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Completed by: Alisa Somera Date June 5, 2015  
 Completed by: Alisa Somera Date June 10, 2015

1 [Appointments, Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee - Mia  
2 "Tu Mutch" Satya, Maria Waters, Anwar Mojammel, Alyson Lee-Suzuki, and Rob Gitins]

3 **Motion appointing Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya, Maria Waters, Anwar Mojammel, Alyson Lee-**  
4 **Suzuki (residency requirement waived), and Rob Gitin, terms yet to be determined, to**  
5 **the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.**

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7 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does  
8 hereby appoint the hereinafter designated persons to serve as members of the Children;  
9 Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, pursuant to the provisions of  
10 Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, and Charter, Section 16.108-1, for the terms  
11 specified:

12 Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya, seat 7, new appointment, shall be a person who is a  
13 disconnected transitional-aged youth, as that term is used in Charter, Section 16.108, 18  
14 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and  
15 challenges faced by disconnected transitional-aged youth and with services, programs, and  
16 systems for them, for a two-year term yet to be determined.

17 Maria Waters, seat 8, new appointment, shall be a parent or guardian of a child, which  
18 child is enrolled in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the member's appointment for  
19 the term. This member shall be from a low-income community or have expertise or  
20 substantial experience working to promote the interests of communities of color and shall  
21 have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children,  
22 youth and families, for a two-year term yet to be determined.

23 Anwar Mojammel, seat 9, new appointment, shall be a parent or guardian of a child,  
24 which child, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 5 years  
25 and enrolled in a publicly-subsidized or City-funded program. This member shall have

1 demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth  
2 and families, for a three-year term yet to be determined.

3 Alyson Lee-Suzuki (residency requirement waived), seat 10, new appointment, shall be  
4 a person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth  
5 services in communities that are low-income or underserved, for a two-year term yet to be  
6 determined.

7 Rob Gitin, seat 11, new appointment, shall be a person who has demonstrated  
8 commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth and families, for  
9 a three-year term yet to be determined.

10 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

- 11 1. The membership of the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory  
12 Committee has a goal to be representative of the diversity of the City and County of  
13 San Francisco.
- 14 2. Applicant Alyson Lee-Suzuki, who is not a resident of San Francisco, is a person with  
15 experience that uniquely qualifies her to serve on the Children, Youth and Their  
16 Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.
- 17 3. The Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee has  
18 attempted to fill the position, for which Alyson Lee-Suzuki was nominated, with an  
19 individual who is a City resident and who has the specific experience, skills, and  
20 qualifications, but has been unable to do so at this time. The Rules Committee has  
21 certified that Alyson Lee-Suzuki is qualified to serve on the Children, Youth and Their  
22 Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.
- 23 4. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Supervisors concludes that there is no  
24 other possible representative, who is a resident of San Francisco, and who has the  
25 specific experience, skills, or qualifications possessed by this applicant, and who is

1 willing to serve on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory  
2 Committee at this time; and, be it

3 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors waives the residency requirement  
4 for Alyson Lee-Suzuki, as allowed in cases where no qualified City resident, willing to serve,  
5 can be found, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), that requires person(s) appointed to  
6 boards, commissions, and advisory bodies established by legislative act of the Board of  
7 Supervisors to be resident(s) of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children Youth & Their Families OAC  
 Seat # or Category (If applicable): 7 District: 5  
 Name: Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya  
 Home Address: Stanvan St. SF, CA Zip: 94117  
 Home Phone: (415) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: Student & Advocate  
 Work Phone: (415) - 934-4843 Employer: TAYSF  
 Business Address: 1390 Market St SF, CA Zip: 94102  
 Business E-Mail: mia@taysf.org Home E-Mail: miamutch@\_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I identify as a queer and transgender woman of European-American ancestry. I do not currently have a disability, but I identify as working class and have experienced homelessness. I am currently 24 years old and will not turn 25 until November 17, 2015.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I have been a direct service provider for four years, focusing on providing critical services to marginalized and traditionally under served youth populations. I have coordinated services for homeless youth, facilitated employment programs for LGBTQ youth, and worked to empower transgender youth of color.

**Civic Activities:**

As an appointed member of the SF Youth Commission, I advocated for San Francisco's most disenfranchised youth and worked to secure free MUNI for 40,000 youth and encouraged the Mayor to launch Summer Jobs+. For more information on my qualifications please see the attached resume.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: 4/27/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) Maria T. Mitchell

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:  
Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya**

Stanyan Apt St San Francisco, CA 94117  
415. | miatumutch@

**Work Experience:**

Transitional Age Youth SF San Francisco, CA  
TAY Advocacy Fellow July 2014-Present

- Conducts action-based research, including facilitating focus groups with the TAY SF Advisory Board, to gather feedback about issues facing transitional age youth in San Francisco to better represent the needs of TAY at policy and decision making tables
- Serves as a spokesperson and liaison between the community leaders and transitional age youth
- Creates and coordinate networking and professional development opportunities for TAY SF Advisory Board members

City and County of San Francisco; LFA Consulting Ltd San Francisco, CA  
Consultant October 2013- January 2014

- Worked with city departments and nonprofits to include youth's voice in the reauthorization of the \$50 million San Francisco Children's Fund
- Planned and facilitated Youth Focus Group for 25 youth and a Youth Town Hall for 100 youth to give input on reauthorizing the Children's Fund
- Created a report for Mayor Ed Lee based on the findings

LYRIC San Francisco, CA  
Focused Project Trainer November 2013-July 2014

- Launched three 8 week internship opportunities for cohorts of 15 LGBTQ youth
- Supervised interns and facilitated their process to plan youth lead queer history tours of the Castro, a LYRIC Open House, and planning the Trans Youth and Elder Brunch
- Designed and implemented leadership development, social justice, and event planning curriculum

Summer in the City Trainer November 2012-November 2013

- Created and executed curriculum for 13 week youth workforce program
- Designed and facilitated LGBTQ cultural competency trainings for youth service providers and educators
- Enrolled new participants, supervised interns, and provided mentorship to young leaders.
- Continued Special Projects Internship responsibilities

Special Projects Intern November 2011- November 2012

- Coordinated LGBTQ sensitivity trainings for K-12 youth
- Co-facilitated weekly transgender group for youth ages 14-24
- Created and implemented economic empowerment group for marginalized transgender community members seeking transition related support
- Planned intergenerational community building events for trans people including art shows, brunches and clothing swaps

St. James Infirmary San Francisco, CA  
**Outreach Coordinator November 2012-September 2014**

- Coordinated volunteer recruitment, designed and implemented trainings for over 15 outreach workers
- Supervised outreach to bring health supplies, information, and referrals to over 2,000 underserved people a year

**STRIDE Counselor November 2012-Present**

- Enrolled participants in transgender health program and provide continued counseling
- Provided STI/HIV testing, and harm reduction counseling

San Francisco LGBT Community Center San Francisco, CA  
**Program Assistant November 2010- November 2011**

- Co-coordinated Free Your Mind, an arts program attended by 15+ youth weekly
- Managed budget, outreach, inventory, and catering for Meal Night a weekly program serving 20+ homeless youth
- Orchestrated wrap around services with 8+ collaborative partners to ensure rapid HIV testing, mental and physical health services at Meal Night
- Planned community events and fundraisers for and benefitting LGBTQ youth

Trans:Thrive San Francisco, CA  
**T-LISH Program Specialist February 2011-June 2011**

- Facilitated two weekly HIV prevention groups for young trans women of color
- Planned field trips, retreats, community building events, and a fashion show
- Created and maintained records, filed CDC paperwork, and coordinated outreach

Soulforce Nationwide  
**Media Co-Director Jan. 2010-May 2010**

- Organized students across the country to create Gay Straight Alliances at their college campuses, and worked with their administration to create LGBTQ friendly policies
- Developed and led panel discussions and public forums on gender, sexuality and race
- Oversaw local and national public relations for the duration of the Ride

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**Committees (San Francisco):**

SF Department of Children Youth and Their Families **October 2014-Present**  
**Citizen's Advisory Committee Member**

- Oversee the Community Needs Assessment and Community Services Allocation Plan and oversee the disbursement of the Children's Fund

Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking **September 2014- Present**  
**Child Sex Trafficking Subcommittee**

- Develop and implement best practices for working with children in the commercial sex industry

SF LGBTQ Speaker's Bureau **May 2012-Present**

**Advisory Board Member**

- Providing recommendations for volunteer management, fundraising assistance, and facilitating LGBTQ cultural competency training for new speakers

Children's Fund Community Coalition  
**Coalition Member**

May 2013- Present

- Advocating for the reauthorization of the Children's Fund

SF DPH Transgender Health Services  
**Community Advisory Board Member**

October 2013-January 2014

- Supporting the roll-out of the country's first City funded trans surgery program

Transitional Age Youth SF  
**Citywide TAY Advisory Board Member**

August 2013-June 2014

- Worked to ensure disconnected youth ages 16-24 in San Francisco have successful transition to adulthood by advocating for the implementation of the 16 Recommendations of the TAY Taskforce including working to provide housing for 5,000 homeless TAY

SF District Attorney's Office

August 2012-November 2013

**"Bye Bye Bullying" Working Group and Celebrity Judge**

- Assisted in planning a youth lead anti-bullying video contest to raise awareness on the consequences of bullying and to reward youth who stand up to bullying

SF Department of Public Health, Human Rights Commission  
**12N Steering Committee Member**

August 2011-August 2013

- Co-created the country's first known web based cultural competency training tool for DPH to train service providers to best work with LGBTQ youth

San Francisco Youth Commission

**Youth Commissioner (2 Terms)**  
**(Media and Public Relations Officer)**

Aug. 2011- Aug. 2013

Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012

- Chair of Housing LGBTQQ and TAY Committee responsible for advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on youth related issues and securing millions in additional funding for after-school programs, youth summer jobs and free Muni for youth
- Coordinate the collaboration of city departments to create inclusive intake forms to track LGBTQ youth and to implement the country's only mandatory LGBTQ cultural competency
- Was a founding member of 12N Steering Committee responsible for implementing the country's first and only law that mandates all service providers receive cultural competency training to best serve LGBTQ youth. Orchestrated and facilitated a focus group of 25 LGBTQ youth, created content of web based training module and worked with City departments to strategize effective implementation
- Oversaw our public relations and coordinated out social media plan to increase awareness on youth related issues

## **Volunteer Work**

### **FEATHER**

**May 2010-June 2012**

#### **Founder**

**San Francisco, CA**

- Created networking and skill sharing opportunities for low-income transgender people seeking support in accessing transition related surgeries
- Collected and distributed clothing to 50 homeless and low income transgender people

### **GSA Network**

**May 2012-August 2013**

#### **Mentor**

**San Francisco, CA**

- Participated in an intensive mentor training and assisted in facilitating a 3 day Activist Camp for high school GSA activists
- Provided continuing mentorship to 5 LGBTQ youth leaders through one on one check-ins, group meetings, and referrals

### **Key Club**

**August 2006-June 2009**

#### **Lt. Governor (Two Terms)**

**Dallas, Texas**

- Planned various small and large scale events including two district conventions attended by 2,000 youth
- Facilitated workshops on volunteer management and community engagement
- Chair of Membership Committee, increased membership to 6,000 youth in our District
- Supported 9 local clubs in their fundraising and volunteering efforts

### **Campfire USA.**

**August 2008-May 2009**

#### **Director of Youth Volunteer Center**

**Waco, Texas**

- Planned various events including Global Youth Day of Service, attended by over 300 young people
- Created and managed a database to match nonprofit organizations with volunteers
- Coordinated outreach to over 25 schools

### **Cameron Park Zoo,**

**May 2001-August 2008**

#### **Camp Counselor**

**Waco, Texas**

- Engaged children and zoo visitors in animal encounters (handling exotic animals)
- Supervised a group of 10-15 children throughout the summer by providing culturally enriching games and physical activities
- Cared for domesticated animals in the camp house

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### **Speaking Engagements (Highlights)**

GLBT History Museum 2014

Not in Our Town National Gathering 2014

Bay Area Youth Summit MC 2014

San Francisco Trans Day of Visibility 2014

Mission High Drag Show MC 2013

SF Trans March MC 2011, 2013

San Francisco Peer Resources Conference 2011, 2012

Youth Empowerment Summit 2012

Transgender Day of Remembrance Keynote CSUEB 2012  
Know Justice 2011, 2012  
Making it Better SFSU 2011  
Vanguard Queer History Tour (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, New York) 2011

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**Education:**

**College**

Mills College August 2014-Present  
Public Policy (Expected Graduation May 2016)

City College of San Francisco August 2011-May 2014  
LGBT Studies A.A.

McLennan Community College August 2007-June 2009

**High School**

West High School August 2005-June 2009  
High School Diploma

**Continued Education and Certificates**

Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute September 2014-April 2015  
Intensive program to train and support low-income people and people of color for placement on boards and commissions in the Bay Area

San Francisco Department of Public Health January 2013  
Certified HIV and Hepatitis C Test Counselor

Anne Braden Program February 2011- May 2011  
Intensive social justice training program and externship for white anti-racist activists

Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER) Summer School June 2010- August 2010  
Social justice seminars on racism, classism, colonialism, and peace

Youth Leadership Waco August 2008- June 2009  
Civic engagement and community involvement trainings, retreats, and service projects

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**Honors and Awards:**

- **The Trans 100** This is How and We Happy Trans Nationwide 2013
- **Justice Award** San Francisco District Attorney's Office 2012
- **Faces of Feminism** San Francisco Bay Guardian 2012
- **Certificate of Honor** San Francisco Board of Supervisors Oct 2010, April and Sep 2011

**Youth Commission**  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4532



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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

**CC:** Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Beth Rubenstein, Legislative Aide to Supervisor John Avalos, Rules Committee  
Chair

**FROM:** 2014-2015 Youth Commission

**DATE:** Friday June 5, 2015

**RE:** Youth Commission Recommendations for Seat 7 on the Children, Youth, and  
Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

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Pursuant to Administrative Code Sec. 2A.233, seat 7 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) is reserved for "[a] person who is a Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth, as that term is used in Charter Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth and with services, programs, and systems for them."

In order to fulfill their duties outlined in the administrative code concerning recommendations for seats 1 and 2, youth commissioners conducted an outreach and application process in which they reached out to youth-serving community organizations across San Francisco to help identify youth interested in serving on the OAC. In the process, they also identified several eligible candidates for the transitional age youth seat, seat 7. Youth commissioners invited OAC youth applicants to an in-person interview, and considered applications at their Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Executive committee and Monday, June 1, 2015 full commission meeting. Youth commissioners reviewed the OAC legislation (BOS File No. 141215) in detail, working carefully first to reach out to, and later select, youth who they believe can provide valuable insight on the diverse experiences and challenges of young people in San Francisco, as well as bring a systems-informed and solution-oriented lens to the work of the OAC.

Youth commissioners are pleased to share their **recommendation for Mia Tu Mutch Satya for appointment to seat 7 on the OAC**. Youth commissioners found that Ms. Satya is well positioned to bring unique and important insights to the work of the OAC through her own experiences and challenges as a young San Franciscan, as well as her involvement in and dedication toward community programs that serve young people in our City. Her full application is attached for your review.



*Ms. Satya, 24, is a student at Mills College, having previously transferred from City College of San Francisco. Mia has worked with several youth-serving community programs, including the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center and the LGBT Center Youth Program. She previously served as a youth commissioner for two years where she led work to improve LGBTQ cultural competency in youth-serving city services. Mia served on the Citywide TAY Advisory Board where she led the youth engagement strategy for the reauthorization of the Children's Fund and is a 2014-15 TAY Advocate Fellow. She was previously appointed by Mayor Lee to serve on the DCYF Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mia is a recent graduate of Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute. She has heavily invested in building her insight and analysis as a white-identified young person committed to racial justice as a participant in the Anne Braden Anti-Racist Training Program for White Social Justice Advocates, which she completed in 2011. Mia has identified her own experiences as a working class-raised, queer, transgender woman who is formerly homeless and a survivor of violence as experiences that condition her commitment to ensuring equitable access in public services and programs for all youth. It is youth commissioners pleasure to recommend Mia Tu Mutch Satya for appointment to the OAC.*

Once again, youth commissioners would like to thank members of the Board for passing legislation providing for the inclusion of three youth seats on the OAC, and look forward to continuing to support the process of confirming youth appointments for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. We hope you will inform our office if commissioners can be of further assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 554-7112 or [adele.carpenter@sfgov.org](mailto:adele.carpenter@sfgov.org) if you have any questions. Thank you.

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:48 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: CYF OAC Seat #7 Letter of Support for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya  
**Attachments:** Mia Tu Mutch Satya CYF OAC Support Letter.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Distribute to rules members and add to file.

Lisa

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jodi Schwartz <jodi@lyric.org>  
**Date:** June 9, 2015 at 4:44:24 PM PDT  
**To:** "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org>, <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Mia Tu Mutch <miatumutch@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** CYF OAC Seat #7 Letter of Support for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya

Hi Beth and Alisa,

Attached please find a letter of support for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for CYF OAC Seat #7 from members of the Community Partnership for LGBTQ Youth.

If we need to submit the letter to another entity or person, please let us know.

Thank you!

Jodi L. Schwartz  
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\*LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center)  
building community and inspiring social change with LGBTQ youth\*

**LYRIC builds**

LGBTQQ youth leaders of today. Watch *[Our Queer Stories, Our Queer History!](#)*  
Become a [LYRIC Champion](#) with a recurring gift of \$10/month or more and help us celebrate our past and sustain our future.

June 9, 2015

Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco, CA

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

As leaders of the nine-year old Community Partnership for LGBTQ Youth (CPQY), we are honored to recommend Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for the *Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 yrs old)* Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Presently, Mia serves as a member of the Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (CYFCC). Mia joined the CYFCC because of her commitment to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund serves the youth with the highest needs. During her tenure as a member of the CYFCC, Mia:

- Facilitated a series of focus groups of service providers, parents, and youth to discuss how best to improve the Children and Youth Fund to strengthen its positive impact on the lives of the children, youth and families of San Francisco most in need;
- Co-facilitated a Youth Focus Group for 25 youth and a Youth Town Hall for 100 youth, where youth gave their suggestions as to how to improve the Children and Youth Fund's impact. She and her co-facilitator, Youth Commissioner Eric Wu, then compiled a report based on the youths' suggestions, and presented it to the Mayor and the Our Children Our City Steering Committee; and
- Was a trainer and speaker for the CYFCC Speaker's Bureau, advising youth, parents, and service providers on how to speak at community centers, political clubs, and places of worship so as to increase the public's understanding of the importance of the Children and Youth Fund.

