL-11](#), a Youth Commission resolution passed on June 15, 2020 regarding youth services and programs and the City's response to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Youth Commission would like to thank our community partners, including but not limited to the Chinese Progressive Association, Larkin Street Youth Services, and Coleman Advocates for Youth for providing valuable input on the diversity of youth experience during this difficult time.

Framing

As the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed and the City and State have both imposed measures designed to enforce social distancing and public health, youth have been, and continue to be heavily impacted by measures such as school closures, the implementation of distance learning, access to food and nutrition and wellness centers, and other support systems and mental health services providing by schools and community programs, among others. Both the pandemic and these impacts have been disproportionately felt in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, amplifying pre-existing racial and socio-economic inequities.

Furthermore, youth voices have so far been left out of the City's response to the pandemic: in particular, the City's Economic Recovery Task Force convened by the Mayor and President of the Board of Supervisors lacks any youth members, although there are a few members representing organizations that work with youth. While it is not surprising that the City has once again left youth voices out of the discussion of how to alleviate the negative impacts of the pandemic which has had a disproportionate

impact on youth, it reveals the continued presence of a decision-making culture that omits youth from deliberative politics or requires them to take the initiative themselves to have their voice heard. Indeed, the Youth Commission was not allowed to meet for three months between March and June of 2020.

With all these factors in mind, the Youth Commission has made recommendations to City decision-makers (see the aforementioned resolution), in collaboration with Chinese Progressive Association acting as a liaison between SF United In Crisis, about how to address issues caused by the pandemic in a way that recognizes and uplifts the specifically-youth experience of these challenging times. The Youth Commission acknowledges that the City will need to make cuts in order to maintain a balanced budget: our concern is that these cuts reflect the value of the service that different programs and departments provide to communities most impacted by this pandemic. This budget season is a serious test of the City's values: will the City cut programs that youth and impacted communities rely on, as it did in the aftermath of the 2008-2009 recession, or will the City take a critical eye to programs and departments that do not serve youth or even directly harm their communities, with the goal of building a truly transformative future.

Summary of impacts

a) Education and Transportation

With the transition of distance learning at all levels, many inequities have arisen in our public education system.¹ Many young people are unable to attend class and complete schoolwork due to their jobs, familial responsibilities, lack of space due to multigenerational housing, and lack of technology and reliable internet. Many of the support systems schools provide are not readily available, such as healthy food, mental and physical health resources, and identity-based communities. Also, with more of the population working and learning from home, there has been an increase in domestic violence and child abuse. Research has indicated that abuse is more likely when people are experiencing high levels of stress, which job loss and public health concerns have contributed to.

In terms of transportation equity, MUNI services faced very large route cuts at the beginning of shelter in place, with only a select few "essential" lines running. Over time, more bus lines opened, but it was inaccessible for young people. Especially for those who rely heavily on MUNI to travel to work or complete errands, public transportation was much less accessible. At the same time, following the recommendation of several

¹ See Sparling, N., & Katoni, M. (June 20, 2020). "Distance learning for some kids at SF elementary school came with an extra challenge: No internet connection." *SF Chronicle*. Access [here](#).

Youth Commissioners during a presentation on its budget, the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) Board voted to support a proposed fare increase to go into effect, while approving a complete elimination of fares for youth up to age 19, which was to be expanded to Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) in future years. In June, faced with pressure from the Board of Supervisors, MTA instituted a two-year ban on fare increases to lessen the financial burden on MUNI riders. However, the implementation of the elimination of all fares for youth is now called into question.

b) Impacts on Youth in the Workforce and Immigrant Youth and Families

Many of the jobs available to young people are in the food service and retail industry. The shelter-in-place order caused many of those businesses, especially local small businesses, to close, resulting in unemployment for young people. Some continued working as essential workers out of necessity, risking their own health and safety: 13% of grocery workers are ages 16-19 nationally.

Additionally, San Francisco's immigrant population has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Undocumented youth and families in San Francisco are unable to benefit from the majority of government financial assistance, such as the stimulus checks from the CARES Act. Young people have had to step in to help family members who do not speak English fluently to navigate bureaucratic processes like unemployment payments, SNAP (food stamps), and community aid.

c) Youth Civic Engagement

Despite being under shelter-in-place, youth have still found ways to stay civically engaged through social media and other online platforms, especially after the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless other Black people. One group of high school students, led by 17-year-old Simone Jacques, organized a Black Lives Matter protest in D9 on June 3, 2020 through social media, with over 10,000 protestors showing up, reported as "perhaps the largest Bay Area gathering since the protests have made their presence locally."² Students Tiana Day and Mimi Zoila also organized a protest at the Golden Gate Bridge on June 6 via social media, drawing thousands of protestors.³ Youth unable to protest outside have still been active on social media sharing information about current events, sharing resources, and contacting elected officials to demand action.

Voter suppression of young people has led to low voter turnout among TAY (ages 18-25).

