



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Evans, Clerk, Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee
FROM: Youth Commission's Youth Employment and Immigration Committee
DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2014
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 140272

At the Youth Commission's Youth Employment & Immigration issues committees meeting of April 11th, 2014 the committee voted to support the following:

To support file no. 140272 hearing to receive informational updates from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, DCYF, RPD, SFUSD, on the status of the Summer Jobs Plus Initiative, as well as available opportunities for summer programming at San Francisco RPD sites and through SFUSD's Summer School Programming.

The Youth Employment & Immigration issues committee would like to additionally share the following comment and recommendations regarding this legislation:

- We understand that last summer's San Francisco Summer Jobs+ initiative included a pilot program employing a small number of undocumented youth at organizations like CHALK and LYRIC who were paid through educational stipends. We support employing the most disconnected youth and feel that undocumented youth have additional barriers to employment, especially when it comes to applying for jobs within the private sector. We would like to request that the hearing explore how this year's Jobs+ initiative plan to continue to support and employ our undocumented youth, and if there are plans to expand employment opportunities for undocumented youth.
- The Jobs+ initiative covers youth employment opportunities in both private and public sector; and most city funded youth workforce programs have youth development professionals experienced in working with youth, and providing case management and support for youth. We would also like to know how and if private sector employers are trained with working with youth and/or allot time to check in on the wellbeing of youth employees. If not, are there other staff within the Jobs+ initiative whose duties it is to check in with youth employed at a private sector site to ensure that youth feel supported to successfully complete their internship?

- We are excited for another year of the San Francisco Jobs+ initiative, and hope that the number of youth working within the private sector increase each year. What is the process of recruiting and connecting with the private sector to demonstrate the importance of investing in youth employment opportunities?
- We would also like to urge the BOS to consider exploring the following during the hearing: What are the demographics of youth employed through the Jobs + initiative? How are the demographics of youth under Jobs+ initiative compared to the general demographics of youth in the entire city of San Francisco? How are we working with the SFUSD to make sure that educational experiences are linked with employment opportunities? What is the breakdown of youth employed by district? Are there plans to continue this jobs initiative to be a year round priority?

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.



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Adopted by Youth Employment & Immigration Committee April 11th, 2014