Further, as a former service provider for homeless youth, and formerly homeless herself, Mia championed the inclusion of services for Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY) in the Children and Youth Fund. She felt their inclusion was critical, as most of the funding streams for youth employment programs and case management only covered services for youth under the age of 18 – leaving out many of the youth most in need of employment and comprehensive wrap-around support – TAY.

In sum, Mia held a critical leadership role in the crafting, campaigning, and ultimate success in building a stronger and more inclusive Children and Youth Fund. She has proven herself to be a dedicated advocate who joined over 1,000 residents working tirelessly over a period of two years for a new and improved Children and Youth Fund.

In addition to her current role as a member of the CYFCC, Mia previously served two terms on the San Francisco Youth Commission. As chair of the Housing, LGBTQ and Transition Age Youth Committee, she researched the City's strategic plans and goals for housing, LGBTQ youth, and TAY, and met with various city departments to assess their progress and to push for increased funding for the highest need populations. Mia highlighted that LGBTQ youth face intersecting forms of oppression that can result in higher school drop out rates, high unemployment, depression, and self-harm. Because Mia experienced firsthand that having the support of adults is central to save the lives of marginalized LGBTQ youth, she spearheaded the implementation of City Administrative Code 12N, the country's first City-mandated LGBTQ cultural competency training for public sector and nonprofit sector youth service providers. She worked with the Department of Public Health to create a web-based 12N training program that is currently planned for rollout to all City-funded youth serving agencies. Mia also advocated for an increase in services and housing assistance to TAY, and later joined TAYSF's Community TAY Advisory Board to continue this work, ultimately becoming one of two TAYSF Fellows.

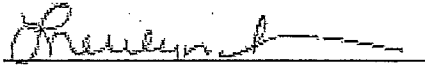
Our organizations came to know Mia nearly five years ago when she moved to San Francisco as a runaway queer and transgender youth. Mia moved to San Francisco because she lacked the support from her family and community in Texas where she grew up. Although when Mia first moved to San Francisco she knew no one, she quickly created a community

for herself by getting involved with local organizing with One Struggle One Fight and the ANSWER Coalition. Having accessed housing, health, case management and community through the continuum of services offered by member organizations of the CPQY, Mia built her work and leadership skills through internships at the SF LGBT Center and LYRIC, after which she joined the staff at LYRIC as a Program Assistant. Presently, Mia is a full-time student at Mills College pursuing a degree in Public Policy.

Mia is adept at thinking of the big picture and working towards long-term change, while remaining grounded in the day-to-day realities faced by youth and the service provider community. This is precisely why we know she will make an excellent addition to the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee. As a former member of DCYF's Community Advisory Committee, she brings an existing strong working relationship with DCYF's Director Maria Su and an institutional knowledge to inform many of the roles and responsibilities to be held by the new Committee.

Again, it is with great enthusiasm that we recommended Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for the *Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 yrs old)* Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.


Respectfully



Sherilyn Adams  
Executive Director  
Larkin Street Youth Services



Amy Peterson, MA, MFT  
Acting Director of Primary Care Youth  
Operations  
Dimensions Clinic  
Community Health Programs for Youth  
San Francisco Department of Public Health



Rebecca Rolfe  
Executive Director  
SF LGBT Center



Jodi L. Schwartz  
Executive Director  
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**From:** Hsieh, Frances (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:26 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Recommendation: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee  
**Attachments:** Recommendation\_Mia\_Satya.pdf

**From:** Danielle DeRuiter-Williams [<mailto:danielle@urbanhabitat.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 1:23 PM  
**To:** Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Cc:** Hsieh, Frances (BOS); Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Subject:** Recommendation: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a recommendation letter for Mia Tu Much Satya for TAY Seat on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

Danielle DeRuiter-Williams, MA, MURP  
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Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

As managers of Urban Habitat's Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI) we had the express pleasure of having Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya as one of our fellows. Mia brought a curiosity, passion and level of preparation to each class that was unparalleled. We are honored to recommend Ms. Satya for the *Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 years old)* Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

As a fellow of our program Mia embarked on a six month long cohort-based leadership development program wherein she gained a deep understanding of several important policy areas including Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Transportation Justice, Health Equity, Land Use and Regionalism. These content areas were introduced through a race and class equity lens, which provided the opportunity for Mia to apply a heightened analysis of issues she will engage with on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee. During the program Mia also completed several commission skills trainings including Robert's Rules of Order and a daylong communications training to strengthen her already well polished communication skills. Mia was one of our strongest fellows and has acted with such a clear vision and sense of commitment in pursuing placement on a committee and creating change in her community.

Outside of the BCLI Mia previously served two terms on the San Francisco Youth Commission. As chair of the Housing, LGBTQ and Transition Age Youth (TAY) Committee, she researched the City's strategic plans and goals for housing, LGBTQ youth, and TAY, and met with various city departments to assess their progress and to push for increased funding for the highest need populations. Mia demonstrated acumen in her understanding of intersecting challenges faced by LGBTQ youth which often results in higher school dropout rates, high unemployment, depression, and self-harm.

Mia moved to San Francisco because she lacked the support from her family and community in Texas where she grew up. Although when Mia first moved to San Francisco she knew no one, she quickly created a community for herself by getting involved with local organizing with One Struggle One Fight and the ANSWER Coalition. Mia's fearlessness in diving in to new environments would be an asset for the Committee. Mia's ability to turn her experiences into change is what makes her such a strong and authentic leader. She's spearheaded the implementation of City Administrative Code 12N, the country's first City-mandated LGBTQ cultural competency training for public sector and nonprofit sector youth service providers which will certainly lead the way for many other cities across the country.

Mia is committed to advancing her understanding of and ability to effect change using policy as a tool and is a full-time student at Mills College pursuing a degree in Public Policy. Mia is a hard-working student and surely what she is learning in her courses will only enhance her contribution to the Committee.

Mia is a strong, passionate, authentic and savvy leader. Her ability to build relationships and find middle ground with a variety of stakeholders including people with differing ideas is an important characteristic for any Committee member. The experience she would gain from participation on this Committee would be invaluable and would provide her with the opportunity to further develop her leadership, advocacy and social justice for youth and transitional age youth across the City. As an alumni of the BCLI Mia will also receive our ongoing support as she serves her tenure and is connected to a broader network of over 80 Alumni many of whom are currently or have served on a Board, Commission or Committee.

We wholeheartedly recommend Mia for the *Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 years old) Seat* on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie



**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:00 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: DCYF OAC Letter of Recommendation for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya  
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**From:** Jose-Luis Mejia [<mailto:jose-luis@taysf.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:59 PM

**To:** Avalos, John (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)

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**Subject:** DCYF OAC Letter of Recommendation for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Tang, and Cohen,

It is with pleasure that I write to submit the attached letter of recommendation for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee, Seat 7.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Jose-Luis Tekun Mejia, Associate Director**  
**Transitional Age Youth San Francisco (TAYSF)**  
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June 10, 2015

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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**Re: Transitional Age Youth San Francisco's Recommendation of Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for Seat 7 on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Supervisor Cohen, and Supervisor Tang,

This letter indicates the full support of Transitional Age Youth San Francisco (TAYSF) for Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for Seat 7 (TAY seat) on the Department of Children, Youth and their Families' (DCYF) Oversight and Advisory Council (OAC).

TAYSF is a collaborative network of city departments, service providers, and young people themselves who are committed to improving outcomes for the most marginalized transitional age youth in San Francisco. We have had the honor of working with Ms. Satya for at least 3 years. From her service on the SF Youth Commission to her work with LYRIC and other local and national organizations, she has been a leading proponent of comprehensive and culturally sensitive wrap-around services for TAY in most need.

Over the past 2 years we have had the pleasure of working more closely with Ms. Satya. She first served on our Citywide TAY Advisory Board (CTAB) where she stood out as a young leader with clear expertise from her lived experience with many of the challenges we are working to address. This coupled with her experience as a service provider, former Youth Commissioner, trainer/educator, and advocate gives her a unique perspective. She displays an ability to view problems, issues, and situations from multiple lenses and this has enabled her to excel at advising and informing the work of various city departments with the CTAB.

For the past year, she has taken her commitment for the lives of San Francisco's most vulnerable TAY to the next level as our TAY Advocate Fellow. Ms. Satya has served as a leader for our young adult engagement strategy, working to bring the voice of marginalized TAY across the city to the center of decision making tables. With all this experience and much more she is an ideal candidate to bring both her personal experience as a TAY and that of her peers to deeply strengthen the work of the OAC and DCYF for years to come.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-554-8419 or [jose-luis@taysf.org](mailto:jose-luis@taysf.org).

Sincerely,

Jose-Luis Tekun Mejia  
Associate Director

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## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

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**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

Seat 7 Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya

Seat 8 Elisa Rodriguez Furey

Seat 9 Anwar Mojammel

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

Seat 11      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

Evans, Derek

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
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**Subject:** Letter of Recommendation: Mia Tu Mutch

Hello!

Hope all is well. Attached is the recommendation for Mia Tu Mutch. Thank you for your time!

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EdianBlair Schofield

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(415) 568-5663 (C)

*"There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives." --  
Audre Lorde*

June 08, 2015

Rules Committee  
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Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

As a youth who has worked with Mia Tu Mutch, I am extremely honored to recommend her for the Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 years old)" Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

As a differently abled, queer transitional aged youth (TAY) of color that has been marginalized throughout my experiences, as well as has struggled through multifaceted oppressions and isms that are embedded in our society, I am extremely privileged to have worked with Mia Tu Mutch at the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC). She helped me navigate through my internalized oppressions and traumas, perpetuate growth as a community organizer, as well as an overall leader, and ultimately help me discover my identities and assets that are vital for my future endeavors. Without the mentorship and support of Mia Tu Mutch, I wouldn't have been the transformative leader that I am today.

First and foremost, Mia Tu Mutch is an extraordinary leader in which she uses intersections of identities as a method to serve the individuals, as well as the larger communities. Through those critical lenses, I learned to perpetuate healing, growth and empowerment that are vital for leadership and ultimately self-empowerment. The mentorship, as well as essential support that she provided caused internal transformations, as well as liberation from the constrictions of oppressions. Through Mia Tu Mutch's critical pedagogy, I have grown as a leader and community organizer. Promoting a sense of cultural humility and shared experiences, Mia Tu Mutch supported me at LYRIC as I became an intern and later as a Queer Educator. Sharing those experiences with her, I have been privileged to have been mentored, supported, as well as effectively critiqued by her, which prompted my vital growth as a person and as a leader. Without her support, I do not believe that I would be on this path of transformation within my own life, with others, and potentially the macro systemic society. In sum, Mia Tu Mutch's mentorship perpetuated transformation, healing, empowerment from oppressions and traumas that was bestowed upon me by the systemic constructions of society.

Secondly, attending Mills College and attaining a major in public policy, Mia Tu Mutch can be a transformative individual that the community and society desperately needs. In other words, she can perpetuate the growth and progress of micro individual lives to the macro society. Seeing her tenacious and dedication to the work she does, Mia Tu Mutch cares about social justice, as well as improving the conditions and lives of the most marginalized communities—transgender individuals, low income people, people of color, people with disabilities, et al. She is passionate about justices, equity, as well as community based empowerment. Her dedication and passion inspires me to create a change in society that will perpetuate and progress towards equity, justice, and empowerment.

With that said, I am extremely honored to recommend Mia Tu Mutch for the Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 years old)" Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee because I know she will continue to perpetuate empowerment, advocate for equity, as well as create vital changes that are needed in the most marginalized communities. If you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at [edianblair@gmail.com](mailto:edianblair@gmail.com) or call me at 1(415)568-5663. Thank you for your time.

In Community,

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**From:** John Panganiban <jpanganiban82@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 2:05 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Mia Tu Mutch recommendation

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
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Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen, and Tang,

As a friend and colleague of during the Equality Ride, I am honored to recommend "Mia Tu Mutch" for the Satya for the Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 yrs old)\* Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Presently Mia serves as a member of the Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (CYFCC). Mia joined the CYFCC because her commitment to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund serves the youth with the highest needs.

Please consider her, I feel that she is a great asset to your organization and will be great for the position.

Warmest Regards,

John Panganiban,  
Co-Director, Castro Senior Center

June 8, 2015

Rules Committee  
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San Francisco, CA

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

As leaders of the nine-year old Community Partnership for LGBTQ Youth (CPQY), we are honored to recommend Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya for the *Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth (18-24 yrs old)* Seat on the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Presently, Mia serves as a member of the Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (CYFCC). Mia joined the CYFCC because of her commitment to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund serves the youth with the highest needs. During her tenure as a member of the CYFCC, Mia:

- Facilitated a series of focus groups of service providers, parents, and youth to discuss how best to improve the Children and Youth Fund to strengthen its positive impact on the lives of the children, youth and families of San Francisco most in need;
- Co-facilitated a Youth Focus Group for 25 youth and a Youth Town Hall for 100 youth, where youth gave their suggestions as to how to improve the Children and Youth Fund's impact. She and her co-facilitator, Youth Commissioner Eric Wu, then compiled a report based on the youths' suggestions, and presented it to the Mayor and the Our Children Our City Steering Committee; and
- Was a trainer and speaker for the CYFCC Speaker's Bureau, advising youth, parents, and service providers on how to speak at community centers, political clubs, and places of worship so as to increase the public's understanding of the importance of the Children and Youth Fund.



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 8 District: 11

Name: Maria Waters

Home Address: Arch St Zip: 97132

Home Phone: 650- [REDACTED] Occupation: Social Worker

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: Intern - BASW Graduate 2015

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**Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

In accordance with the qualifications of Seat 8, I am the mother of three elementary aged school children that currently attend Jose Ortega in the OMI. This is a phenomenal school that represents the richness in diversity of San Francisco, but also has high population of low income families. Additionally, I live in the OMI, a neighborhood considered to be low-income with a high number of community based organizations that serve the youth and families that live there, many of which receive funding and have high levels of interaction with DCYF.

In the past year, I have been working with the Food Security task force to bring a USDA approved demonstration project that would allow low-income families to receive grocery delivery to support access to nutritious groceries to San Francisco.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

Most recently, I graduated with a bachelors degree in Social Work from San Francisco State. In the course of my studies, I have received extensive training on many related subjects to this commission including cultural humility, CPS and school based social work. For the past year, I have been an intern with Supervisor John Avalos, which has allowed me to gain knowledge around the budget process, understanding city departments and agencies, as well as the opportunity to work with numerous non-profits that serve youth and families in San Francisco.

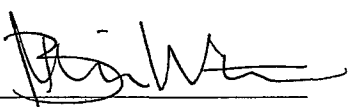
Prior to becoming a social worker, I worked in retail finance for 15 years as an assistant vice president for branch banking.

**Civic Activities:**

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Social Workers- California Chapter as well as serve as the president of SWAVE, the student organization for the School of Social Work at SFSU. I also am a member of OMI-NIA, participate in the renovation effort for Merced Heights playground, am a member of the Jose Ortega PTA, and attend the OMI Community Collaborative meetings. 6 years ago, I also co-founded a non-profit outreach group in South San Francisco that serves homeless and transient individuals by serving food and connecting them with social services in the area.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: May 13, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required) Maria Waters 

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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# Maria Waters

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## Objective

To implement and strengthen infrastructure that promotes community health while serving at risk and under represented populations.

## Experience

San Francisco City Hall, Board of Supervisors – Legislative Aide Intern 2014–present

- Work with constituents to identify needs and address concerns within the district by partnering and networking with city agencies.
- Participate in community collaboration comprised of residents and non-profit organizations to focus neighborhood outreach for maximum effectiveness in District 11.
- Facilitate community organization and advocating for expansion of municipal and non-profit services in District 11.
- Spearhead effort to bring the first ever EBT grocery delivery program to San Francisco by lobbying and coordinating local, state, federal level decision makers.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW), California – Board of Directors 2014–present

- Elected to statewide office.
- Represent student perspectives and interests to the Board of Directors.
- Correspond with Student Liaisons from Schools of Social Work in Northern California to promote and integrate NASW activities with the student body.
- Shaping the political agenda of NASW in the California State Legislature.
- Participate in quarterly board meetings.

Mercury Payment Systems – Risk Analyst 2005-2007

- Review and manage a portfolio of over 10,000 businesses in a loss prevention role.
- Grew with the company from start-up level to a top 10 processing company in the United States.
- Work with the COO and sales managers to create process and procedure manuals that outlined acceptable risk parameters to help achieve company financial goals.
- Duties included daily review of credit card transactions to stop fraud and the misuse of credit card information.
- Work as a partner to businesses, banks, and Visa/MasterCard to protect against loss for all parties involved. This required extensive relationship building over the phone to our clients (business owners) in order to ensure revenue growth and business expansion in the usage of credit card processing.

Wachovia Bank – Financial Center Manager, Assistant Vice President 2003-2004

- Manage a financial center of 15 employees.
- Help the branch deposit and loan portfolio grow over 20% to one of the most profitable in the Virginia region.
- Oversaw daily operations of teller transactions, loan underwriting, and small business development.
- Responsible for outreach to local community in order to build meaningful relationships that would drive business.
- Extensive cold calling and relationship-based selling.
- Handled human resource issues within the branch.
- Named a top 10 manager for the East Coast Region of Wachovia based off of profitability, growth, and customer satisfaction.
- Provide financial education and planning classes to local high school students.



**Education**     San Francisco State University     Fall 2013-Spring 2015  
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. Emphasis in Public Policy and Urban Planning. President of SWAVE (Social Work student group), member of Phi Alpha honor society. Graduating summa cum laude.

    Skyline Community College     Fall 2010-Spring 2013  
Earned an Associate of Arts degree Spring 2013. Graduate of honors transfer program and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Graduated magna cum laude.

**Skills**     Ability to work with and manage culturally diverse groups of people. Have worked with non-profits as a participant, employee, and founder. Extensive training and education in cultural humility. Proven track record of business growth and improvement strategies. Ability to create vision and set goals to empower team members and encourage ownership. Excel at managing multiple projects and thrive off of fast paced, high-pressure situations. Effective in networking, connecting, and resourcing community groups to achieve exponential effectiveness.