² <https://www.sfgate.com/news/slideshow/Simone-Jacques-Mission-District-protest-203235.php>

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<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/golden-gate-bridge-protest-was-organized-by-teens-seeking-change/>

Studies show that 90 percent of young people reported an interest in politics and 80 percent wanted to vote, but only 43 percent of people aged 18-29 ended up voting in 2016.⁴ Since 2016, youth turnout has mostly stagnated or declined while turnout for seniors has risen. Low turnout can be accounted for by ageist and racist policies around voting, which have disproportionately disenfranchised young people of color. Polling location closures and relocations near colleges lead to longer wait times, in places without early voting busy schedules can make voting less accessible, strict voter ID laws and registration restrictions make voting difficult to navigate, and voter purges can disenfranchise young people. Furthermore, under COVID-19, there have been health concerns around showing up to polling sites, for example in the March primary elections, which have also led to lower voter turnout. On May 8, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-64-20 ensuring that every California registered voter will receive a mail-in ballot for the November general election.⁵ Young people are generally more liberal, so their turnout could greatly affect the election in November. Barriers to voting must continue to be mitigated in order to gain greater representation of young people and people of color in our democracy.

COVID-19 has also changed how political campaigns are conducted by limiting in person interactions. Lack of canvassing and events like rallies and debates have made it difficult to outreach and engage voters, donors, and volunteers. Campaigns have adapted and turned to online platforms to hold fundraisers and town hall meetings in addition to utilizing social media and phone banking. Because the presidential election will be taking place this year, there are hopes that there will still be a high voter turnout despite obstacles posed by COVID-19.

d) Impacts on Black and Brown Youth and Youth in the Justice System

The Youth Commission wishes to acknowledge the physical, communal, social, mental and personal violence that has historically been inflicted on the Black and Brown communities, not only this year but historically and many years before. The Commission affirms and stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and countless other activists and youth organizers fighting anti-Blackness, white supremacy and all forms of oppression. The killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, Sean Monterrossa, Erik Salgado, Oluwatoyin “Toyin” Salau, and many more is an echoing of the injustice and constant fear for of one’s life that Black, Indigenous and other communities of color are facing at the hands of law enforcement

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<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/03/stop-blaming-young-voters-not-turning-out-sanders/608137/>

⁵ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05.08.2020-EO-N-64-20-text.pdf>

and incarceration. The over policing of Black and Brown neighborhoods, the racist killings with no sense of accountability from officers or police departments, and the way in which detention centers, prisons and county jails are prioritized before human life, especially during an international pandemic is exhausting. Many public and medical health professionals have expressed their concerns about how these communities, places and populations are extremely vulnerable, which resulted in the needless and highly prevented deaths of our most vulnerable populations.

Similar to many other incidents in the United States America, when there is hardship, our most marginalized vulnerable population are facing the most alarming harshest effects of the COVID-19 consequences. Black people make up 23% of the COVID-19 deaths, despite only being 13% of the country's entire population. The SF Chronicle reports that as of May 5, 2020, when there were 1,375 cases, 45% of those cases were by Latinx people. Unidos en Salud, UCSF and the San Francisco Department of Health conducted tests around the same and showed that 95% of those who tested positive for COVID-19 in the Mission district, identified as Latinx. This is an unfortunate pattern we see through the city. The districts with the most confirmed cases are Mission/Bernal Heights (D9), Bayview-Hunters Point (D10) and Excelsior/Oceanview (D11). The racial disparities are wildly prevalent in San Francisco, but the City has been able to provide support both locally and nationally. On May 21, 2020 UCSF sent two waves of doctors in order to aid and support the Navajo Nation. As of June 14, 2020, there have been 6,611 confirmed cases in that region. The Navajo Nation is 27,413 square miles and yet only has 13 grocery stores. This information and context is crucial to keep in mind when the Indigenous community in San Francisco is so often underrepresented and undercounted in many forms, particularly in data collecting.

While public officials were implementing policies, the already thin layer of support for low-income & marginalized communities began to take a larger toll. For example, the inability to stay home due to the demanding jobs of essential workers, the inability to practice social distancing due housing situations like an SRO (single room occupancy) have exposed the deeply rooted institutional racism, and the confusing bureaucratic processes that have made it difficult to access healthcare and other general resources are factored into these numbers.

