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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: May 9th, 2014

RE: **Referral response to BOS File No. 140443 Charter Amendment Introduced Children and Families Council; San Francisco Children and Families Plan**

At our regular meeting of Monday, May 5th, 2014 the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 140443, Charter Amendment to amend the Charter, by adding Section 16.126, to create a Children and Families Council, which shall prepare and maintain a San Francisco Children and Families Plan for making the City more supportive of children and families.

The Youth Commission would like to additionally share the following comment and recommendation regarding this legislation:

- Youth Commissioners recommended that there should be youth representation and seats for youth on this Council. Youth Commissioners recommended that the council include at least 25% youth seats, where one is a seat for a youth 18 years old or under would be selected by the Youth Commission and have received services for children and youth in San Francisco, and another seat with a transitional age youth (TAY) representative to be appointed by the Citywide TAY Advisory Board (CTAB) currently housed at DCYF.

- Understandings that this legislation does not name departments in the Charter Amendment, Youth Commissioners recommend that Juvenile Probation Department be invited to participate in ongoing conversations about children's services in San Francisco, should there be an ordinance established about the makeup of this Council.

Youth Commissioners appreciate efforts made to coordinate services for children and youth in San Francisco. Youth Commissioners would like to be included in these ongoing conversations.

Please inform us of forward movement on this item. If you have any questions about these recommendations or anything related to the Youth Commission, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446 or your Youth Commissioner.



Chair, Nicholas Persky
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