**Community Participation**

    Co-Founder of non-profit that feeds and provides community resourcing to homeless and transient residents of South San Francisco. (2009-present)

    Participant of OMI Community Collaborative (2014-present)

    Participant of OMI Neighbors in Action (2014-present)

    Participant in Brotherhood Way Community Gardens project (2014-present)

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Attention: Alisa Somera

**Seat 8, Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight Committee Appointment**

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Tang, and Cohen,

My name is Alexander Akin. I am on the board of the Jinshan Mandarin Education Council and am a resident of the OMI. As a neighbor of Maria Waters, and as the parent of a daughter who goes to school with her three children, I am writing to express my support for her appointment to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, Seat 8.

Maria and her family are deeply involved in the local community, as we had the pleasure of experiencing from the very day we moved into the neighborhood. Since our children go to the same school, we rotate "walking up the hill" duty. From our daily encounters, and visits to her home, we have known Maria for four years. We have seen her work as a barista to put herself through the coursework necessary to become more deeply involved in city government, after which she delved headfirst into work as an intern in the office of Supervisor Avalos. I know that Maria has also been involved in the OMI Community Collaborative, but my own personal experience has been witnessing her articulate participation in the PTA at Jose Ortega Elementary School. Her twin sons are in the Mandarin Immersion program, reflecting her multicultural commitment.

There is no question of Maria's dedication to the community or her desire to bring awareness of city services to those who need them most. I believe she would make an outstanding contribution to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,



Alexander Akin  
235 Arch Street  
San Francisco, CA 94132

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 4:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Recommendation for Maria Waters

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> From: Sonia M Melara [<mailto:communiqué@sbcglobal.net>]  
> Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 2:28 PM  
> To: Tang, Katy (BOS); Avalos, John (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 9 District: 10

Name: Anwar Mojammel

Home Address: Northridge Rd., San Francisco Zip: 94124

Home Phone: (510) Occupation: Student

Work Phone: Employer:

Business Address: Zip:

Business E-Mail: Home E-Mail: anwar\_mojammel@

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Statistics have shown that San Francisco residents are made up of more that 30% immigrants, and as we all know it's as diverse as it could be. This city is the home for a large number of immigrants who came her seeking economic and educational opportunities. Also there are refugees and their American-born children who came seeking peace escaping violence and economic hardship. Therefore, as a Yemeni, married woman with two children in head start, low-income eligible, speak Arabic beside English and immigrant who moved to the states back in 2006-living in the city since 2009; my qualifications for this seat is represented. Being a Arab-American Muslim female with many obligation toward her family as a mother and toward her education seeking a B. S. in Early Childhood Eduction I believe I'm a good fit for this seat.



**Business and/or professional experience:**

I have been part of the Head Start family for more than 4-years I have been participating in the events and volunteering in the school as much as I can. I am currently the chair-person for the family committee meetings which I have hold this position for two years. Some of this committee's duties are to advise staff in developing and apply local program policies, activities, and services. Also, plan, organize, and participate in activities for parents and staff. I also served as the policy council representative, for my children site, for two years and become the chair for the last school year. I was part of the self-assessment program for Wu Yee Head Start recently. I also have been participating in conferences, workshops and training that is related to the head start leadership and early childhood education; they helped me become a better mother and rôle model for my children and stronger leader for my community.

**Civic Activities:**

I served as the policy council member which their duties were represented in developing, reviewing, and approving or disapproving policies and procedures such as all funding applications and amendments to it for Early Head Start and Head Start. Also procedures for the governing body as well as implementing shared decision-making; procedures for program planning, program's philosophy and goals. Decisions to hire or terminate the director or any person who works primarily for the Early Head Start or Head Start program. In addition to these duties a policy council member serve as a link to the Parent Committees and all related parties and organizations. We also assist in resolving community complaints about the program. Moreover, I assist in planning, coordinating, and organizing program activities for parents with the help from staff, and ensuring that funds set aside from program budgets are used to support parent activities.

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Date: March 26, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required)



(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
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Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: 1087 Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_



May 19, 2015

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Board of Supervisors

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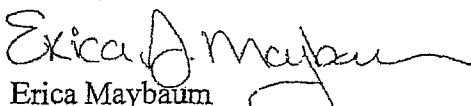
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Thank you,

  
Erica Maybaum  
CPAC Coordinator

Cc: Maria Su  
Alisa Somera

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Evans, Derek

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Recommendation Letter  
**Attachments:** OAC\_Recommendation.pdf, ATT00001.htm

Beth Rubenstein  
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Office of Supervisor John Avalos  
District 11  
City Hall  
San Francisco, California  
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**From:** "Mollie Brown" <[mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org](mailto:mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org)>  
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**Cc:** "Sandee Blechman" <[sandee@childrenscouncil.org](mailto:sandee@childrenscouncil.org)>, "Jodi Schwartz" <[jodi@lyric.org](mailto:jodi@lyric.org)>, "Jose-Luis Mejia" <[jose-luis@taysf.org](mailto:jose-luis@taysf.org)>  
**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

Seat 7	Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya
Seat 8	Elisa Rodriguez Furey
Seat 9	Anwar Mojammel

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

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                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: DCYF Oversight and Advisory Com.

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10,11 District: 3,5,6,10,11

Name: Alyson Lee-Suzuki

Home Address: ████ Sherwood Way SSF, CA Zip: 94080

Home Phone: 650-████ Occupation: Chief Programs Officer

Work Phone: 415-230-7528 Employer: Wu Yee Children's Services

Business Address: 827 Broadway, San Francisco, CA Zip: 94108

Business E-Mail: alyson.suzuki@wuyee.org Home E-Mail: alyson@████

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Check All That Apply:

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Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: South San Francisco

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Please see attached.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

Wu Yee Children's Services- Chief Programs Officer  
YMCA- Child Care Director  
Chinatown Community Children's Center- Executive Director  
Hamilton- Madison House- Assistant Development Director  
Chinese-American Planning Council- Program Director

**Civic Activities:**

Child Care Planning and Advisory Council- Former Appointed Member  
YWCA San Francisco & Marin- Former Board Member  
Pets are Wonderful Support- Former Board Member

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?      Yes  No

N/A

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**Date:** 4/27/15      **Applicant's Signature: (required)** Alyson Lee-Suzuki

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
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DCYF Oversight & Advisory Committee Application

My professional experience in providing direct services to low-income families, as well as my own personal upbringing in a poor immigrant household and being a mother of two young children provide me with the qualifications for membership on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee.

For the past 18 years, I have devoted my career to serving families with young children, in high-need communities. Since 2005, I have been employed with Wu Yee Children's Services, a nonprofit organization serving San Francisco families with comprehensive child care and family services. As the Chief Programs Officer, I developed and lead citywide programs that serve over 2,000 low-income families annually. Programs include: the Joy Lok Family Resource Center, Single Stop public benefits assistance, Child Care Resource and Referral, Child Care Subsidies, Child Care Provider training and support, and the Child Care Provider Food Program. In addition, I lead our 12 child development sites, serving 595 Early Head Start and Head Start children from prenatal to 5-years-old.

Before joining Wu Yee, I was involved with other agencies that also supported low-income families with young children. I was the Executive Director of the Chinatown Community Children's Center in San Francisco, the Child Care Director of the YMCA, the Program Director of the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) and the Assistant Development Director of Hamilton-Madison House. I am a former Board member of the San Francisco and Marin YWCA, and PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support). In addition, I was a former appointed member of the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the State University at Albany and an Early Childhood Director permit. In 2003, I was the recipient of the Governor's Scholarship for Women for Public Service.

Both my professional and personal experience would be of great value to the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. My upbringing gave me the first-hand experience of understanding the needs of poor, immigrant families with children. Depending on public benefits and family social services throughout my childhood instilled in me the passion for helping families with similar struggles.

As a mother of two boys, ages two and five (both of whom are attending child care), I know the challenges and rewards of raising children in San Francisco. One of my children has a special need, which also helps me better understand the importance of having comprehensive and strong programs that are supportive to families like mine.



April 28, 2015

Office of the Clerk

City of San Francisco

To: The Honorable Mayor Lee and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

RE: Appointment of Ms. Alyson Lee Suzuki to the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Council ( OAC)

I am writing to offer strong support and highest recommendation for Ms. Alyson Lee Suzuki's application for membership on the DCYF OAC. I have known Alyson for many years, and in the past 2 ½ years I have had the pleasure to supervise her work as the Chief Programs Officer at Wu Yee Children's Services. In this role, Ms. Suzuki demonstrates deep knowledge and dedication to the field of Early Care and Education, as she provides oversight and direction to 12 child development centers throughout San Francisco, a busy Family Resource Center in Chinatown, Family Child Care Quality Network, Provider Services and the Resource and Referral program. In total, Alyson's scope of involvement and expertise ranges from all aspects of education for children 0-5 in the Early Head Start and Head Start Centers at Wu Yee, to the comprehensive family engagement and support programs that serve to lift our immigrant and low income families from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Throughout her career, which began with direct classroom instruction followed by leadership and administrative roles in several nonprofit agencies, Alyson has consistently demonstrated her commitment to developing quality programming for children and families, inclusive practices that insured access for all children in a culturally appropriate manner. She is an expert in early childhood development, working with children with special needs, and is passionate about including parents in the process as she recognizes the parent as the child's first and primary teacher.

Alyson is also a great collaborator, communicator and team member. Her listening skills are excellent, and she is also a great advocate who will share views openly while always respecting differences of opinion or perspective. She will bring enthusiastic participation to this role as a seasoned professional, but also as a parent of two young children, one with special needs.

I know that Alyson applied for this position on the DCYF OAC because she is confident that she can add value to the important task of this council, advising and guiding the critical work of DCYF to keep alive our Mayor's vision of San Francisco: "a city where families succeed and children thrive".

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Walters, CEO

Wu Yee Children's Services

827 Broadway St.

San Francisco, CA 94133

## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Lena Yu <lena.yu@wuyee.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 12:51 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Re: DCYF Oversight Committee Letter of Recommendation  
**Attachments:** Letter to Board of Supervisors\_LY.docx

Good afternoon Alisa,

I am a family support provider in Chinatown and would like to put in a recommendation for seats 10 and 11 on the DCYF oversight committee.

Ms. Alyson Suzuki would be a valuable addition to the committee with her vast personal and professional experience in working with low income immigrant families, especially in the field of family support and early childhood education.

Please find my recommendation letter attached to this email. I can be reached for further questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Lena Yu

Joy Lok Manager



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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you as a native San Franciscan and a family support services provider for the past 10 years in our City's Chinatown. When Ms. Alyson Suzuki informed me that she will be running for a position on the DCYF oversight committee, I thought that it was the most natural decision for her to make. Coming from an immigrant family herself and growing up in a low-income housing project in a big urban city, she exemplifies the struggles that social service providers see everyday in our work with families and children. Her trials and tribulations growing up with monolingual Chinese parents in a new and foreign place helped shaped her experiences and fuel her passion to dedicate her life to helping others thrive. If she were able to help a struggling family jump through fewer hoops, she would have accomplished her purpose in helping this family come closer to reaching their goals.

Ms. Suzuki's work in the community stems from a place that is deeply rooted in her, one, as a first generation Chinese American and two, as a mother of two young boys. Those that know her and have worked with her understands how the latter has helped influence her into becoming a premier advocate for quality early childhood education and care for low-income families with young children. There is no greater trust in the world than when a parent hands over their child to be in your care. At the same time, it is also the hardest decision a parent needs to make when it comes to finding quality care in order for them to secure and maintain employment or go back to school to increase their skills for a competitive job market. Personally, she has fought for her own right as a parent when her child care provider failed to provide adequate care for her toddler with special needs. She understands how challenging it can be to navigate the various systems to get the proper care her toddler needed and she also felt the frustration that many families are feeling when they hit a wall. If someone as knowledgeable as she is also encountering obstacles, can you imagine what our monolingual immigrant families have to go through as well?

Because of her experiences on both sides of the fence, one as a concerned parent but also as an advocate, I would like to recommend her as the ideal candidate for a position on the DCYF oversight committee. Her tireless work with families will help bring a collective voice to the table to create for a more authentic look at the struggles that she sees in our community. She will be a key ingredient in forming an experienced and diverse body that serves the greatest this city has to offer for our children and families.

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Lena Yu, Joy Lok Manager  
Joy Lok Family Resource Center



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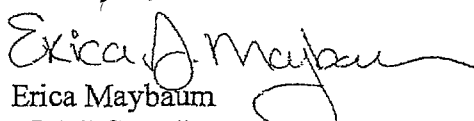
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Erica Maybaum  
CPAC Coordinator

Cc: Maria Su  
Alisa Somera

Cheryl Horney  
509 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94609

May 25, 2015

Dear DCYF selection committee,

It is my honor and privilege to write a letter of support for Ms. Alyson Suzuki to be a part of the DCYF Citizen's Oversight Advisory Committee. I have known Ms. Suzuki through working together at Wu Yee Children's Services over the past six years. I can say that Ms. Suzuki is an inspiration to me and to many other people at Wu Yee and throughout the community.

Ms Suzuki currently holds the position of Chief Programs Officer of our organization. In this capacity she oversees all of the agencies' programs that support low income children and families in the city of San Francisco. Wu Yee is one of two resource and referral centers in San Francisco supporting families on referrals to subsidized care and how to gain access to quality child care. As well, she oversees our Provider's Services departments which support hundreds of family child care providers throughout San Francisco to give quality services to children and families who receive subsidized care from the city.

She took over leadership of the Child Development Department in February 2013. In October of 2013 when agencies throughout San Francisco had the opportunity to apply to be the grantee for Head Start Services, Ms. Suzuki saw that there was a great need in the city for infant and toddler care for low-income families. She guided Wu Yee Children's Services through the application for the Head Start grant to provide an additional 210 infant/toddler slots throughout San Francisco. Wu Yee was awarded this grant and became the largest provider of low income services to infants and toddlers due to Alyson's vision and passion to serve low income families. Wu Yee is now the largest provider of Early Head Start and Head start services in the city of San Francisco and serves over 600 of the city's children and families who fall below the poverty guideline.

Alyson not only supports low income families to access childcare services but all types of services. During her 9 years at Wu Yee Children's Services she has seen a need to support low income families to access other needs. Alyson has been instrumental in supporting the Joy Lok Family Resource Center to be able to serve many needs that the community has. She was the reason why Single Stop services were brought to the Joy Lok Family Resource Center. Joy Lok is one of two agencies in San Francisco that offer these coordinated services to connect people to the resources they need to attain higher education, obtain good jobs and achieve financial self-sufficiency in one stop. Due to Alyson's persistence and passion to serve low income families, Wu Yee supports over 500 families a year with our SingleStop services.

Alyson not only has professional experience with children and families from low income backgrounds but she also has a personal connection. Alyson was raised in low income housing by a family that immigrated to the United States. She understands the trials and tribulations

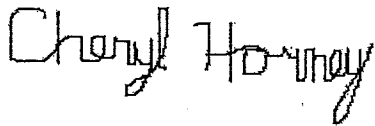
that our families go through to access services and support. She realizes the hardship when you don't speak the predominant language of English and can't communicate your needs or capacity. In fact Alyson often stops to support people that she sees in situations where she could lend support with her bilingual skills.

Alyson has worked to support families her entire career. Not only does she have a professional stake in the services of San Francisco but she also has a personal obligation. She now is a mother of two young children who both attend school in the city of San Francisco.

I have great respect for Ms. Suzuki. You will not find someone with more integrity and passion. She strives for excellence in serving all children and families in the city of San Francisco to make sure they are receiving the quality services they deserve.

I whole-heartedly support Alyson to be on the DCYF Citizen's Oversight Committee. She has demonstrated the vision and capacity to lead necessary to have a positive impact on the city of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Horney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cheryl Horney  
Wu Yee Children's Services  
Child Development Program Director

May 15, 2015

Dear Selection Committee,

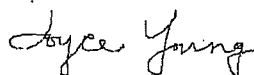
I am writing this letter to give my highest possible recommendation for Alyson Suzuki. It has been my pleasure to work as a Center Manager of one of the child development centers that Ms. Suzuki oversees. Ms. Suzuki's dedication to children and families is always a motivation and inspiration to me.

As a Chief Programs Officer Ms. Suzuki works closely with program managers and families to listen to their concerns and suggestions. In 2013, Mrs. Suzuki heard about the needs of childcare in the Bayview area, so she quickly started to initiate a collaboration opportunity with the Bayview YMCA. During the preparation in opening this new child development center, Ms. Suzuki took the leadership to ensure the center and classroom not only compliant with Head Start and licensing regulations, but also actively recruit high-need families in the Bayview neighborhood. She led the enrollment team to go door to door and present in community centers and clinics to ensure the community was aware of the new child development center.

In April 2014, Wu Yee was granted for a large part of the Office of Head Start grant and doubled the size of the families that we serve to 595 families around San Francisco. These areas include but are not limited to Bayview, Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, OMI, Visitacion Valley, Tenderloin, Western Addition and Chinatown. Ms. Suzuki presented her consistent and countless support to the center managers and content team to ensure all programs are high quality, and children and families receive the necessary supports. She is a great listener and always makes an effort to get to everyone's viewpoints before making final decisions. Ms. Suzuki also advocates for homeless families and children with special needs by actively seeking for external resources and funding to ensure our programs are meeting the needs of these high-needs families.

Ms. Suzuki was the Executive Director of the Chinatown Community Children's Center, the Child Care Director of the Peninsula Family YMCA, and Program Director of the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) and Assistant Development Director of Hamilton-Madison House in New York City. I believe Ms. Suzuki's strong career background and experiences in the programs she works with to support the high-risk families enable her to have a realistic understanding of the dynamics of the low-income children and families in San Francisco. Mrs. Suzuki would be able to provide a valuable voice for diverse populations especially for low-income children and families.

Sincerely,



Joyce Young, B.A.  
Center Manager  
Wu Yee Children's Services New Generation Child Development Center

May 3, 2015

Dear DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee:

I am honored to recommend to you an outstanding member of the community Ms. Alyson Suzuki to participate in the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee.

Alyson is the current Chief Program officer at Wu Yee Children's Services. When my daughter was accepted into one of Wu Yee's Child Development Centers, I participated in my child's center's Family Committee and served as Chairman of the Early Head Start Policy Council. I met Alyson in this capacity and I have known her for the past three years. During policy council, Alyson actively participated in discussions at each of our meetings, she answered parent's questions and she listened to the views and wishes of parents to improve the child development services.

Alyson understands the feelings of the families and was able to use her leadership and skills to support us to solve the problems related to childcare. For example, one of the largest concerns for families was that the cut-off date for preschool would keep children from receiving childcare services. This cut-off date meant that many children who had been receiving infant/toddler services may not be able to receive services if their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday was after September first. Alyson led the effort throughout Wu Yee to have the least amount of transition possible for children enrolled at our centers and child care services remained uninterrupted for families.