Given the context of what the day to day lives are for marginalized people, the acts of law enforcement are even more horrendous and that more inappropriate. On May 1, 2020, two houseless individuals, inspired by Oakland's Moms 4 Housing, occupied a vacant home in the Castro district to protest the lack of housing for people during a global pandemic. San Francisco police officers were called and stated the protest was an unlawful assembly and attempted to remove them. Videos show officers slamming a

protestor to the ground while wearing “Blue Lives Matter” printed face masks. This symbol has been associated with counterprotesting of BLM, alongside having white supremacy connotations. Despite SFPD being deemed an “essential workforce”, their abuse of power and practicing of brutality on activists who are merely asking for safe housing during a pandemic, is all the more reason the Youth Commission’s Transformative Justice Committee has been advocating and demanding the defunding of the police. Commissioners have seen time and time again that law enforcement and the way they interact with communities of color is inexcusable and highly dangerous.

e) Impacts on Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Related to housing and homelessness, despite legislation enacted to move homeless residents into hotel rooms and other supportive housing options, there are still many San Franciscans experiencing homelessness on the streets, including youth and TAY. In June, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve legislation that would permanently ban evictions for nonpayment of rent during shelter in place and as result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, because only state law can cancel rent, tenants will have to eventually pay back all missed rent payments in full, a challenge for many who have lost their jobs.

Recommendations

- 1) **Increase accessibility for at-distance programming educational assistance.** The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to direct departments serving youth to increase at-distance programming for youth—educational and recreational—for the duration of the Shelter in Place Order, with the object of making such programming accessible to all youth in San Francisco. The Youth Commission also urges the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District and the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco to provide educational assistance for students who are at placed at a disadvantage by the Shelter in Place Order, such as those who may not graduate on time, those struggling with online school as a learning medium, and those do not have access to virtual devices and reliable internet.
- 2) **Do not cut programs serving youth.** The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to not cut funding for youth-oriented services and programs in response to an anticipated budget shortfall. The Youth Commission further urges the City to maintain consistency across all services and programs made available to youth for the duration of the Shelter in Place Order as well as when the City is able to transition back to normal operating conditions.
- 3) **Instead, cut programs that do not serve or actively harm underserved youth and their communities (\$77 million+ alone in identified possible cut).** The Youth Commission recommends that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors instead enact immediate cost-saving measures by permanently

closing the Youth Guidance Center (approx. \$18.2 million each fiscal year)⁶ and County Jail Number 4 (approx. \$24.7 each fiscal year)⁷, freezing planned increases in the number of sworn peace officers employed by City departments (possibly up to \$17 million)⁸, halting the purchase of additional law enforcement equipment, eliminating law enforcement personnel and equipment from SFMTA fare enforcement (approx. \$3 million)⁹, homelessness response protocols (approx. \$11.2 million)¹⁰, and schools (approx. \$2 million)¹¹, and otherwise redirecting funds away from departments practicing policing and incarceration (including the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff's Office, Adult Probation Department, and Juvenile Probation Department)¹².

- 4) **Center the needs of Black communities.** The Youth Commission urges the City, SFUSD, and CCSF to center the needs of Black communities, in particular those of Black youth, to not cut programs and funding that serve those communities, and to increase funding for ethnic studies programs and restorative practice programs in schools, especially for communities experiencing disproportionate rates of violence and/or trauma. The Youth Commission also urges the City to increase resources for pandemic response in marginalized communities that have been and are most impacted by COVID-19, notably Black and Indigenous communities.
- 5) **Include youth in recovery discussions.** The Youth Commission requests that one or more representative(s) of the Commission, to be designated by an internal process, be appointed to all committees, advisory bodies, and task forces created to make recommendations and take action directing the City's response to the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such representative(s) should have all the same powers and duties of other members of such committees, advisory bodies, and task forces. The Youth Commission further urges SFUSD and CCSF to prioritize youth leadership in co-designing and co-shaping fall school reopening plans, and to ensure that schools do not reopen until all communities are safe, and schools are equipped with health and hygiene measures, masks, sanitization, and proper social distancing protocols.
- 6) **Support community response, especially for undocumented families.** The Youth Commission urges the City to provide logistical and financial aid to outside non-profit organizations providing assistance to undocumented workers who do not qualify for federal assistance and their families.
- 7) **Invest immediately in housing not jails.** The Youth Commission urges the City to immediately house all youth experiencing homelessness in a dignified manner and release all remaining incarcerated youth into their communities, making sure that all released youth receive full reentry support and services. The

⁶ [2019 Mayor's Proposed Budget](#) p. 251

⁷ October 17, 2019 [BLA Report](#) on Costs & Operations at County Jail #4 at 850 Bryant Street

⁸ FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 [Salary Ordinance](#)

⁹ July 8, 2020 [BLA Report](#) on SFPD staffing levels, Muni K-9, Muni Response Team and Muni Task Force

¹⁰ Ibid., HSOC and HOT

¹¹ Ibid., School Resources Officers

¹² For instance, the Mounted Unit which totals over \$2.2 million, Ibid.

Youth Commission also urges the City to work with community based organizations that work with unhoused youth and youth experiencing homelessness, especially service providers, to meet the increased needs both of those youth and of service providers, particularly with respect to mental health services and shelter.

- 8) **Provide resources for youth and families who cannot safely shelter in place at home.** The Youth Commission urges the City to provide increased resources for youth who may not be safe at home, especially victims of domestic abuse and violence, in the form of remote counseling, guidance, and support to move into a safe environment if necessary.



BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: YOUTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRIORITIES

Presenters: Calvin Quick, District 5
YC Legislative Affairs Officer

Date: July 29, 2020

Sarah Cheung, District 1

Nora Hylton, Mayoral Appointee

Alexander Hirji, Mayoral Appointee

COVID-19 AND SHELTER IN PLACE

- This report is slightly later than usual due to COVID-19 and the City' response: the YC being restricted from meeting remotely between late-March and June (the BPPs would usually be finalized in May)
- COVID-19 has specifically impacted youth, especially students, with some of the following impacts (this is not an exhaustive list):
 - School closures,
 - Distance learning,
 - Access to food and nutrition and wellness centers,
 - Access to mental health services.
- Disproportionate impacts have been felt in BIPOC communities.

COMMITTEES

- The Omnibus Resolution was debated in the YC's three policy committees, which provided input on budget-related priorities that were then incorporated into the Resolution:

Committee	Priority Area
Civic Engagement Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vote 16 SF 2020
Transformative Justice Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abolition of Police and Prisons• Alternatives to Incarceration
Housing and Land Use Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAY Housing and Homelessness• Youth and TAY Transportation Equity

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Expand and Implement Voting Rights to Include 16 And 17-year-olds in San Francisco Municipal Elections
 - Continue to lead the country in the discussion and implementation of young voter engagement by indicating continued support for expanding voting rights to 16 and 17-year-olds (BOS).
 - Collaborate with SFUSD's Board of Education to implement more consistent voter education courses in public schools via the existing Board of Education Resolution 162-23A3 -- *Encouraging Students to Exercise Their Voting Rights*.
 - Include adequate funding for youth voter outreach and voter pre-registration and registration of the newly eligible 16 and 17-year-olds (Department of Elections **\$84,556-\$102,000**).
 - Legalize the right to vote for non-citizen 16 & 17-year olds in San Francisco municipal elections while ensuring confidentiality and their safety.



TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- Building a World Without Prisons or Police (#8toAbolition)
 - Police Abolition isn't about defunding every department instantly. It's about a gradual community process of strategically reallocating resources, funding and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support and prevention.
- The Transformative Justice committee abides by community needs and is following the lead of the #8toAbolition campaign, a campaign that roots itself in community organizing as a means to end policing and incarceration. The Youth Commission trusts those already doing this work and, as a body, will continue to follow the recommendations that are outlined as follows:
 - *Defund Police*
 - *Demilitarize Communities*
 - *Remove Police From Schools*
 - *Free People From Jails And Prisons*
 - *Repeal Laws that Criminalize Survival*
 - *Invest in Community Self-Governance*
 - *Provide Safe Housing for Everyone*
 - *Invest in Care, Not Cops*



TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- Defund SFPD
 - Per the Mayor's recommendation, all City departments were instructed to cut their budgets by 10-15 percent. At minimum, that would mean cutting the SFPD budget by \$70 million to \$105 million from their \$700 million budget. We urge that the SFPD's budget is cut by at least 50% (350 million)
 - 25% (175 Million) about goes towards a "Community and people's budget" similar to the proposal in LA
 - 8.5% (29.75 Million) of the SFPD's budget cut goes to aid victims of sexual misconduct
 - 15% (52.5 Million) to go to SFUSD to fund wellness centers and equitable education for Black and Latinx youth
- Demilitarize Communities
 - Repeal all laws that hide, excuse, or enable police misconduct
- Remove Police from schools:
 - Redirect funds from SFPD SRO program (45,000) into services such school-based social workers, psychologists, restorative justice practitioners, or other mental or behavioral health professionals
 - SROs cost \$3,397,234 per year (SFPD pays for 17 officers and 80% of 1 captain; SFUSD paid 20% but this is ending [1])



TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE



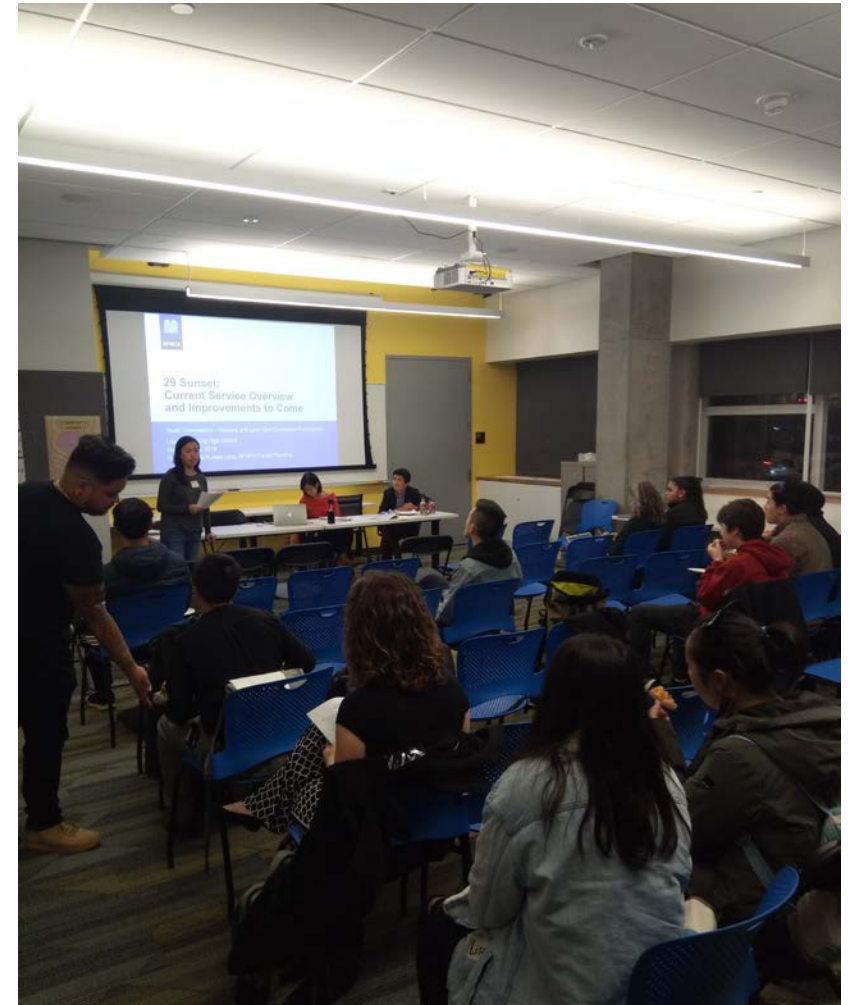
- Continue to expand alternatives to incarceration for youth and taylor and Close the Youth Guidance Center and County Jail #4
 - Close 850 Bryant by November 2020 and Juvenile Hall by December 2021, and provide young people open-door, non-detention settings in non-deputized facilities and accessible after-school programming that provides internships and job opportunities.
- Repeal Laws that Criminalize Survival
 - End Quality of Life Crimes
 - Expunge Former Marijuana Convictions
 - End all fines and fees associated with the criminal legal process
- Invest in Community Self Governance
 - Support life affirming infrastructure such as universal healthcare, Free Muni4All and universal based income
 - Building up community resources, neighborhood wellness centers
- Provide Safe Housing for Everyone
 - Require Department of Homeless and Supportive Housing to equitably provide permanent local housing for vulnerable youth populations such as homeless, LGBTQIA+, Black, and Latinx populations and those facing housing instability

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

- Increase Emergency Shelter Options and Permanent Exits from Homelessness for Transitional Age Youth (HSH)
 - **Complete the 2015 TAY Housing Plan.** The Youth Commission urges HSH to fully fund the identification of the remaining 120 units to reach the goal of 400 units of permanent supportive housing for TAY (**working to figure out cost with HSH staff**).
 - **Recommit to a new 2025 TAY Housing Plan.**
 - **Maintain a requirement to have a TAY Navigation Center and explore opening more.**
 - **Increase Supportive Services for TAY.**
 - **Fund TAY Programs proportionally to TAY population.**

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

- Deliver Transportation Equity for Youth (SFMTA)
 - Allocate funding to **strategize to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for SF youth and students.**
 - Collaborate with SFUSD and CCSF to obtain **universal enrollment of students in the Free Muni for Youth Program.**
 - **Eliminate all nominal fares for youth including TAY up to age 23 (\$2,000,000 per fiscal year, offset by reduction in administrative costs).**
 - **Increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvement Project,** and other MuniForward projects along high youth ridership lines.
 - **End SFMTA collaboration with SFPD** when enforcing fares.
 - Fund the SFMTA's **Battery-Electric Bus Evaluation Program,** with funding for a Fourth Contractor (**\$4,100,000-5,300,000**).



SALARY AND BUDGET

- Board of Supervisors
 - Increase salaries for all Youth Commission staff over 100% AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory
 - Establish a Youth Commission outreach and community events budget to cover the costs of organizing and hosting community outreach events – YC staff have worked with the Clerk's Office to reduce this amount, considering the COVID-19 situation.

THANK YOU

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Memorandum

TO: Youth Commission Staff	FROM: Calvin Quick, LAO
RE: Omnibus Priorities 2020 Summary	DATE: February 20, 2020

Please find below a summarized list of the Youth Commission's preliminary budget-related priorities, by policy area, as approved in YC File No. 1920-AL-02 on January 19, 2019. See attached Resolution for full details. The ordering of the recommendations is not reflective of prioritization—rather, it reflects the order in which they appear in the Resolution as approved.