Alyson is not only a strong CPO but she is also a mother of two young children. She has worked for the past 18 years working in San Francisco serving low income children and families. She knows how important the child's early education is for low-income families.

One of the things that are unique about Alyson is that she is bilingual in Chinese. She holds a high position at a non-profit and the city and she makes sure that families can have their concerns heard. She can directly communicate with Chinese speaking parents and it helps her to hear directly from parents about their needs.

Alyson is very approachable and everyone can feel her respect for the families that Wu Yee serves. Wu Yee not only provides child care services to San Francisco families but they provide widely comprehensive community services for low income families.

I can share my own journey. I have two children and my family emigrated to the United States in August 2008. After I was able to get child development services the agency also helped me with accessing other services. They helped me through the difficult process that new immigrants go through while helping to educate me about child development and providing me with resources for employment. All of the support that Wu Yee gave me helped me to have a stable family life.

Now, Wu Yee's Child care services are widening and able to reach more new immigrants and low income families. Early education and a child's growth and development are very important and cannot be ignored. We really need someone we can trust to make sure that the voices for



low-income families are heard. This person is Alyson Suzuki. At this point I once again sincerely recommend to you Alyson Suzuki to be a part of the DCYF Citizens Oversight Committee to represent the low-income groups. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Regards,

Qiong Li

Mother of two children

Fu Yau Parent Advisory Committee members

CAA parent leadership class member

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**Evans, Derek**

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## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Children, youth and their families

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: oversight and advisory committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 or 11 both seem like possible fits. District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Rob Gitin

Home Address: Chestnut Street, SF, CA Zip: 94133

Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Executive Director

Work Phone: 415 487-0691x101 Employer: At The Crossroads

Business Address: 333 Valencia St, Suite 320, SF CA Zip: 94103

Business E-Mail: robg@atthecrossroads.org Home E-Mail: Same

Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Business and/or professional experience:**

I co-founded At The Crossroads 17 years ago, and have been the Director ever since. We focus on working with the hardest-to-reach homeless youth, and providing them with the support they need to move beyond the streets and build outstanding lives. We walk the streets at night in the Mission and the Tenderloin, reaching homeless youth on their turf. I oversee the fundraising and finances for a 1.1 Million dollar organization with a staff of 14. We're 100% privately funded, and do not take money from DCYF, or any other government department. I've been a passionate advocate for the needs of youth for nearly two decades.

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Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: 4/3/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) Rob Gitlin

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
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Thanks!  
Beth

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The San Francisco TAY ED Network supports Rob Gitin's application to the CYF Oversight Committee, and we urge you to approve his application at tomorrow's hearing.

Attached is a letter of support signed by Executive Directors from:

- Larkin Street Youth Services
- LYRIC
- Youth Leadership Institute

- Huckleberry Youth Programs
- Jewish Vocational Services
- LGBT Community Center
- 5 Keys Charter School
- New Door Ventures
- Adolescent Health Working Group

Thank you,

Ilsa Lund  
Project Manager  
Larkin Street Youth Services  
phone - 347.267.1321  
URL - [www.larkinstreetyouth.org](http://www.larkinstreetyouth.org)

\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS\*\*\*\*

Larkin Street's Engagement & Community Center, Larkin Street Academy, Medical Clinic, and Administrative offices are now located at:  
134 Golden Gate Avenue (between Leavenworth and Jones)  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Please update your records accordingly.

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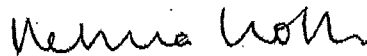
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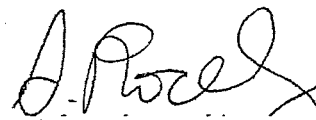
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Hi Alisa-

I am looking forward to tomorrow's committee meeting!

I've attached two items to this email:

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- Members of the TAY ED Network
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Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

I have copied in Beth Rubenstein, Yoyo Chan, and Dyanna Quizon on this email. I spoke with

each of them earlier this week.

Thanks!

Take Care-  
Rob Gitin

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Executive Director | At The Crossroads

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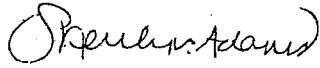
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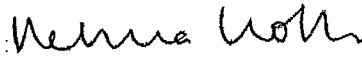
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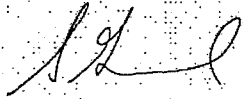
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June 5, 2015

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Rob Gitin's application to be on the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families Oversight Committee. I know Rob well. I worked with him closely when I was chair of the Youth Council of the San Francisco Workforce Investment Board and when I chaired Mayor Newsom's Task Force on Disconnected Youth. I have visited At The Crossroads, the program he founded and runs and have talked with him often about his vision for working with and supporting youth in San Francisco.

Rob is one of the very most thoughtful and dedicated people in San Francisco focusing on the needs of our highest risk youth and young adults. He combines a great sense of compassion and understanding with a deep commitment to designing programs and policies that are most likely to be effective in addressing the needs of these populations. He has extensive first-hand experience in working directly with youth and young adults and a broad knowledge of the literature on how to build organizations and programs. At The Crossroads is a model of a well-run program.

Rob is a terrific member of any working or advisory group. He is very respectful of the views of all people, listens carefully, and asks important questions. His views are widely respected. I have learned from him in every conversation we have ever had.

I have been involved in activities focused on supporting San Francisco's children and families for over 30 years, including serving for a period as Director of the Department of Human Services. I have not met anyone I would rather work with than Rob.

Sincerely,

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June 10, 2015

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**RE: Rob Gitin's candidacy to Children, Youth, and their Families Oversight Committee**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It's with great pleasure that I submit this letter of enthusiastic support for Rob Gitin's candidacy to join the Children, Youth, and their Families Oversight Committee.

I have had the good fortune to partner with Rob over the past year plus in his capacity as Co-Founder and Executive Director for At the Crossroads and as a Citizens Advisory Committee member for the mid-Market/Tenderloin/SOMA Community Benefits Agreement. In each of these roles, I've really valued Rob's thoughtful approach and strong commitment to the youth of our city.

Many people with Rob's deep experience working with at-risk populations which spans over the past 2 decades would typically show up as the 'expert' with all the answers, but Rob starts by asking insightful questions and engaging in a meaningful conversation. This "seek to understand" approach is an incredible gift to all who experience it and I believe is the secret behind how Rob has successfully scaled At the Crossroads over the years - reaching more than 7,000 homeless youth in the past 17 years.

Personally, I'm incredibly inspired and impressed by Rob's unwavering dedication to the youth and most at-risk in our city and am grateful for the opportunity to work with him.

Rob strongly understands the needs of young people in our city and would bring a lot of great experience, thoughtfulness and care to the Oversight Committee. As a 20 year resident of San Francisco, I hope you approve Rob's candidacy to the Children, Youth, and their Families Oversight Committee. He will contribute in remarkable ways and is a joy to work with thanks to his smarts and sense of humor. Appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caroline Barlerin  
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To Whom It May Concern:

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My name is Shawn Garety and I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Rob Gitin, co-founder and Executive Director of At The Crossroads. In my role as Program Manager with At The Crossroads I have worked directly with Rob for eleven years. I was thrilled to hear that Rob decided to submit an application to the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight Committee

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As co-founder of At The Crossroads, Rob created an organization that aims to reach homeless youth and young adults that are hardest to reach on the streets of San Francisco. At The Crossroads goes out onto the streets of the Tenderloin and Mission districts of San Francisco and brings services to disconnected homeless youth and young adults who would not receive services otherwise. At The Crossroads' model is community and relationship driven. While our focus is on reaching underserved youth, we believe that the best way to accomplish our mission is to build strong, healthy relationships with the entire community.

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With over 17 years of experience running At The Crossroads, Rob has shown a deep commitment to seeing children, youth and their families receive the support that they need to realize their dreams and live healthy and outstanding lives.

Rob's role with At The Crossroads and commitment to the community has reached far beyond our organization over the years, and would make him a very strong addition to the oversight committee. He is an incredibly thoughtful, caring person with invaluable perspective on the needs of underserved youth. Rob is a great advocate and thought partner, and is incredibly committed to his work. He is able to find creative and innovative ways to work through complex issues and create options and solutions that best meet the needs of the community.

Rob is the kind of person you want to know and have on your team. His sense of humor and reliable nature are an added bonus. In my opinion he would be an incredible asset to your committee. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Shawn Garety, Program Manager  
At The Crossroads



June 5, 2015

To: Children, Youth and their Families  
Oversight and Advisory Committee

Submitted by: Sandy Close,  
Executive Director, Pacific News Service dba New America Media

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to support the application of Rob Gitin, Executive Director of At The Crossroads, to become a member of the Oversight and Advisory Committee.

I am a veteran nonprofit director who has worked in the field of youth development since the mid-1980s (my organization founded YO! Youth Outlook, The Beat Within, Roaddawgz, DeBug and co-founded Youth Radio, among other youth media projects). I have known Rob since the earliest days of At The Crossroads, when I helped raise some of the organization's earliest grants. He, in turn, has helped us connect to teens and young adults living on the streets, many of them dealing with drug addictions and mental illness. Over the years we have collaborated on communication projects that helped some of the most disconnected young people in the city find direction and meaning – including Freedom Journal, a journal of writing and art by homeless youth; #FeelBetterCa.org, a public forum and peer-to-peer messaging website to break the silence about youth depression, and Street Souls, a just completed eight week writing workshop with young people from ATC and Larkin.

Rob is unique in his intimate knowledge of what it takes to survive in this increasingly affluent high tech city as a young person transitioning to early

adulthood without a fixed home, without a stable family structure, without a career pathway. He has also mastered what it takes to found and run a nonprofit service organization managing the most unpredictable and hard to track youth population for almost 20 years. And at the same time, he has continued his academic studies, at Stanford and through professional fellowships, on what it takes to successfully intervene in young people's lives. And he has eschewed government funding, ensuring that he can provide an independent perspective to the deliberations of the committee.

In our April-May writing workshops for some 20 homeless youth and young adults, the ones who were most consistent attending all eight weeks were from Rob's program. They were always on time, polite, hungry to express themselves, and grateful for the opportunity, despite their situation – several were parents with very young children. They spoke of ATC as being a lifeline.

I deeply respect Rob for the services he and ATC provide to these young people and his grasp of what the city is doing well and where it is missing vital services for lack of fully understanding their wants and needs. I hope he can bring his perspective to your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Sandy Close  
Executive Director



June 4, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bobby Baksa and I work for the Community and Public Relations Department for the San Francisco Giants. I am writing to encourage you to select Rob Gitin to the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight Committee. Rob, and his amazing organization At the Crossroads, has been a community partner of ours for numerous years. He has represented At the Crossroads, the people he serves, and the San Francisco Giants with professionalism and expertise.

I have personally met some of those that have received the services that Rob has been able to provide through At the Crossroads. His passion for the people of San Francisco has helped thousands of teens and young adults get off of the streets and take a step forward to live the life they want. Rob is well respected throughout the industry and has firsthand experience working with those in the Mission, North Beach, and Tenderloin Area. He knows what it takes to get things done and make a difference.

I feel very strongly that Rob would be a great addition to the Committee. I know his passion, dedication, and experience will be a valuable asset to the people of San Francisco.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Baksa".

Bobby Baksa

San Francisco Giants

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Department of Children Youth and Family  
City of San Francisco

June 10, 2015

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Rob Gitin's application to join the Children, Youth and Families Oversight Committee of the DCYF.

I am the former of the Executive Director of the Bay Area Video Coalition, run nonprofit cultural organizations in San Francisco and worked as a program officer and consultant with many arts education organizations in San Francisco. I served on the SF Arts Task Force and am acutely aware of the city's chronic challenges, resilient residents and institutions that need city support to ensure that all children and youth in San Francisco are given opportunities to be safe, to grow and to learn.

I have known Rob for 10 years and was inspired by him and the extraordinary work At The Crossroads does with homeless youth to join ATC's Board of Directors four years ago.

Rob has fought for homeless children in San Francisco to build outstanding lives for 15 years as the founder and director of At The Crossroads (ATC). Rob would bring tremendous insight to the Committee because for those 15 years he has worked with thousands of youth struggling to survive on our city's streets. He has an indefatigable commitment to understanding the needs of homeless youth and economically distressed families and helping them reach their potential. Rob has witnessed tragedy and transformation in the community and the experience adds up to a deep understanding of our city's rich history and current complexity.

To understand the ground-up perspective that Rob would bring to the Committee and its policy discussions, its crucial to understand the work his nonprofit does in and for the community.

At The Crossroads helps hundreds of homeless youths ages 14-24 by providing on-the-street counseling, essential items to survive each night (from socks to sandwiches) and unconditional support. Rob's success and his wisdom stem from an extraordinary ability to build trust with youth who have good reason to distrust adults. In the Tenderloin and Central Market area many homeless youth have runaway from abusive environments and



been bounced around (and kicked out of) governmental and nonprofit programs: Rob prioritizes working with the kids everyone else has given up on. He meets them on the streets, on their terms, he listens more than he talks, he doesn't tell a kid what to do, he helps a kid get where they want to go: back to school, into a drug rehabilitation or a job training program and into a home to call their own.

And the evidence that he is both compassionate and deeply knowledgeable about what it's like to be homeless in a rapidly changing urban landscape is demonstrated by the requests he gets from the California Legislature to give expert testimony on effective youth services and when youth who have known him for five or ten or fifteen years stay in touch to let him know how he helped them build a life worth living.

Rob wears two hats very well – and both would add great value to your committee.

He is a front line service provider, connecting with youth of every race and ethnicity; gay or straight; those with serious mental health and substance issues and those dealing with violence and life in and out of jail and thus able to inform your discussions with their needs, ambitions and practical realities in mind.

Rob is also a brilliant organizational leader: he's built a non profit with a million dollar budget, hundreds of donors, foundation and corporate support and manages a tight-knit staff too and in that capacity and would bring keen and sober insight into the needs of community-based-organizations operating in the neighborhood and the opportunities to partner effectively with developers, businesses and residents new to the area.

I hope you will strongly consider Rob Gitin for a seat on your committee I know he will contribute greatly to your work and I know you will enjoy working with him as well. Though Rob has much to brag about he is humble as pie.

Sincerely,

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June 10, 2015

Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee  
City & County of San Francisco  
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Re: Rob Gitin's application to serve on Committee

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for Rob Gitin's application to serve on the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee for San Francisco. I am currently the Board Chair of At The Crossroads (ATC), the nonprofit organization that Rob has led for the past 17 years. ATC is focused on supporting a large segment of the population, in particular homeless youth and young adults, which calls the Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods of San Francisco home, working with them to build healthy and fulfilling lives.

Rob would be an invaluable addition to your committee given his intimate knowledge and experience with the specific population your Committee was created to serve. He knows a great deal about the diverse street community in San Francisco- the needs, challenges, impacts of new development, population shifts over time, etc. Not to mention that the community respects him- while on a tour of the Tenderloin with him last year, he was the recipient of numerous pats on the back and high fives, a sign of the respect he is given because of his deep commitment to their wellbeing and livelihoods. He would without a doubt be one of the strongest people to represent their voice and best interests within the broader context of the Committee's Charter.

I hope that Rob Gitin is given serious consideration to serve on the Committee. I know he would take the role seriously and would add an important perspective. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Catherine Covington'.

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MARY L. GREGORY  
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June 5, 2015

Re: **Rob Gitin**

To the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight Committee.:

As a former chair of the board of At The Crossroads, a non-profit organization that does outreach to homeless youth in the Tenderloin and the Mission, I am writing in support of Rob Gitin. Rob is the founder and executive director of At The Crossroads.

I cannot think of a better citizen to invite to join your committee. Rob knows and works with some of the neediest youth in San Francisco. He and the counselors of At The Crossroads work with homeless youth—talking to them, learning about their challenges, and helping them to build great lives for themselves. Rob lives in and deeply cares about the city, and he is concerned about the growing economic divide that is changing the way the city feels and acts.

The good news is that the city's current problems are not insurmountable, but you will need a consensus builder like Rob to effectively work to address the needs of our city's young people. He is a great listener, and he uses his intelligence to build solutions that can work for many, not just the few.

I work in the field of philanthropy managing six family foundations, but the problems facing our city cannot be fixed by money alone. You will need all kinds of ideas and resources to help, and Rob Gitin would be a great addition to your efforts.

Sincerely,

*Mary Gregory*

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Dear Committee Members:

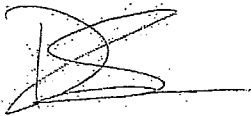
Every once in a while one has the privilege to meet someone who is driven by a compelling vision, is wise beyond their years, has a track record of impressive accomplishments, and is deeply committed to improving the lives of marginalized members of our community. Rob Gitin is such a person.

Leadership of At the Cross Roads has given Rob a unique lens and profound understanding of the challenges affecting youth. Over the past 18 years, ATC has reached countless disenfranchised young people helping them to build healthy and fulfilling lives. This experience makes him the perfect candidate for the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight Committee.

I know first-hand that Rob is eager to support the work of the Department of Children, Youth and their Families and ensure that funding meets the needs of the most disconnected youth — young people living on our streets, those in and out of jail, having a hard time moving forward with their education and/or finding work that provides them with a living wage, or that lack the support of a healthy, safe community. And while he will be a strong advocate for youth, he is equally committed to ensuring the DCYF is funding a broad spectrum of programs that target families and all young people in San Francisco, both over and under 18.

I urge you to cast your vote for Rob. He brings a wealth of experience, a passion for ensuring the health and wellbeing of these communities, and will bring a fair and balanced eye to the oversight of DCYF's funding.

Respectfully,



Doniece Sandoval  
Founder/Executive Director  
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**Letter of Support for Rob Gitin**

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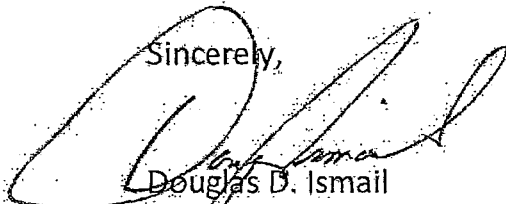
Rob Gitin of At the Crossroads (ATC) is one of my favorite local non-profit leaders. His success at ATC has been well documented. However, once you have met him, you'll truly understand how he has been able to create and build one of our city's most unique organizations.

I know ATC well, and believe that they provide a critically important service to transitional age youth in San Francisco. Their approach, one of developing longstanding, trusting relationships – then leveraging those relationships to help them make healthy life choices, is remarkable. They quietly and effectively serve hundreds of young people each year. Rob is the founder, leader and true life-source behind this important work.

I understand Rob will be appearing at City Hall in hopes of being selected for the Children, Youth and their Families oversight committee. I cannot make it to the hearing to speak on Rob's behalf, so I'd like to add my voice to the many you will likely already hear.

Rob is a value-centered, passionate person with a rare combination of strategic and emotional intelligence. His role on this Committee will make it stronger, smarter and even better grounded in what is best for our city's young people and their families.

Sincerely,



Douglas D. Ismail  
Executive Vice President

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June 8, 2015

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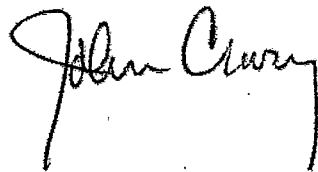
I understand Rob Gitin has applied to become a member of the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight Committee. Our foundation is a supporter of organization Rob founded, At The Crossroads, which reaches out to provide counseling to homeless youth.

We first learned about Rob and ATC about three years ago. My wife and I have joined Rob to go out on the streets to see first hand the population ATC serves, and we are so impressed. He has built an organization that serves people who are in need and do not fit with other modes of assistance. They make a very positive difference in young lives at risk.

Rob and his group of counselors have a deep and intimate knowledge of the life in the Central Market and Tenderloin areas, and having been in the area for the last 18 years they have witnessed the evolution of the area. They have built close relationships not only with the youth they assist, but also with local businesses, government agencies and other community institutions in the area, which is part of the reason they are effective.

Accordingly, I think Rob would be a valuable addition to the committee and I urge you to accept his application.

Very truly yours,



John L. Crary  
Trustee

June 9, 2015

Rob Gitin  
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Re Children, Youth and their Families  
Oversight and Advisory Committee

Dear Rob,

I am writing this letter in support of your application to become a member of the committee referred to above.

As you may recall, I believe we met during a site visit the Louis R. Lurie Foundation was making to ATC. Was that in first year or two of ATC? [I cannot remember back that far!!] The site visit was being done in an effort to determine if the foundation should make a grant to ATC. I was one of the trustees of the foundation.

Of course, the foundation made that grant and many other grants subsequent to that first visit. We found your, ATC's, work to be outstanding. Last year, the foundation provided ATC with a Legacy Grant which was the foundation's term for final and meaningful grants being made by the foundation as it concluded its business in 2014.

As a trustee of the foundation over those many, many years and as a citizen of San Francisco, I have been witness to the incredible work you have accomplished and continue to perform. ATC under your leadership has been a beacon, a resource and a "home" for so many homeless youth, particularly those who are unable to access traditional services because they have "aged out" of said services.

Should anyone at the city wish to speak with me you, your successes and your qualifications, it would be a pleasure.

Sincerely,



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June 8, 2015

Dear Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee:

It is a distinct pleasure to offer my enthusiastic recommendation for Rob Gitin as a potential new committee member. I have known Rob as an inspiring, trusted and valued ally for over a decade. His knowledge and experience make him an exceptional service provider, his innovative approach on issues that disproportionately affect marginalized youth make his work uniquely relevant, and his ability to connect with people both on the street and in formal professional settings make him a valuable contributor to social justice in San Francisco.

As a volunteer for *At the Crossroads*, I met Rob and quickly understood how he not only kept the organization alive, but helped it thrive, change and grow during an economic downturn. Rob believes deeply in what he does and he inspires others. The phrase "meet people where they are" epitomizes Rob's ability to find, inspire and benefit from the unique strengths of his staff, volunteers, board members, clients, advocates, other service providers and researchers. This is what sets him apart and makes him an effective leader of a strong organization that helps some of our most vulnerable citizens build healthy and stable lives.

As a health researcher who works with homeless women, I share many of the same interests (and quandaries) as Rob. We have had countless conversations over the years about a broad range of topics. Whether we are discussing plans to make services more accessible, or ways to find the people who need the services most, or strategies for clearly communicating lessons learned with outside organizations, I have found Rob's input to be more than useful. His intelligence, passion and sense of humor make Rob's ideas invaluable.

Rob has built a successful and thriving service organization, but he has more to give. Serving on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee would allow him to share his insights and experiences on a larger scale as your committee considers the needs of disconnected young people. Likewise, Rob would have an opportunity to learn and grow from your dedicated committee members.

Thank you for considering Rob Gitin as your next advisory committee member. I am lucky to work with many brilliant and passionate people, but there is no one I would recommend higher for this important position.

Sincerely,

Elise D. Riley, Ph.D., MPH  
Associate Professor  
UCSF Department of Medicine  
Division of HIV/AIDS, San Francisco General Hospital





California Bicycle Coalition

June 8, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Rob Gitin's application for a seat on the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight Committee. Rob would be an invaluable addition to the committee, and I urge you to appoint him.

I have known Rob for fifteen years, since I joined the staff of At the Crossroads, where I worked with him closely as an outreach partner and supervisee. I had the privilege of spending four hours on outreach with Rob four nights a week in the Mission, as well as working with him in the office on planning, fundraising, hiring, and other aspects of organizational management. At the time, the staff of ATC was small, so I had the opportunity to see how Rob approaches his work with youth, and how he understands and helps youth to navigate the city's social service system.

It almost goes without saying that Rob deeply cares about street youth. Rob always puts his clients first in every organizational decision. He has always stayed close to the work by continuing his outreach and counseling work even as his organization has grown. Rob never forgets that these young people need to be listened to, and need to know that they have a non-judgmental person who they can be honest with, if they are to overcome their challenges and build a healthy life. He is empathetic

Rob understands well the needs of street youth, and sees clearly what young people's obstacles to success are. He understands in particular how transitional age youth are a special population of young people, who need to be understood as youth and served differently from older adults.

Rob is an analytical and wise human being, who would be an asset to the Committee. He is a great decisionmaker, and a true leader in the field. He's personally a pleasure to work with—funny, smart, a great storyteller, and an amazing listener who respects others' opinions and gets along with people of every stripe.

Best wishes,

Jenn Guitart  
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June 7, 2015

RE: Recommendation for Rob Gitin

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Rob Gitin for more than twenty years and I cannot imagine a stronger candidate for the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

I can recommend Rob Gitin, both as a friend, and as a long-time volunteer for At The Crossroads (ATC), the homeless youth outreach organization which he founded. From my experience, I can tell you that Rob is the most capable, insightful, kind and dedicated individual in terms of helping youth in the city of San Francisco make healthy and empowered transitions to adulthood. I have always been impressed with the guidance Rob has provided at ATC, both in terms of the vision for the long-term success of the organization and its mission, and also for the long-term success of its clients. Indeed, at ATC the clients are the mission, and to this end I have been proud to witness Rob lead his team to do amazing work- engaging young people at critical points in their lives and empowering them to do more than just survive, but to fulfill their dreams.

In sum, I wholeheartedly believe Rob Gitin would make an outstanding member of the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your considering my recommendation.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew McClelland".

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June 10, 2015

Dear Children, Youth and their Families Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Rob Gitin, a prospective member of your committee. I have been a personal supporter of At The Crossroads, the organization which he founded and directs, for over 15 years. The support and services this organization provides to the area's homeless youth have incredible impact, and Mr. Gitin's understanding of the complex issues of homelessness would be a great asset to your group.

As someone who works in downtown San Francisco, the health and well being of our local youth is very important to me. I am grateful for the work of your committee, and sincerely hope that you will bring Mr. Gitin, and his unique perspective on youth in San Francisco, to join you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Anna Bonner Mieritz



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Dear Supervisors Avalos, Tang, and Cohen:

Thank you for considering me for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I'm very enthusiastic about helping to make sure that all young people in San Francisco have the opportunity to pursue the lives that they want.

17 years ago, I cofounded At The Crossroads, and have been running it ever since. ATC provides disconnected homeless youth in San Francisco with the unconditional support they need to move beyond the streets and to build outstanding lives. We focus on youth who get kicked out of other programs or never set foot in them, prioritizing the hardest to reach, those who have fallen through the cracks.

Our clients are the definition of underserved. 99% have been incarcerated. 60-80% have mental illnesses.

We also work to help make sure that youth from diverse communities stay and thrive in San Francisco: 60% of ATC's clients are African American, and 15% are Latino.

Homeless youth are my passion. Running ATC and working with our kids has been the biggest privilege of my life.

ATC has helped more than 7,000 homeless youth. We have a \$1,100,000 budget, 14 staff members, and are 100% privately funded, having made the choice to not take government support, including from DCYF.

The thing that I'm proudest of is that in 17 years of operation, ATC has never kicked out a single client. Zero. We never give up on anyone. I'm excited to join this committee and to help make sure that San Francisco never gives up on any of its youth, and fights to give every one of them the support they need to have lives of health, stability, and purpose.

I'll work hard on behalf of all youth, not just TAY. My nephew Micah and niece Nina are 10 and 7. They live in Glen Park and attend Miraloma Elementary. I love them more than words can express. I've seen the challenges my sister and brother-in-law face in trying to raise them in an expensive city. And I'm engaged, and my partner and I hope to raise our future children in San Francisco. While my work may focus on the most disconnected young people, I am an advocate for all of this city's youth.

I'm passionate about working with others to improve access to and quality of services for youth. I served on the TAY Task Force. I was then a member of the TAYSF steering committee. I am now the co-chair of the TAY Executive Director's Network. I love being part of a diverse group of individuals working together for a common cause.

I want to see this committee ensure that there is an inclusive, community-based process to inform and guide the priorities of DCYF. It's essential for this committee to strengthen accountability and transparency around how money is spent on our city's youth. I'll bring extensive experience in developing and analyzing budgets, facilitation, and strategic planning to this committee.



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atthecrossroads.org

I've lived in San Francisco for the last 18 years, and I love this city. Displacement threatens its vitality and its values. We must do everything we can to prevent the outflow of diversity, and to make sure that San Francisco is a home for people of all backgrounds, races and economic classes. This starts by ensuring that the city is a viable and thriving option for our families and our youth.

It would be an honor to serve on this committee. I would do so with passion, inclusiveness, thoughtfulness and integrity.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Rob Gitin  
Executive Director, At The Crossroads

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: OAC

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 7<sup>th</sup> District: 9

Name: Carmen Sosa

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip: 94110

Home Phone: (415) [REDACTED] Occupation: Exploratorium HS Explainer

Work Phone: n/a Employer: Exploratorium

Business Address: Pier 15/17, The Embarcadero, SF, CA Zip: 94111

Business E-Mail: n/a Home E-Mail: [REDACTED]

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Check All That Apply:

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Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

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please see attached #1 essay question

**Business and/or professional experience:**


please see attached #2

**Civic Activities:**

please see attached #3

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

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Date: 5/27/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

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- 1) What communities do you feel connected to and why? How would you represent the diversity of youth in the City and County of San Francisco? (*Examples: Queer, Disabled, Homeless, Teen Parent, Low-Income, Immigrant*). You are not limited to these choices. Please add your own.)

As the daughter of immigrant parents, I am familiar w/challenges faced by 1st generation immigrants, especially as they struggle w/the language. We were unable to access homework help & parents, unable to communicate w/service providers. I ended up translating at adult appts, missing out on my own opportunities & obligations. I am low income but have been working w/diverse groups of teens for years. I was always exposed to youth from more diverse backgrounds than what I saw at school. SFPL, I work with youth from economic groups who have different perceptions of work. Yet, at the Exploratorium, the youth rely on this job & the money earned to meet basic needs.

- 2) What special skills, insight and experiences would you bring to this position?

YAC (DCYF) & my work advising the development of teen programs & teen-only space (SFPL), gave me experience collaborating, planning and providing input to city departments around youth programs. I developed my own voice while also advocating for the needs of other youth throughout the city. In Keystone, youth leadership program (BGCSF), I developed my conflict resolution skills. Our charter experienced significant turnover & inconsistent participation which resulted in difficulties establishing consistent priorities & meeting deadlines. I learned to step up & be consistent through transitions, keeping us moving towards our objectives. I am patient & interact well with diverse social groups. I have the ability to form relationships, respect ideas & experiences from individuals from different economic & cultural backgrounds.

- 3) What are some of your past experiences as a participant or leader in youth-focused activities?

I have experienced strong communication at SFPL. Youth receive the agenda at least two days in advance, there are consistent reminders of upcoming events & staff encourage youth to communicate any changes in their schedules. Staff notify youth of all program changes. Unfortunately, with other youth organizations, communication has not been as effective or proactive. It is a drag when we have already started working toward our goal & the expectations are changed in the middle. We have to adapt, without necessarily being consulted. Consistency & access should be priorities. Youth respond more positively when there is constant programming & staff and when expectations are known to them in advance. Accessing programs can be another challenge. Children may have difficulties getting to programs independently, or the cost or safety of transportation exclude others. This is made worse when we stop talking about the supports that do exist. When the MUNI youth pilot program started, applications were available in schools who helped submit & youth knew how to access it. This has changed in the past two years and less youth know where to start.



# OAC YOUTH APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Carmen Sosa  
Phone 415 ██████████ Email ██████████  
Birth date ██████████ Age 18  
Home Address ████████████████████ San Francisco Zip 94110  
Resident of SF? Yes  No  SF District you live in (1-11) 9  
OAC Seat you are applying for (19 or under or Transitional Age Youth) Either  
Occupation Exploratorium Employer (if any) High School Explainer  
School you will attend in Fall 2015 (if any) SF City College  
Other schools you attend or have attended in the past ████████████████████

After-school, summer, or youth programs you are currently involved in Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Board of Advising Youth at SFPL, YAC - Youth Advisory Council with DCYF  
After-school, summer, or youth programs you have been involved with in the past NERT  
Exploratorium, Library, BGCSF, Camp Mendocino, Youth Advocacy Day, BAMN (Bay Area Media Network) FEST

## Additional optional information:

Race El Salvadoran and Venezuelan Ethnicity Latina  
Languages spoken Spanish and English  
Sexual orientation heterosexual Gender female

## Applicant Signature:

Date 5/7/2015 Applicant's Signature (required) Carmen Sosa

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## RECOMMENDATION

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Recommender Name **Debby Machold**

*Check if recommender will be submitting a separate letter of recommendation*

*Recommender, please share your insights about the applicant's involvement and leadership in youth programs and their ability to advocate for their community.*



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SAN FRANCISCO**

May 12, 2015

San Francisco Youth Commission  
City Hall, Room 345  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Youth Commission Review Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Carmen Sosa as a representative on the Youth Commission. I met Carmen 10 years ago when I joined the staff at Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco – Columbia Park Clubhouse and have since become her mentor. In the past two years I have seen Carmen blossom and develop her personal voice and advocacy skills which would be a tremendous asset to the work of the San Francisco Youth Commission.

As a child, Carmen missed out on traditional childhood experiences to put family first and take care of her disabled mother. She translated at medical, legal and school meetings/appointments, and took the primary caretaking role of her younger siblings when mom's disability turned into addiction, and her eventual death three years ago. Carmen has never used her experiences as an excuse, and until just one year ago, she didn't realize how extraordinary her choices and behaviors were as she continued to take on personal responsibility at home and leadership roles within her school and community.

As Carmen's voice has developed, she uses it primarily to advocate for others. What started as feeling motivated by what wasn't fair or right has evolved into her ability to identify recommendations and make suggestions. She is able to reflect on what has been significant to her and offer recommendations to other youth groups and adults to improve experiences for all youth.

Carmen has been a member of BGCSF for over 11 years, attended Camp Mendocino for 7 years and served as a Leader In Training (LIT) resulting in numerous awards for her leadership, including Best LIT, Most Professional LIT x3, Red C (2<sup>nd</sup> highest leadership award available at Camp), and BGCSF's 2015 Citywide Youth of the Year.

In addition to her awards, Carmen has been a member of the Board of Advising Youth at the San Francisco Public Library – guiding the development of teen programming and teen-specific space at the Library, filled multiple leadership roles including President and Vice-President with the Keystone Club – a youth advisory and community service program of BGCSF – and was a member of the Youth Advisory

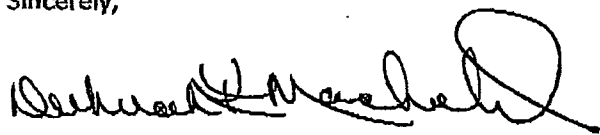
Council with DCYF. In addition to all of this, Carmen also chose to become NERT certified in case of emergency and has completed CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training. She is an extraordinary young woman who manages multiple commitments within her family, community and school.

Carmen's attention to detail, compassion for others, and ability to manage multiple commitments is advanced beyond peers her age. She is a tremendous asset to brainstorming and planning sessions specific to youth and has developed an amazing talent to tell her story and guide others to finding meaning and motivation within their experiences.

Carmen will be a tremendous asset contributing to ideas, problem solving and prioritizing the needs of youth from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Her compassion for all living beings, regardless of background, and ability to engage with youth from a variety of backgrounds and experiences is evident in her diverse peer group and willingness to solicit ideas from multiple sources. She models engagement and compassion across social and economic categories and offers great insight to the adults involved.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Carmen Sosa as a representative on San Francisco's Youth Commission. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (415) 221.2389.

Sincerely,



Deborah K. Machold, MA, MSW, LCSW  
Citywide Director  
Behavioral Health Services



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**Behavioral Health Services  
Fax Cover sheet  
(415) 503-1735  
Fax # (415) 520-0838**

TO: San Francisco Youth Commission

FROM: Carmen Sosa via Debby Machold

# of pages: 6 (including cover)

RE: OAC Youth Application

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Attached, please find Carmen Sosa's application for consideration of either the 19+under OR TAY Seat on OAC, along with her letter of recommendation. If you need any additional information, please contact Carmen Sosa at 415 240 2253 or Debby Machold @ 415 221 2389.