Civic Engagement Committee

Department of Elections:

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| 1) Outreach and internal system reorganization to accommodate registration of 16- and 17-year olds on the voter rolls | YC will work with the Department in anticipation of the Vote16 2020 ballot measure |
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Transformative Justice Committee

Adult Probation Department:

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| 2) Re-entry programs such as Interrupt, predict and Organize for young adults, focusing on employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation services, and education support | Establish and fund |
| 3) Young Adult Court | Maintain and expand the program |

Department of Children, Youth and their Families:

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| 4) Increase funding for social services, health and mental health care, substance use support, or other wrap-around services | Must target children, women, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system |
| 5) Increase funding for justice programs that support leadership skill-building and workforce development | --Ditto-- |

Department of Police Accountability:

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| 6) Community visibility and outreach on Know Youth Rights trainings | Increase funding |
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Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing:

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| 7) Create and maintain a minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive housing for girl shelters | Needed to avoid out-of-county placements after contact with the juvenile justice system |
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Juvenile Probation Department:

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| 8) Gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive programming, employment and education resources, mental health counseling, after-detention rehabilitation/healing support, and community programs for youth and families | YC recommends collaboration with other agencies and community-based organizations |
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San Francisco Police Department:

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| 9) Funding for mandatory in-depth youth and TAY rights training | Must cover youth brain development through equity/trauma-informed lens |
| 10) Community advisory workgroups for Know Your Rights trainings for in-depth community engagement and feedback | Needed to foster more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth |
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Public Defender's Office:

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| 11) Immigration relief programs, reentry programs case management, bail reform initiatives, and services for children of incarcerated parents | Continue and expand |
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Housing and Land Use Committee

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing:

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| 12) HSH needs to meet SF's 2015 goal of 400 units of permanent supportive housing for TAY exiting homelessness | Needs substantial funding in the immediate future to reach 400 units online |
| 13) Fund TAY-specific housing/ programs/services proportional to the size of that population in the homeless population (20%) | TAY experiencing homelessness are a severely underserved segment of the population |
| 14) Mental health/substance use treatment and counseling programs in supportive housing for TAY | HSH must coordinate with service providers and DPH to enhance and expand existing options |
| 15) Equip TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid, and increased support services for food and laundry | HSH must coordinate with service providers to enhance and expand existing options |
| 16) Employment training and life-training for TAY exiting homelessness | HSH must develop programs |
| 17) More accessible drop-in centers with staff trained in youth development and to receive youth from marginalized communities | HSH must coordinate with service providers |
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San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority:

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| 18) Establish a strategy to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco youth and students | Work with SFCTA, need to develop plan specific to youth, especially for disadvantaged students |
| 19) Enroll all SFUSD and CCSF students in Free Muni for Youth | Collaboration between SFMTA and school districts |
| 20) Increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project | Fast-track a Rapid bus on the route as demanded by student advocates |
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Other Recommendations

Board of Supervisors:

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| 21) Increase Youth Commission budget to include pay rises for YC staff and an expanded community outreach budget | Essential to retain staff with institutional knowledge and connect with community |
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1 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]

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3 **Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the**
4 **Mayor's Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2020-2021**
5 **and FY 2021-2022, and urging Department of Elections, the Department of Children,**
6 **Youth and their Families, the Adult Probation Department, the Juvenile Probation**
7 **Department, the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of Police**
8 **Accountability, the Public Defender's Office, the Department of Homelessness and**
9 **Supportive Housing, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the San**
10 **Francisco County Transportation Authority, and the Board of Supervisors to request**
11 **funding for such programs in the submission of their department budgets.**

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13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco operates on a two-year budget
14 cycle, with the elaboration of department budgets beginning every year in December with the
15 issuance of budget directions to departments by the Mayor's Office and the Controller's
16 Office, and the final budget being signed in August; and

17 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to present a report on its
18 Budget and Policy Priorities ("BPPs") for youth to the Board of Supervisors ("BOS") every year
19 for consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May;
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21 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission's BPPs consist of recommendations for
22 consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide
23 range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the
24 BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and

1 WHEREAS, However, Youth Commissioners cannot advocate in their official capacity
2 for youth-related programs and funding until they have formally endorsed them; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, the budget has already gone through many iterations by the
4 time the Youth Commission presents its BPPs to the BOS, leaving little room for significant
5 changes based on recommendations made in the BPPs; and

6 WHEREAS, The needs of youth and their communities are therefore easily left out of
7 the elaboration of department budgets and further review before they come before the BOS;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In order to represent the interests of youth throughout the entire budget
10 process, this Resolution enumerates the youth-related programs that the Youth Commission
11 wishes to see funded in FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022; and

12 WHEREAS, This Resolution enables the Youth Commission to advocate early on in the
13 budget process for certain specific programs that fulfill the needs and requests of the Youth
14 Commission's constituency; and

15 WHEREAS, Furthermore, this Resolution allows for youth advocacy organizations to
16 influence the budget process through the Youth Commission in a meaningful way from the
17 very beginning of the budget process; and

18 WHEREAS, This Resolution has been considered by the three policy committees of the
19 Youth Commission which, in conjunction with the Youth Commission's Executive Committee,
20 have heard from community members and organizations, as well as City departments, and
21 have ensuingly formulated recommendations for various youth-related programs that they
22 wish to see funded in the upcoming budget season; and

23 WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Civic Engagement Committee of the Youth
24 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for
25 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and

1 WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020, the Transformative Justice Committee of the Youth
2 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for
3 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; and

4 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2019, the Housing and Land Use Committee of the Youth
5 Commission voted to recommend amendments to this Resolution enumerating support for
6 various youth-related programs and funding as specified below; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement Committee,
8 the Youth Commission urges the Department of Elections to propose funding in its budget for
9 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to cover the costs of outreach and internal system
10 reorganization should an initiative to expand the municipal voting age to 16 pass at the
11 November 3, 2020 Consolidated General Election; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Adult Probation Department (“APD”) to
14 increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for re-entry programs and
15 services such as the Interrupt, Predict, and Organize for young adults, focusing on
16 employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation
17 services, and education support; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges APD to propose funding in its budget for FY
20 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for maintaining and expanding the Young Adult Court; and, be
21 it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
23 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth and their
24 Families (“DCYF”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for
25 social services, health and mental health care, substance use support, or other wrap-around

1 services, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families who have had
2 contact with the justice system; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
4 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to increase funding in its budget for
5 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for justice programs that support leadership skill-building
6 and workforce development, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families
7 who have had contact with the justice system; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
9 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Police Accountability to
10 increase funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs to increase
11 community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Homelessness and
14 Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-
15 2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive
16 housing for girl shelters to avoid out of county placements after contact with the juvenile
17 justice system; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Juvenile Probation Department to
20 collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in its
21 budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive
22 programming, employment resources, education support, mental health and counseling, after
23 detention rehabilitation and healing support and services, and community-based programs for
24 youth and families; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
2 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department
3 (“SFPD”) to propose funds in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mandatory
4 in-depth youth and Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”) rights training that incorporates youth brain
5 development through an equity and trauma-informed lens; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative
7 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFPD to propose funds in its budget for FY
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the Know Your Rights trainings have community advisory
9 workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback in the interest of fostering
10 more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties
11 will be aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Tranformative
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Public Defender’s Office to increase
14 funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for immigration relief programs, bail
15 reform initiatives, services for children of incarcerated parents, and case management for
16 reentry programs; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
18 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY
19 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of
20 permanent supportive housing for TAY; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
22 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY
23 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for programs and services that target TAY experiencing
24 homelessness proportionally to the size of the population of TAY within the larger population
25 of individuals experiencing homelessness; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY
3 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for mental health and substance use treatment and counseling
4 programs, particularly targeting TAY experiencing homelessness or living in supportive
5 housing; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
7 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid
9 survival resources, and for increased support services for food, laundry, and transportation for
10 that population; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
12 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and
13 community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY
14 2021-2022 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training for TAY, and financial
15 support for education resources for TAY; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
17 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY
18 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for more accessible drop-in centers for TAY experiencing
19 homelessness to enter a supportive system; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
21 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
22 Agency ("SFMTA") and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to propose funding
23 in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to establish a strategy to build an effective,
24 equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco youth and students; and,
25 be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to propose funding in their budgets for
3 FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to work collaboratively with the San Francisco Unified
4 School District and City College of San Francisco, to make sure all students and youth are
5 enrolled in the Free Muni for Youth program; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land
7 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFMTA to increase funding in its budget for FY
8 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of
9 developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
11 include funding in its budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to increase the Youth
12 Commission budget, specifically raising the salary of all Youth Commission staff over 100%
13 AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory,
14 and allocating the Youth Commission an outreach and community events budget of \$3,000 to
15 cover the costs of organizing and hosting community outreach events key to maintaining close
16 links with the various communities the Youth Commission is charged with serving; and, be it

17 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the
18 passage of a budget for FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 that reflects the needs of the youth
19 population in San Francisco.

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23 Josephine Cureton, Chair
24 Adopted on January 19, 2020
25 2019-2020 San Francisco Youth Commission

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE: YOUTH COMMISSION BUDGET PRIORITIES

Presenters: Calvin Quick, District 5

Date: February 26, 2020

YC Legislative Affairs Officer

Arianna Nassini, Mayoral Appointee

Rocky Versace, Mayoral Appointee

Josephine Cureton, District 4

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BACKGROUND

- The Youth Commission (YC) is charged by Charter Sec 4.124 to “report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year [...].”
- Charter Sec 4.124 also explicitly states “The purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco.”