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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: OAC

Seat # or Category (if applicable): 7 District: 11

Name: Vida Marie Bonilla

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip: 94112

Home Phone: 415-[REDACTED] Occupation: Educator

Work Phone: 415-703-6150 Employer: LYRIC

Business Address: 127 Collingwood St. SF CA Zip: 94114

Business E-Mail: n/a Home E-Mail: [REDACTED]

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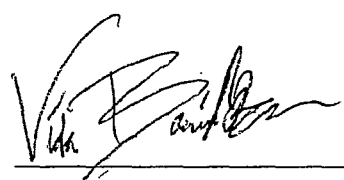
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Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

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Date: 05/27/15 Applicant's Signature: (required)



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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

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I identify as a member of the LGBTQ, Chican@, and working student communities, and also as a former "at-risk" youth when I was in High School. I am now eighteen years old and about to finish my first year of college. I feel connected to these communities because they each reflect a part of who I am. My roots are intertwined in these populations, and they have helped me to grow into the motivated, young woman I am today. Additionally, with these multiple intersectionalities, I am able to represent several aspects of City-wide youth. I would be sensitive to the needs of the under-served youth of San Francisco and better understand how to be a strong advocate for them.

- 2) What special skills, insight and experiences would you bring to this position?

I am a product of the SF public school system and currently attend CCSF. Because of this, I am able to give first-hand feedback and knowledge of issues that surround the youth of San Francisco. I am multilingual (fluent Spanish and conversational Japanese) and I have a multitude of managerial and organizational experience. I work closely with marginalized communities, including a large amount of LGBTQ youth and allies. Currently, I lead multiple training's, and actively outreach and recruit youth to apply for internships at LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Center). I started as youth intern and have advanced my leadership to a Queer Educator. I also bring my sense of community activism, teaching a lot of social justice issues that affect my youth today, as well as hands-on work with adolescents of several varying backgrounds.

- 3) What are some of your past experiences as a participant or leader in youth-focused activities?

Please see attached paper!



3) As a youth, I became a Youth Board member for Enterprise for High School Students, LYRIC (intern/Queer Educator), Public Utilities Commission intern (Animal Care & Control) have been a couple programs I have participated. I have also volunteered in multiple community and academic programs in order to actively participate in my field of interest ; social injustice, specifically issues that affect many adolescents today in San Francisco and to donate my time, talents, and efforts to help others to have as many opportunities as possible for their success as well. For example, as a volunteer at the San Francisco SPCA, I have been able to learn more about various health conditions, scientific application of what I am learning at school, and also the value of compassion in healthcare, but with animals. As a Homework Helper at the Excelsior Public Library, I hone my own academic abilities and combine my academic prowess with interpersonal skills to assist students with understanding their homework--not only completing it, but comprehending the underlying concepts behind the assignments. Perhaps the most impactful volunteer service I have experienced was when I volunteered for the Red Cross in San Salvador, El Salvador this past summer. Beyond learning about common infections and disease states and how to treat them, I was able to witness and absorb the human element as I helped the patients through the healing process. It was a tremendous growth experience. I participated in MedLink through UCSF, a six-month program where myself and other peer participants were grouped with mentors with whom we worked to gain a greater understanding of the medical field and what it entails. I attended the 2013 Latino Youth Summit to represent my high school and also discover where I fit into society and how I can find and maintain the inner strength to continually strive to improve and enrich myself and my community.

# OAC YOUTH APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Vida Marie Bonilla

Phone 415- [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

Birth date [REDACTED] Age 18

Home Address [REDACTED] Zip 94112

Resident of SF? Yes  No  SF District you live in (1-11) 10

OAC Seat you are applying for (19 or under or Transitional Age Youth) 1 or 7

Occupation Educator Employer (if any) LYRIC

School you will attend in Fall 2015 (if any) City College of San Francisco

Other schools you attend or have attended in the past [REDACTED] High School  
[REDACTED] Middle School, [REDACTED] Elementary

After-school, summer, or youth programs you are currently involved in LYRIC

After-school, summer, or youth programs you have been involved with in the past Project  
Pull, Enterprise for High School Students, MedLink, Excelsior Library Tutor

## Additional optional information:

Race Latin@ Ethnicity Salvadorian & Mexican

Languages spoken English, Spanish & Conversational Japanese

Sexual orientation Queer Gender Female

## Applicant Signature:

Date 05/15/15 Applicant's Signature (required) Vida Marie Bonilla

(Manually sign or type your complete name. NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)



# Vida Bonilla

San Francisco, CA 94112  
T: (415) [REDACTED]

## Experience

### Youth Educator

Lavender Youth and Recreation Center

February 2014-Present

- Acted as liaison amongst other mentors, youth and supervisors and provided translation when needed.
- Developed and lead curriculum for LGBTQ youth and allies in a workforce development program providing fundamental employment skills, leadership development, and social justice education.

### Secretary

Richard Reinholdt and Steven Cresci Insurance

July 2013-Present

- Created, Amended, or Cancelled insurance policies for clients.
- Maintained client's files up to date through database record and hard copy file.
- Communicated with clients through email, mail or fax.

### Office Assistant

Gateway High School Administration

July 2010-August 2010

- Assisted spanish speaking families with filling out essential documents meeting high school admission.
- Answered any questions parents, students or community members had through phone calls or in person.
- Fulfilled other staff needs.

## Education

City College of San Francisco

August 2014-Present

- Latino/a Diaspora Course, Univeristy Read & Composition Course

Gateway High School, San Francisco, CA

- Advanced Placement Spanish and Literature Course

Graduated: May 2014

## Skills

Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Fluent in English, Spanish and some background knowledge of Japanese and Portuguese (Brazilian).

## RECOMMENDATION

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Recommender Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Check if recommender will be submitting a separate letter of recommendation

*Recommender, please share your insights about the applicant's involvement and leadership in youth programs and their ability to advocate for their community.*



building community  
& inspiring positive  
social change with  
LGBTQQ youth

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Children Youth and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC),

I would like to highly recommend Vida Bonilla for the Youth Seat of the Oversight Advisory Committee. I have the privilege of working and organizing with Vida Bonilla as her Supervisor at the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC). Vida has enhanced her critical understanding of community collaboration through her leadership experiences in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a Queer Educator for LGBTQ youth, Vida understands the importance of social justice organizing as a means to transform themselves and their communities.

Vida is an amazing role model who has demonstrated resiliency. Through her hardships, Vida has been able to develop critical skills which have enabled her to experience success. Vida first became involved with LYRIC as an intern and quickly impressed us with her amazing communication skills and ability to effectively collaborate with others. Vida shined as an intern by organizing community events, mobilizing youth and outreaching for future internship cohorts. After her internship, Vida was hired by LYRIC staff because of her amazing contributions and impressive work ethic. Today, Vida is a powerful Queer Educator who helps coordinate leadership development programs for LGBTQ youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. She assists in facilitating workshops about critical issues and necessary skills that are relevant to our youth today. Vida is an important support system for so many youth and she helps develop their confidence and leadership skills. By sharing her past experiences, Vida inspires our youth to continue to fight against discrimination and oppression.

Not only does Vida Bonilla deserve to be a part of the Oversight Advisory Committee, but she would also be an extremely positive representative of her community. She is an inspiration to many queer people of color and is a committed advocate for youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. I give her my highest recommendation and urge you to seriously consider her for the committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Andrew Gutierrez III  
Program Coordinator  
andrew@lyric.org  
415-703-6150 ext. 111

Evans, Derek

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:05 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Applicant for Seat 1 & 2  
**Attachments:** LettertotheOversightandAdvisoryCommittee.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Print copies for mtg. It's her written statement in place of attendance. Also email to supes and add to file.

Lisa

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Vida Bonilla <[bvida415@gmail.com](mailto:bvida415@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 10, 2015 at 5:44:45 PM PDT  
**To:** [alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** OAC Applicant for Seat 1 & 2

Hello Alisa Somera,

We spoke earlier this week on the phone in regards to tomorrow's hearing. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due to a prior work commitment. I am attaching the formal statement I had told you about. Please feel free to contact me either through email or my cell phone with any further questions.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,  
Vida Bonilla

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"I cheated on my fears, broke up with my doubts, got engaged to my faith and now...I'm marrying my dreams"

-Unknown

June 10th 2015

Dear Oversight and Advisory Committee,

I have never really paid much attention or cared for budgets until the moment I was told that I was being let-go due to a budget deficit. It was also then that I realized that youth don't see the correlation between their pay or participation with the budget. It is all directly related and they are all impacted greatly when there is a budget problem.

After being let go, I became more interested in how budgets work and how the money is distributed for non-profits . As a past participant from a variety of programs across San Francisco, and committed to serving youth in the Bay Area as a non-profit youth service provider, I am elated with being considered for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. It is a grand opportunity to make a change and have my voice heard.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this thursday, June 11th hearing as I will be in Allensworth, CA, at a conference designed for young urban agriculture leaders, like myself. I can be reached either through email or cell phone at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,



Vida Bonilla  
[bvida415@gmail.com](mailto:bvida415@gmail.com)  
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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: DCYF

Seat # or Category (If applicable): # 3(Mayoral), and #8(BoS) District: 6

Name: Elisa Rodriguez Furey

Home Address: Beale Street Apt Zip: 94105

Home Phone: 415- Occupation: Program Manager

Work Phone: 415-861-7077 Employer: PPS-SF

Business Address: 3543 18th Street #1 Zip: 94110

Business E-Mail: elisa@ppssf.org Home E-Mail: elirdz2003@

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Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes [X] No [ ] If No, where registered:

Resident of San Francisco [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] If No, place of residence:

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

As the parent of a current SFUSD student and an experienced advocate for San Francisco's families and children, I would like to apply for seats #3 and #8 of the DCYF Oversight & Advisory Council (OAC). I am confident that I have the qualifications necessary to represent the communities of interest if appointed to the OAC.

The first reason is that I am the mother of two children who attend a public school in San Francisco (grades 1 and 3). Having two children in the San Francisco Unified School District has given me first hand experience in the needs of the families and children in public schools. In addition, 70% of the students in my children's school are low-income Latino families. Growing up in a low income family in Mexico, I have a strong sense of the needs of these children and the pressures felt by their parents. I am uniquely equipped to represent and provide a solutions-oriented approach to serving low-income communities, communities of color, and non-English speaking families on the OAC.

I currently work for Parents for Public Schools of San Francisco (PPS-SF) where I am the Program Manager for the School Governance Program. In this program, my team engages parents from different backgrounds in several SFUSD schools on topics such as navigating reclassification of English Learners to proficient English speakers, understanding a school site's budget, effectively communicating with teachers and school leaders, and investing in restorative practices at school sites. PPS-SF is a "big tent" organization. We work with Spanish- and Chinese-speaking immigrant families. We also work with low-income African American families. Our services also reach many of the city's middle class families. Given the diversity of families with which we work, I would be well suited to provide equitable solutions and understand the impact of decisions being made on the OAC.

I would be so honored to participate as a member of the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. Kindly, I ask that you consider my application for seats #3 (mayoral appointment) and #8 (supervisory appointment) of this body.



**Business and/or professional experience:**

I currently serve as program manager of Parents for Public Schools of San Francisco's School Governance Program. Prior to this role, I served as the Community Affairs and Public Relations Manager with San Francisco branch of the Mexican Consulate. I hold a Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Francisco State University.

**Civic Activities:**

I served on my children's school's Parent Teacher Association.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

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Date: 3/24/2015 Applicant's Signature: (required) Elisa Rodriguez Furey

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
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5/26/15

Dear Supervisor Avalos,

I am writing in support of DCYF Board candidate Elisa Rodriguez Furey, who has applied to serve on seat number 8.

I have worked with Ms. Rodriguez for approximately one year and admire the determination and commitment she brings to her position as School Governance Program Manager at Parents for Public Schools - San Francisco. Elisa is committed to assisting parents of San Francisco, particularly underrepresented and underserved parents, in attaining the best public education experience for their children. Parents and colleagues alike have praised Elisa for her professionalism, diplomacy, warmth, and compassion.

Her humble Mexican roots and gentle demeanor make her the perfect candidate for serving families. Elisa is a parent herself, and knows how challenging it has become for families to stay economically afloat in the pricey Bay Area. For these and many other reasons, I believe she would make an excellent addition to the DCYF Board.

Thank you for your consideration of Elisa Rodriguez Furey.

Sincerely,

Kellyn Dong

Office Administrator, Parents for Public Schools - San Francisco [kellyn@ppssf.org](mailto:kellyn@ppssf.org)

Masharika Prejean Maddison  
664 B Greenwich Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133

May 26, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Supervisor Avalos:

It is a pleasure and an honor to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Elisa Rodriguez Furey for a seat on the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee.

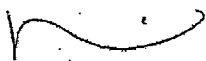
I first met Elisa in 2013 when I hired her as a staff member with Parents for Public Schools of San Francisco (PPS-SF). As the executive director of the organization, I have been fortunate to develop a relationship with Elisa which enables us to collaboratively further the mission of PPS-SF: to support student success by developing effective school-parent partnerships, strong parent relationships, and broad community support for public education.

Elisa's strategic thinking skills and program analysis expertise have been tremendous value-adding skills to our work at PPS-SF. As the parent of two public school students, her first-hand insights have informed the work of our organization. She has also proactively utilized her network and her bilingual and bicultural abilities to increase our capacity to serve families in the Latino community and beyond across the City.

Based on my experience working with Elisa, I am wholly convinced that she would bring the same pragmatism and passion to DCYF's Oversight Advisory Committee. Elisa is a committed, collaborative, creative, and caring individual. In her professional role at PPS-SF, Elisa has proven that she is a visionary and inclusive leader with a track record of achieving the goals she sets forth in service of her work and the families she supports.

Elisa's appointment to DCYF's OAC will result in gains for children and families across San Francisco. As a parent, a trained political economist, a graduate of a top-tier graduate-level public policy program, a professional in the education sector, and a San Franciscan, I support Elisa Rodriguez Furey's appointment to the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee.

Respectfully,



Masharika Prejean Maddison

ESCUELA COMUNITARIA  
**BUENA VISTA HORACE MANN K-8!**

May 31, 2015

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of Elisa Rodriguez's application to serve as part of the Board for DCYF.

Elisa is not only a dedicated parent of two students here at BVHM, but also a parent and student advocate. Over the years that I have known her, Elisa has served but as the SRTS coordinator coordinating our walk to school and bike to school programs, and also as a PPS member. As part of PPS, Elisa has been instrumental in teaching our parents, especially our ELAC parents about school governance, the SSC and our BSC.

She knows the district and our school well and is tuned into the concerns and questions that parents have about school governance. I give her my highest recommendation as she is thoughtful, organized and bilingual in English and Spanish.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Steiner  
Principal, BVHM  
415-695-5881  
[steinerj1@sfusd.edu](mailto:steinerj1@sfusd.edu)

To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Elisa Rodriguez for more than a year in our school governance department. She has demonstrated wonderful initiative and a positive attitude. Both qualities have made her a great team leader.

In addition to Elisa's general duties, she revamped our school governance curriculum to better facilitate accessible and useful content for parents. She also identified a need for stronger data collection, encouraging team members to gather feedbacks from parents. Elisa rarely had an idle moment, and she always found some way to make things go more smoothly and did it all with a smile. Most importantly, Elisa is a great example of respecting diversity and value in equity.

Elisa's attitude, application of effort and innovative spirit will be strong assets to your company. Please do not hesitate to call me if you'd like more information about this recommendation.

Most Sincerely,

Jake Xiangrong Zheng  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
jake@ppssf.org  
(415) 518-2160

Evans, Derek

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:52 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter in Support of Elisa Rodriguez Furey for DCYF Oversight Council parent seat  
**Attachments:** LetterinSupportofElisaRodriquezFureyforDCYFOversightAdvisoryCommittee06092015.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Lisa

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**From:** "Avalos, John (BOS)" <[john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org)>  
**Date:** June 9, 2015 at 1:48:06 PM PDT  
**To:** "Somera, Alisa (BOS)" <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>, "Pollock, Jeremy (BOS)" <[jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org](mailto:jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org)>, "Hsieh, Frances (BOS)" <[frances.hsieh@sfgov.org](mailto:frances.hsieh@sfgov.org)>, "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter in Support of Elisa Rodriguez Furey for DCYF Oversight Council parent seat

**From:** Miranda Martin [<mailto:miranda@ppssf.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Elisa Rodriguez Furey for DCYF Oversight Council parent seat

Dear Supervisor Avalos,

Attached please find a letter of recommendation I would like to submit in support of my colleague Elisa who has applied to serve on the DCYF Oversight Council. Please to not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you would like further input.

Warm Regards,

Miranda

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**Miranda Nye Martin**  
*Strategic Partnerships and Policy Manager*  
 Parents for Public Schools -- San Francisco  
 3543 18th Street, Suite 1 / SF, CA / 94110  
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 (c) 415-235-0710

**Our Mission:** *PPS-SF supports student success by developing effective school-parent partnerships, strong parent relationships, and broad community support for public education.*

Miranda Nye Martin  
1271 15th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415-235-0710

June 9th, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Avalos,

I was thrilled to learn that my colleague, Elisa Rodriguez Furey, has applied to serve on the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee. I'm writing to express my enthusiastic recommendation: I think she would be a great asset to the committee.

Elisa and I work together at Parents for Public Schools of San Francisco, where she manages a unique parent education program called the PPS-SF School Governance Program, which seeks to empower parents to take leadership roles at their schools. Through her work with this program, Elisa interacts often and deeply with parents in many different schools and communities. Many of the families participating in her program are non-English speakers, and Elisa often brings the perspectives of these families to our internal planning discussions. She is a strong advocate for assuring that families of English Learner students have access to the resources they need to navigate the education system. I believe this level of understanding and perspective would be a great asset to the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee.

Elisa is also a pleasure to work with. She has supervised several projects and planning processes that I have worked on, and I greatly appreciate her ability to facilitate work groups in a way that efficiently moves a project forward while allowing room for team members to ask questions, think outside the box and offer diverse perspectives. An example of this is a recent data collection process she led, where she oversaw my team in developing and executing a series of in-person parent focus groups to better understand the needs and concerns of families. She facilitated rich collaboration that allowed our whole team to provide substantial input, but it was her leadership and legwork that moved the process forward and allowed us to gather extremely useful data through focus groups in English, Spanish and Cantonese.