BACKGROUND

- For the second year in a row, the Youth Commission is presenting to the BOS Budget and Finance Committee early on preliminary budget priorities and recommendations
- The Youth Commission's full **Budget and Policy Priorities (BPP)** report will come out in May and may be subject to a further Board presentation at that time
- The priorities listed in this presentation were finally approved by the Youth Commission in YC File No. 1920-AL-02 on January 19, 2020 after an extensive discernment process

COMMITTEES

- The Omnibus Resolution was debated in the YC's three policy committees, which provided input on budget-related priorities that were then incorporated into the Resolution:

Committee	Priority Area
Civic Engagement Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vote 16 SF 2020
Transformative Justice Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternatives to incarceration
Housing and Land Use Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAY Housing and Homelessness• Youth and TAY Transportation Equity

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Department of Elections

- Funding for outreach and internal system reorganization to prepare for expanding the voting age to 16 and 17 year olds: expand pre-registration efforts



TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

■ Adult Probation Department

- Maintain and expand the **Young Adult Court**

■ Department of Children Youth and their Families

- Propose funding for **social services, health and mental health care, substance use support**, or other wrap-around services for justice system impacted communities
- Increase funding for **leadership skill-building** for justice impacted communities

■ Department of Police Accountability

- Increase funding for accessible **Know Your Rights** trainings

■ Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

- Propose funding for minimum **100 units of PSH** for girl shelters to avoid out-of-county placements post-justice system contact

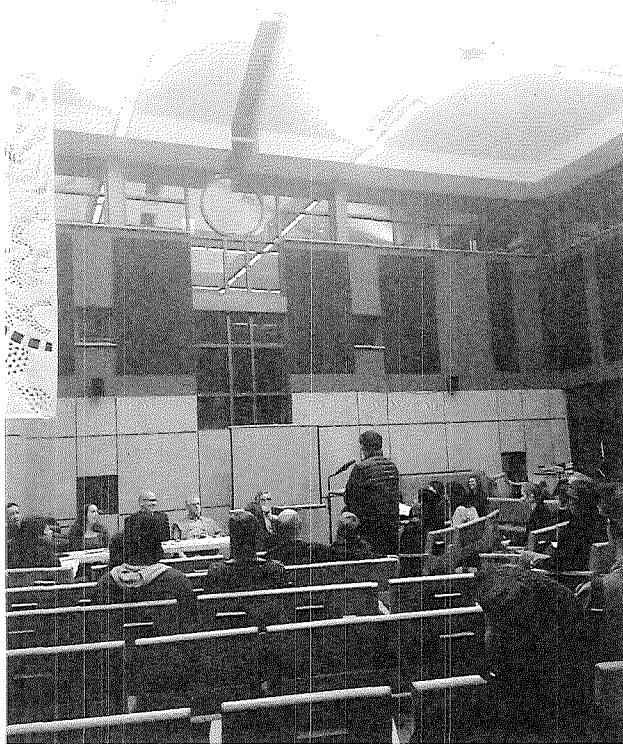


TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE



- Juvenile Probation Department
 - Collaborate with other agencies and CBOs on **gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive programming**
- San Francisco Police Department
 - Propose funding for mandatory **internal youth and TAY rights training** incorporating youth brain development research through an equity and trauma-informed lens
 - Propose funding for Know Your Rights trainings and **community advisory groups** to foster more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth
- Public Defender's Office
 - Increase funding for **immigration relief programs, bail reform initiatives, services for children of incarcerated parents,** and case management for **reentry programs**

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE



- Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
 - Propose funding to create and maintain a minimum of **400 units of TAY permanent supportive housing**
 - **Proportional funding** for TAY to their proportion of the homeless population
 - Propose funding for **mental health and substance use treatment and counseling** for vulnerable TAY
 - Propose funding to equip TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid survival resources, as well and increased services for food, laundry and transportation
 - Collaborate with other agencies and CBOs on employment and financial health trainings for TAY
 - Propose funding for more accessible drop-in centers for TAY experiencing homelessness

HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

- San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (and SF CTA)
 - Propose funding to strategize to build an effective, equitable and sustainable transportation system for SF youth and students
 - Collaborate with SFUSD and City College SF to obtain universal enrollment of students and youth in the Free Muni for Youth program
 - Increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project, with the view of developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line



SALARY AND BUDGET

■ Board of Supervisors

- Increase salaries for all Youth Commission staff over 100% AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory
- Establish a Youth Commission outreach and community events budget to cover the costs of organizing and hosting community outreach events



COSTINGS

- The Youth Commission does not currently have the resources nor the access to Department fiscal records and planning to provide costings for our recommendations.
- The Youth Commission has reached out to the Controller's Office on strategies to get costings for our budget recommendations.

THANK YOU

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Hearing - Budget Priorities - Youth Commission - FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

The text is listed:

Hearing to identify the Youth Commission's budget priorities for FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; and requesting the Youth Commission to report.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

Sandra Lee Fewer

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