As someone who has served on advisory councils, including two years on the After School For All Advisory Council (now Expanded Learning Collaborative Advisory Council) and four years on the Parent Advisory Council to the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education, I know the importance of having committed, thoughtful, hardworking members who are deeply connected to the needs of constituents they represent. In my experience working closely with Elisa, it is clear to me that she embodies these qualities and I cannot imagine a more qualified person to serve on the DCYF Oversight Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miranda Nye Martin  
Strategic Partnerships and Policy Manager  
Parents For Public Schools of San Francisco

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Evans, Derek

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Recommendation Letter  
**Attachments:** OAC\_Recommendation.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Beth Rubenstein  
Legislative Aide  
Office of Supervisor John Avalos  
District 11 :  
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San Francisco, California  
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**From:** "Mollie Brown" <[mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org](mailto:mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org)>  
**To:** "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** "Santee Blechman" <[santee@childrenscouncil.org](mailto:santee@childrenscouncil.org)>, "Jodi Schwartz" <[jodi@lyric.org](mailto:jodi@lyric.org)>, "Jose-Luis Mejia" <[jose-luis@taysf.org](mailto:jose-luis@taysf.org)>  
**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

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- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

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                 Rob Gitin \*  
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We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition



Board of Supervisors
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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children Youth and Their Families Oversight Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seat #8 District: 11

Name: Tara Dorabji

Home Address: Ina Ct Zip: 94112

Home Phone: 415- Occupation: Non-Profit Management Education

Work Phone: Employer:

Business Address: Zip:

Business E-Mail: tara@kpfa.org Home E-Mail:

Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes [checked] No [ ] If No, where registered:

Resident of San Francisco [checked] Yes [ ] No [ ] If No, place of residence:

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

For over 12 years I've lived in the Excelsior/Portola district of San Francisco with children attending Hillcrest, SF, Community and Monroe Elementary. My daughters are currently in second grade Spanish bilingual immersion at Monroe. I am aware of the disparity in resources and challenges facing many families in San Francisco's Southern corridor. I'm a single mom born in the Bay but of South Asian mix. My kids' dad is Salvadorean.

I have worked and lived at many intersections of race, class, culture and gender identity. I am committed to listening and life long learning to be more culturally fluent across a multiplicity of intersections. I am deeply committed to serving under served communities and amplifying voices and stories that are often at the margins. By bringing the margins to the center we begin to change the landscape and slowly the distribution of power shifts. I believe in the power of young people as agents of change and the responsibility of the community to provide resources, support and nourishment to youth. I understand that the playing field is not level and many young people in San Francisco are experiencing multiple layers of trauma and don't have access to baseline resources.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I bring a decade of experience in the education field with a focus on equity.

Co-Deputy Director, Streetside Stories  
Oversaw pk-12 community programs, using storytelling and the arts to boost literacy; Designed standards-based integrated learning programs; Drove arts integration strategies to close the achievement gap; Designed parent engagement strategies; Developed strategy to deepen program services in the Bay View and Visitacion Valley.

Program Development Director, GreatSchools  
Designed interventions using technology to engage parents in their children's education. Drove strategy to close the achievement gap through campaigns around summer learning awareness and displaying data for equity. Designed interventions to reach low-income families and other under served communities. Conducted early learning landscape research. Managed California portfolio.

**Civic Activities:**

Producer and Host KPFA Radio  
For over a decade, hosted and produced radio shows on social justice issues around equity, environmental justice and the arts. Regular contributor to APEX Express, bringing an Asian and Pacific Islander perspective from the Bay and around the world and La Onda Bajita, Pacifica radio's oldest bilingual Spanish programming.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?      Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. *(Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Date: April 30, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required) Tara Dorabji

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Left off one candidate - Tara Dorabji  
**Attachments:** OAC\_Recommendation.pdf; ATT00001.htm

The Community Coalition left a name off of their recommendations: Tara Dorabji  
See letter below

Beth Rubenstein  
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**From:** Mollie Brown <[mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org](mailto:mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org)>  
**Subject:** Left off one candidate  
**Date:** June 11, 2015 at 10:07:29 AM PDT  
**To:** "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>

Hi Beth,

I'm calling you now. There was one of our candidates I left off. So sorry no one caught my mistake.

See you shortly!

Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

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Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Tara Dorabji <tara@kpfa.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 6:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: DCYF Oversight Committee Application

**From:** Nikki Lasley <[nlasley@salesforce.com](mailto:nlasley@salesforce.com)>  
**Date:** May 4, 2015 at 6:13:33 PM PDT  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;  
**Subject:** Letter of Rec--DCYF oversight

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to recommend Tara Dorabji to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advocacy Committee in seat #8. As a single parent and mother of twins living in the Excelsior, she has a unique community lens and understanding of the San Francisco youth landscape.

Tara brings with her a wealth of knowledge on strategies to close the achievement gap, having designed high-impact workshops and messaging campaigns on a variety of topics affecting San Francisco's poorest families.

With her work in education and equity issues, Tara's demonstrated an ability to serve traditionally underserved families and has designed intervention strategies that serve the most vulnerable populations. At GreatSchools, she oversaw strategies and research to make products designed more for families not previously connected to the Internet. In addition, she developed evaluation strategies to measure the impact of programs with an emphasis on vulnerable populations.

Tara would be an asset to the DCYF Oversight and Advocacy Committee and gets my highest recommendation.

Best,

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Nikki Lasley  
Program Manager, Education  
[Salesforce.com](http://Salesforce.com) Foundation  
415.722.9546



CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

**TOM TORLAKSON**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

May 5, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Tara Dorabji – DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee

I am pleased to offer support for Tara Dorabji's candidacy for seat #8 on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. I have worked with Tara in both her roles at Streetside Stories and GreatSchools. Tara brings a decade of expertise in the importance of quality after school and summer learning. In her career, she has worked to provide high quality programs and experiences to the families and young people that need them the most. Her experience designing and overseeing high quality arts and literacy k-12 programs in the Bay View, Visitation Valley, Portola and Excelsior give her on-the-ground experience and knowledge that will be significant to the committee.

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Sincerely,

Michael Funk, Director  
After School Division

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## Somera, Alisa (BOS)

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**From:** Tara Dorabji <tara@kpfa.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 5:52 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: DCYF Chair Reference

**From:** Zaria Clemmons <zariaclemmons@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, May 5, 2015 at 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** DCYF Chair Reference  
**To:** Tara Dorabji <tara@kpfa.org>

Tara,

Below you can find the reference for the DCYF chair reference. Let me know if you need anything else!

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to recommend Tara Dorabji for DCYF's Oversight and Advisory Committee. I am a freshman studying in Georgia, at Agnes Scott College, a women's liberal arts college in Atlanta. My twin sister and I grew up in the Bayview and graduated from Thurgood Marshall High School. I know first hand how important DCYF programs are in changing lives of San Francisco youth. Through DCYF's support, my sister and I co-founded The For Girls, By Girls Youth Scholarship.

I think Tara would make an excellent advisory on DCYF's committee. I first met Tara when I participated in Streetside After School at Aptos Middle School. The program gave me an opportunity to tell my own story and build strong relationships with my peers. In High School, Tara invited me to join the Youth Advisory Board at Streetside. I served on the Board for three years and gained important leadership skills. Over the years, Tara was a mentor and together we had amazing experiences sharing our stories and making Streetside's programs even more impactful. I am excited that she is applying to the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee and think she would make a great addition to the team.

Warmly,

Zaria Clemmons  
Agnes Scott College'18

Thank you,

Zaria Clemmons  
Agnes Scott College '18

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Tara Dorabji  
<http://dorabji.com>

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Berkeley, CA 94704

*Before the word, was the silence. In that silence existed neither thought nor judgment. First came laughter then the tears, and the sound was born.*

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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From: Kristy Kennady <kkennady@bacr.org>  
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 11:36 AM  
To: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to offer support for Tara Dorabji's candidacy for seat #8 for the DCYF Advisory and Oversight Committee. For 9, years I've directed after school programming at Guadalupe Elementary. Over 90% of our students are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Tara taught and oversaw high quality after school enrichment programs at my After School Program at Guadalupe Elementary. Working together, we were able to expand the number of students who received arts programs that boosted literacy. Tara brings experience and commitment to serving low-income families and communities of color. Her skills and experience will prove valuable to the Committee if she were selected.

Sincerely,

Kristy Kennady

Kristy Kennady  
Site Coordinator  
Guadalupe Elementary School

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Anna Maria Luera <amluera@greatschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2015 10:21 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Tara Dorabji  
**Subject:** Recommendation Letter for Tara Dorabji

May 11th, 2015

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As a mom of two girls who go to a San Francisco school, Tara understands that quality programing, that includes meaningful parent engagement, benefits all children. She is an excellent youth advocate who can bring expertise in meaningful parent engagement, knowledge of quality programming and a deep commitment to young people. I hope you will consider her for seat #8 on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. If you any questions, feel free to contact me at [amluera@greatschools.org](mailto:amluera@greatschools.org) or 510-593-7202.

Regards,

Anna Maria Luera

Program Development Manager  
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May 30, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
Supervisor Malia Cohen  
Supervisor Katy Tang  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen, and Tang,

As a citizen of San Francisco, PTA Co-President of Monroe Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year, and current administrator of the Children's Funding Community Coalition, I am writing to express my support for Tara Dorabji, applicant for Seat 8 on the Children Youth and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

I have known Tara for the past three years. I suggested that she apply for the Committee because of her passionate dedication to equity in education. Tara has thorough understanding of summer, school day, and afterschool programming throughout the City as a result of her work with Great Schools. She also deeply understands the benefits for children that result from these programs, both through her experience in providing direct service programming at Streetside Stories, but also first hand because her daughters have benefited from and continue to participate in programs financially supported by DCYF.

She has extensive experience in non-profit management including financial management, strategic planning, fundraising and partnership development, and program design and evaluation.

I highly recommend Tara Dorabji for Seat 8. Her understanding of both the non-profit and client perspectives, combined with her passion for social justice and youth activism, make her an excellent choice.



Sara Ferree  
Administrator, Children's Funding Community Coalition  
Monroe ES PTA Co-President for SY15-16  
415-508-8681



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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 or 11 District: 4

Name: Margaret (Molly) Wertz

Home Address: 28th Avenue Zip: 94122

Home Phone: 415- Occupation: Executive Director

Work Phone: 415-683-5462 Employer: Raising A Reader SF, AC, CC

Business Address: 470 3rd Street, Suite 102 Zip: 94107

Business E-Mail: molly.wertz@rarbayarea.org Home E-Mail: mollywertz@

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Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes [checked] No [ ] If No, where registered:

Resident of San Francisco [checked] Yes [ ] No [ ] If No, place of residence:

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I have worked in education, youth- and youth-workforce development and early childhood education throughout my career. I am the founding Executive Director of Raising A Reader, locally, which works with educators and parents to build strong early literacy development practices for children birth through age six in low income communities throughout San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. I grew up in San Francisco, and currently reside in the Sunset district with my children and grandchildren (ages 2 and 4).



**Business and/or professional experience:**

As Vice President of Community Investment and Program Officer for Education, I managed United Way of the Bay Area's youth and education programs including Honoring Emancipated Youth, Girls' Justice Initiative, Jobs for Youth, Raising A Reader and Working for Quality Childcare, and I managed a \$6m portfolio of community grants. I have been a classroom teacher in Primary, Middle and High School, and a summer program provider for children in elementary school. I was the founding teacher at an alternative high school, and served as the leader for Petaluma City School's School to Career efforts in the 1990s. I've worked nationally as a consultant for communities seeking to align their business, education and social service efforts for youth success, and I managed the National Intermediary Network, which brought those communities together to learn from one another and maintain the School to Career movement. I founded and direct Raising A Reader, which has grown from a small incubated program at United Way to a \$1.8m organization serving over 15,000 families in three Bay Area counties.

**Civic Activities:**

I am an active general member of the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (I do not have a seat on the Council). I supported the planning for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: March 19, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required) Margaret (Molly) Wertz

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:  
Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

# MOLLY WERTZ

28<sup>th</sup> Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94122 • (415) • email:mollywertz@

## PROFILE

**Strategic-minded professional** with successful career in non-profits, public education, community building and philanthropy. Outstanding verbal, written and presentation skills.

**Reputation for building strong partnerships** across institutional boundaries. **Consensus builder**, familiar with cultures and systems in education, community based organizations, and government.

**Effective coach** with staff, school and district leaders, classroom teachers and support personnel. Experience in Pre-K-16 education, both teaching and administrative. Commitment and passion for integrated, community-based learning opportunities.

**High standards** for program management and evaluation. Effective in both team leadership and team membership roles. Flexible disposition and positive sense of humor.

**Passionate advocate** of community dialogue and storytelling as critical components of democracy.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PASSIONS

- Launched and grew successful 501c3 from program to multi-county agency serving 17,000 families and 3000 educators in early literacy and family engagement. \$1.8m annual budget.
- Build, train, and support peer learning networks both intra- and inter-agency
- Extensive experience in developing and monitoring department and project budgets
- Strategic planning to convene and lead multiple stakeholder groups to discover the right vision and plan for the time
- Effectively manage multi-agency projects
- Design, analyze and develop evaluation tools and protocols for programs
- Commitment to inclusion, tolerance and equity
- Advocate of youth voice and leadership
- Assets based orientation
- Identify appropriate partners, foster group definition of the work and enhance the value of programs and outcomes by nurturing shared commitment
- Develop resources for collaboratives, including grant writing, donor development, and strategic partnership and resource leveraging
- Build and use process tools and organizational change methodologies
- Compassionate, encouraging manager with strengths based approach

## EDUCATION

**M.S. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**  
*DEMOCRACY AND EDUCATION*  
Dominican College, 1994

**TEACHING CREDENTIALS**  
*CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE SUBJECT AND*  
*SINGLE SUBJECT: ENGLISH*  
Dominican College, 1991

**B.A., ENGLISH, CUM LAUDE**  
*CONCENTRATION: AMERICAN LITERATURE*  
Sonoma State University, 1990

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

2009- PRESENT      EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RAISING A READER, SAN FRANCISCO AND ALAMEDA COUNTIES

Secured 501c3 and launched non-profit early literacy and family engagement organization serving 17,000 families and 3000 educators annually through early care and education environments. Developed all organizational infrastructure including governance, HR, finance, development, IT, and program protocols. Provide leadership in development of strategy, program, organizational and financial plans. Carry out plans and policies authorized by the board. Ensure compliance with federal, state and local requirements. Represent RAR publicly with community stakeholders, program partners, funders and media. Lead all aspects of fundraising and community partnership. Oversee staff of 18 in three offices.

# MOLLY WERTZ

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2004-2010 VICE-PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS  
PROGRAM OFFICER, EDUCATION  
*United Way of the Bay Area*

Oversee and facilitate the development, implementation and coordination of programs conducted and contracted by UWBA. Manage six Program Directors and their budgets totaling \$1.5 million.

Lead grantmaking team and support staff of 21. Oversee outreach and engagement as well as evaluation and monitoring of grantee proposals and programs. Distributed \$7.5 million in allocations in '07-'08.

Led 18-month community-wide strategic planning process to restructure UWBA's grantmaking and community engagement practices resulting in focused, community needs-based agenda. Led overhaul of internal grantmaking and accountability systems to meet new strategic objectives.

Serve on United Way of America's national metrics taskforce and community mobilization plan task force. New community building process and outcomes-based planning tools created for nationwide implementation.

2002-2004 PROJECT MANAGER  
*New Ways to Work*

Support communities in developing systems to serve youth. Provide training and technical assistance to Intermediaries, Youth Councils, and Foster Youth Transition Action Teams on building comprehensive systems for youth. Manage communication, data and evaluation, and marketing and membership for the networks. Plan, organize and run network meetings, strategic planning institutes, conferences, and summits.

Coach school and district leaders on implementation of school change efforts. Provide planning, implementation and evaluation support to teams of teachers, administrators and community partners.

Design and implement strategies and solutions to identified priorities of community-based learning for diverse youth population. Authored the Kansas City, Kansas *Quality Work-Based Learning Toolkit*. Researched, wrote and published a Funding Inventory for Youth Programs and Services for the San Diego School-to-Career Youth Council cataloging federal, state, and local public funds and foundation funding. Co-authored the Youth Council Guidebook.

1999-2002 COMMUNITY ENTREPRENEUR  
1997-1999 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER COORDINATOR  
1992 - 1997 TEACHER  
*Petaluma City Schools*

Responsible for design, implementation and evaluation of multiple collaborative projects in district including: School Community Policing Partnership (SCPP), Communities and Schools for Career Success (CS<sup>2</sup>), and Technology Academy. Recruited, facilitated, staffed, and led the community collaboratives involved in these initiatives. Managed multi-agency team responsible for implementing for Senior Projects, Summer Internships, CS<sup>2</sup>, SCPP, after-school programs, and others.

Developed & executed vocational education, project-based and service learning programs, established and managed community partnerships, identified, secured and managed grant funding. Classroom teacher for students at all levels k-12. Supported full-inclusion and GATE students in my classrooms. Supported student-run, large-scale community forums on violence, health, and youth role in community.

## ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT HISTORY

2011-2013	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FELLOW <i>Leaderspring</i>	2005 - 2010	LEADERSHIP TEAM ( <i>Member</i> ) <i>Bay Area Early Childhood Funders</i>
2001 - 2010	BOARD OF DIRECTORS ( <i>Chair</i> ) <i>Polly Klaas Foundation</i>	2006 - 2007	BRIEFINGS COMMITTEE ( <i>Member</i> ) <i>Northern California Grantmakers</i>
2006 - 2009	BOARD OF DIRECTORS ( <i>Member</i> ) <i>SF Works</i>	2000	ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR <i>Career Education / Vocational Education</i> <i>Sonoma Cty School Administrators' Association</i>



May 19, 2015

To Mayor Edwin Lee  
Board of Supervisors

The San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC) is the State mandated policy and planning body appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education to advise the City on early care and education issues. CPAC's members come from a diverse background and include representation from public agencies, providers, support and resource organizations that serve children and families with infant, toddler, preschool, and school age children.

The passage of Proposition C in November provided for the establishment of a new body, the Oversight and Advisory Committee for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families. This body will have a tremendous impact on the city's planning and investments in children and youth in San Francisco for years to come.

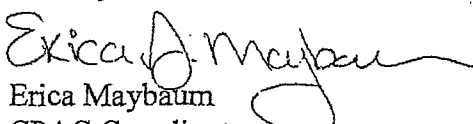
Thirty-eight percent of the child population (0-17) in San Francisco are under the age of 5. The tremendous unmet needs of this population was a strong rationale for the increase in the Children and Youth Fund approved by voters in November. For this reason, it is critical that an equitable number of members on the DCYF OAC have expertise, knowledge and experience of the needs and services required by our city's youngest children. Having at least 1/3 of the members on the OAC that represent 0-5 interests will be vital to informing DCYF planning of the Community Needs Assessment and the allocation process for the Children and Youth Fund, and for providing critical input for informing best practices and ensured transparency.

The following applicants for the OAC bring demonstrated experience, expertise and a perspective representing the early care and education community. CPAC recommends that their applications be strongly considered, along with others who are able to bring similar expertise and experience to the Committee.

Gretchen Ames  
Anwar Mojammel  
Alyson Suzuki  
Patty Siegel  
Margaret (Molly) Wertz

CPAC is confident that at least 1/3 of the membership of the DCYF OAC having an early care and education framework would fulfill the intent of the legislation that the Children and Youth Fund will be administered in a manner that is equitable and accountable to the community. If you have any questions regarding CPAC's recommendations please feel free to contact me at (415)236-2722.

Thank you,

  
Erica Maybaum  
CPAC Coordinator

Cc: Maria Su  
Alisa Somera



Young Community Developers, Inc.  
1715 Yosemite Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94124  
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Friday May 8, 2015

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Rules Committee  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Recommendation of Molly Wertz for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee

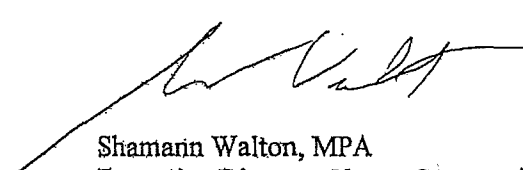
Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

Please accept my strong recommendation for Molly Wertz as a candidate for the Department of Children Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I've known Molly Wertz for four years, beginning with our participation in the LeaderSpring fellowship— a two year executive leadership program for executive directors committed to social justice causes. Over the past 4 years, I've come to know her as a committed, thoughtful, and smart community servant.

Molly currently leads Raising A Reader, a rapidly growing organization providing programs for underserved young children and their families in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. She has built this organization specifically to serve the children and families most in need of support, as early as possible to ensure positive educational and life outcomes. Molly's awareness of the issues affecting both families living in poverty and the systems of education and support that are in place to serve them has informed her approach to community work to be broadly inclusive, fair minded and transparent. Molly's background also includes work as an educator in elementary and secondary schools (as a district administrator in both youth and adult workforce development), juvenile justice and family economic security. Consequently her understanding of the full spectrum of government and social services that can be leveraged to reach a more equitable society makes her an ideal candidate for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee.

As a former employee of DCYF, I know that Molly's broad background, comprehensive understanding of the issues of equity and commitment to improving access to and the quality of services for children, youth and families will be a great asset to the Oversight and Advisory Committee. As a professional partner and friend I feel confident that she will represent all of San Francisco's children and families with the utmost respect. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 415-822-3491 or via email at [swalton@ycdjobs.org](mailto:swalton@ycdjobs.org).

Sincerely,



Shamann Walton, MPA  
Executive Director, Young Community Developers, Inc.

May 27, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
Supervisor Katy Tang  
Supervisor Malia Cohen

Dear Select Committee Members,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for or Molly Wertz as a candidate for the Department of Children Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I've known Molly Wertz for over a decade, having hired her as Vice President of Education and Programs at United Way in 2004.

Molly joined United Way having previously served as a national consultant to communities who sought to knit their resources and align their efforts for youth across education, workforce, youth development and economic development. This work afforded her the opportunity to work with communities overcoming barriers between systems to put outcomes for children and youth at the center of the conversation. She brought great value to our work in San Francisco and around the Bay Area, as she was able to bring her understanding of multiple issue areas, and creative approaches to all her work.

Her background as a teacher, school district administrator, funder and now executive director of Raising A Reader, an organization which serves our community's youngest children and their families makes her an ideal candidate for the Committee. Her commitment to increasing access to and quality of programs and services in pursuit of equity is deep and unwavering. She is analytical, financially savvy, future oriented, and tenacious in her pursuit of solutions.

In her role at United Way, Molly provided leadership and oversight for all of our Children and Youth programs. She was instrumental in resurrecting Jobs for Youth (now MatchBridge), which had once been a vital program in San Francisco, but had fallen away over the years. She supported the growth and development of Honoring Emancipated Youth (HEY) – which laid some of the groundwork for TAY-SF, and she provided executive leadership for the Girls Justice Initiative, Working for Quality Childcare, and Raising A Reader. She managed a grant portfolio of \$7.5 million, and led the organization's strategic planning efforts. She is able to think broadly and act with clear focus and intention.

Molly is a native San Franciscan, with a strong connection and commitment to its continuing diversity and opportunity for success for all its children and families. She will be a fine Committee member, bringing a broad view and focused commitment to bear in ensuring equitable access and opportunity for all of San



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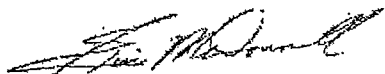
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Francisco's youth. So, I encourage your strong consideration of Molly's candidacy.

In Service,



Eric McDonnell  
Chief Operating Officer



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**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
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Beth Rubenstein  
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**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie



## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

Seat 7	Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya
Seat 8	Elisa Rodriguez Furey
Seat 9	Anwar Mojammel

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

Seat 11      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: DCYF - OAC

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Seat 10 or Seat 11 District: 5

Name: Patricia Siegel

Home Address: Irving Street, San Francisco, CA Zip: 94122

Home Phone: 415- [redacted] Occupation: Retired

Work Phone: 415-279-0234 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-Mail: pattysiegel45@[redacted]

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Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

Please see attached response.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

2012 - Present Child Care and Family Policy Consultant, Local State and National. Including work with: Marguerite Casey Foundation, Women's Foundation of California, National Women's Law Center, and the San Francisco Child Care Providers Association.

1980 - 2012 Founding Executive Director, California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, San Francisco, California. Administration, program management and fund development for statewide organization representing 61 local child care resource and referral agencies. Liaison to local, state and national policy makers. Representation of state child care needs and issues to public and private sectors. Developed program model and funding for the child care initiative project, a state wide public private partnership to recruit, train, and sustain bilingual family child care providers. Created and raised funds for the Parent Voices program, a state wide, grassroots, organizing effort to empower low-income parents participation in policy efforts impacting their children and families.

1971 - 1980 Founder and Executive Director, Childcare Switchboard/Children's Council of San Francisco. Developed model and funding for one of the nation's first child care resource and referral agencies. Conceived and developed neighborhood-based multi-lingual recruitment and training project which reached over 120 new family day care providers San Francisco's diverse neighborhoods. Administration and program development for San Francisco's child care resource and referral agency. Accomplishments included major funding from the Ford Foundation, and design and passage of state legislation (AB 3059) which provided funding for child care resource and referral services in California.

1966 - 1972 Miscellaneous teaching positions including: Assistant Teacher, Arroyo Viejo Children's Center, Oakland, California; Assistant Teacher, Laboratory Pre-School, University of California, Davis; Foreign Language Teacher, Presidio Hill School, San Francisco; Associate Instructor, English, University of California, Davis.

**Civic Activities:**

2013 - Present Advisor to Speaker Nancy Pelosi on When Women Succeed, America Succeed Campaign.

2008 - 2012 Member, First Five Years Fund, California State Partners Committee

1998 - 2003 Appointed Member, California Children and Families First State Commission (Prop 10)

1997 - Invited Speaker (1 of 10), White House Conference, Caring for America's Children The Clinton Administration and Child Care

1996 - 1997 Member, State Assembly Welfare Reform Implementation Working Group

1995 - Children's Defense Fund Leadership Award

1988 - 2012 Coordinator, California Alliance for Better Child Care

1988 - 2006 Children's Defense Fund State Alliance Representative

1988 - 1991 Appointed Member, California State Senate Child Care Task Force

1988 - 1992 Appointed Member, San Francisco Mayor's Children's Services Task Force

1986 - 1995 Founding Vice President, National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

1980 - 2011 Board of Directors, Child Care Law Center

1987 Appointed Member, Nancy Pelosi's Women's Congressional Advisory Committee

1983 - 1985 Chair, Governor's Child Development Programs Advisory Committee

1976 - 1985 Appointed Member, Governor's Child Development Programs Advisory Committee

1981 - 1984 Appointed Member and Chair, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Child Care Advisory Committee

1980 Appointed Delegate to the White House Conference on Families

1976 - 1977 Appointed Member, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Child Care Task Force

1974 - 1975 Appointed Member, State of California Day Care Licensing Task Force

1970 - 1973 Volunteer Coordinator, Inner Sunset Cooperative Playgroup

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

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Date: 03/31/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) Patricia Squires Siegel

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:  
Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: 1194 Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_  
01/20/12

March 31, 2015

Attn: Alisa Somera  
Rules Committee Clerk  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

From: Patricia Siegel  
Irving Street  
San Francisco, CA 94122

RE: Response pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1

**Qualifications**

I am pleased to submit my request to serve on the DCYF OAC, Seat 10 or Seat 11, and excited by the opportunity to serve San Francisco's children, youth, and their families in this capacity. Forty-four years ago I organized a group of parents from my Inner Sunset neighborhood and toddler Playgroup to advocate for traffic signals on Lincoln Way at the entrance to the Children's Playground and Fifth Avenue. We told Supervisor Dianne Feinstein and members of her Community Services Committee that trying to cross Lincoln Way with our toddlers, and without a stop signal, was perilous and unsafe. Our voices were heard, and within six months two signals were installed! That small victory was the beginning of my four decades of dedicated service and advocacy for San Francisco's children and families. My three adult children are proud products of the SFUSD, and my four grandchildren are the current beneficiaries of our public schools, pre-k program, and infant/toddler care at City Hall. Their experience as young learners and San Francisco citizens reminds me everyday of how central and critical our coveted DCYF funds are for ensuring that all San Francisco children have access to the resources and programs that give them the opportunity to succeed.

I believe my professional experience and civic leadership at the city/county, state, and national level have prepared me well to serve in either Seat 10 or Seat 11. In 1971, I was the founding leader and director of the Childcare Switchboard/Children's Council, a grassroots parent led effort to help all San Francisco parents access child care services for their young children. Our emerging model of services to parents looking for child care, and training and support for their child care providers became the model for state legislation (AB 3059, Foran) establishing and funding Child Care Resource and Referral Services as a component of Governor Jerry Brown's Alternative Child Care Program, which was implemented in 1976.

As we listened to the diverse, often desperate, needs of parents from across San Francisco we recognized and documented the shortage of available licensed care in specific neighborhoods including Chinatown, the Mission, Hunter's Point, and the Western Addition. We worked hard to secure funding for outreach and training for home based family child care providers in those areas, especially those with limited English, and secured the partnership of San Francisco State's Department of Social Work Education in a successful application to the federal DHEW-Social Rehabilitation Services for a Child Welfare Training grant. Our grant which established

neighborhood based recruitment and training for family child care providers in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese was the first ever use of these federal funds for training child care providers. As we launched our program we were shocked to learn that in 1974, if you didn't speak English you could not obtain a Family Child Care License from the SF Department of Social Services. We worked with the Employment Law Center(Doe vs Obledo) to challenge this unjust interpretation of state licensing standards, and in 1975 the English speaking requirement in San Francisco was removed, allowing more than 75 newly recruited providers to obtain their licenses. Proudly, some of those original recruits are still providing child care today.

The Childcare Switchboard/Children's Council caught the interest of the Ford Foundation, and in 1975 we were awarded one of two grants to develop a model of child care resource and referral services that could be replicated by other cities and states. I became increasingly active in national efforts to expand child care funding in the wake of Nixon's veto of the Mondale-Brademas bill to establish a national child care program in 1971, and was appointed to the National Advisory Panel for Project Connections. In 1976 I was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as a member of his Child Development Programs Advisory Committee, a newly created body to oversee child care programs and funding in California. I was elected Chair in 1983. Over my nine years on the Committee, I gained insight and skill in understanding the challenges and complexities of child care across California, and still take pride in the research, advocacy, and outcomes we achieved at the state level for children and families birth-twelve.

Here in San Francisco, we advocated for increased engagement on child care issues from the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's office. I served as an appointed member of the Board of Supervisors Child Care Task force from 1976-1977, and in 1978, shortly before he was assassinated Mayor George Moscone embraced our recommendation to establish a Mayor's Office of Child Care, one of the first in the country. Incoming Mayor Dianne Feinstein upheld his vision for the office, and appointed a volunteer coordinator to work on implementation. In 1981, I was appointed by my then District 11 Supervisor, Ron Pelosi, to serve on the newly formed San Francisco Mayor's Office of Child Care Advisory Committee. I was elected Chair, and served in that capacity until 1985. This civic work would be especially helpful if I am appointed to the DCYF OAC.

In 1980, I left my position as Executive Director of the Children's Council to explore the feasibility of establishing a statewide organization of the now 50 child care resource and referral organizations funded in communities across the state. With a travel-study fellowship from the Ford Foundation, I completed the work, and the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, a statewide membership organization committed to improving the availability, affordability and quality of child care services throughout California, was established. I was selected as the founding Executive Director in October, 1980 and served in that capacity until 2012.

Throughout my years at the Network, I worked diligently to bring attention to California's growing unmet child care needs, and to develop programs, services, and legislative initiatives at the state and federal level to address the enormous gaps in the accessibility of affordable child care, especially for low-income families.

- With the BankAmerica Foundation, I developed an innovative public/private partnership, the California Child Care Initiative Project, focused on building and improving the supply of licensed family child care in communities across California. This partnership was anchored in state legislation in 1987, and became an important and ongoing part of the California Department of Education's quality improvement efforts. The Family Child Care Handbook, a compendium of resources for home based providers, has been reprinted six times and adapted to meet the needs of limited English providers. Training tools and resources have been developed in Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese, helping to build and sustain a supply of quality care in diverse communities, with a special emphasis on infants and toddlers birth to three. What began as an innovative, time limited program is now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year.
- In 1985, following allegations of child abuse in day care centers in southern California and here in the Presidio, the state Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division selected the Network to develop materials and training on child abuse prevention for all licensed home and center based child care providers in California. The magazine style handbook, Making a Difference, was printed in English, Chinese, and Spanish, and along with two training videos, *Out of Harms Way*, and *Taking Care*, were used to support and train more than 25,000 providers throughout the state.
- From 1984-1990, recognizing the need to greatly expand the minimal federal funds invested in child care, I became the Children's Defense Fund California State Child Care Leader for the Alliance for Better Care, an organizing effort that brought together state and national leaders and organizations to develop and support new federal child care legislation. During this effort, and following implementation, I was selected to testify numerous times before Congressional committees. The Child Care and Development Block Grant was finally passed by Congress, signed by President Bush, and implemented in 1990. It brought more than \$87 million new federal child care funds to California.
- In 1995 I was approached by staff at the Jenifer Altman Foundation housed at the Commonweal Retreat Center in Bolinas to discuss my assessment of what was missing from the child care arena, and how the foundation could best use the funds she left for child care. My presentation focused on the lack of parent participation and presence in child policy arenas at every level-local, state, and federal. The initial meeting led to a small retreat for local Network staff, and other child care leaders. The idea for a grassroots, parent led organization focused on recruiting and supporting low income parents to become informed, successful advocates for the child care needs of their children birth-twelve emerged; by the end of the year, the Jenifer Altman foundation made six grants to develop local chapters of *Parent Voices* and coordinated support through the Network. Twenty years later, the eighteen local Parent Voices chapters and their statewide network have become a respected, successful advocacy voice for low income working parents, and a model for other communities and states interested in helping ensure meaningful parent engagement in the policy and budget decisions which profoundly impact their families' economic security and children's futures.

- President Clinton's Welfare Reform program (Temporary Assistance to Needy families) became law in 1996 with profound child care implications for TANF recipients. I was named to Assemblywoman Dion Aroner's Welfare Reform /Child Care working group; we developed an ambitious child care plan which maintained the administration of most TANF child care funds with the local agencies currently serving other low-income families eligible for subsidized child care funds. Our recommendations were adopted and integrated into California's implementing legislation in 1997 which included continuing child care funding (Stage 3) for TANF recipients who had secured employment, were off cash-aid, but who still earning less than 75% of state median income.
- In October 1997, I was honored to be one of ten morning speakers invited to present at President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton's White House Conference on Child Care. I shared vignettes of parents' struggles to find accessible, affordable child care, and was publicly complimented by President Clinton at the end of my remarks.
- In 1998 I was appointed by Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa to serve on the inaugural California Children and Families First State Commission, pursuant to the passage of Proposition 10, the successful ballot initiative to recognize and promote the importance of early childhood education to a young child's success. The State Commission was responsible for allocating 20% of the overall funds, and carrying out specific responsibilities spelled out in the Initiative. I was reappointed by Speaker Robert Hertzberg in 2000. My experience as a State Commissioner during the sometimes tumultuous start up of First Five at the state and county level helped inform me about the intricacies and challenges facing Commissions/committees charged with oversight of programs and responsibility for making funding recommendations.
- In 1999, the Network launched an ambitious research project, The California Child Care Portfolio, a compilation of data about child care supply and demand in California, county by county. This widely disseminated annual publication has brought clarity, focus, and broad attention to our continuing unmet needs for child care for children birth to twelve. It remains a respected, reliable source of information for state, local and national policymakers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations.
- In 2006, the Network received funding from the Marguerite Casey foundation in Seattle to support the expansion of Parent Voices. Subsequent funding from the Women's Foundation of California, the San Francisco Foundation, and the Peppercorn foundation have helped sustain the growth and effectiveness of Parent Voices. This has been especially important since the dramatic funding reductions to child care in 2008. In 2007, I was named to the Marguerite Casey Foundation's Movement Building Study Group, a leadership council of 20 regional parent/family advocates from five regions in the country including the West.
- One of my last initiatives before retiring in 2012 was the Growing, Learning, Caring Project-a training and support program for Licensed Exempt child care providers. It was funded for nearly four years by the California Department of Education and helped bring training and support to thousands of caregivers previously unrecognized.



Throughout my career I have been dedicated to improving the access, affordability, and quality of child care for all families, especially those with the fewest resources. My work has combined innovative program development, effective fundraising, skilled administration, and tenacious, persistent advocacy. I would be honored to bring these skills to the DCYF OAC, and continue my commitment to San Francisco's children, youth, and families.

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:56 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Children Youth and Their Families Oversight Committee Application of Patty Siegel  
**Attachments:** Patty Siegel letter & petn.pdf

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**From:** Maria Luz Torre [<mailto:mariat@childrenscouncil.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 4:52 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Cc:** Avalos, John (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); 'Melia.Cohen@sfgov.org'  
**Subject:** RE: Children Youth and Their Families Oversight Committee Application of Patty Siegel

To the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this letter in support of Patty Siegel's application to the Children Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. Attached are letters of support from parents and a signed petition supporting Patty's application.

Patty Siegel is very well qualified for this position. I have known Patty for 20 years. I was on the Board of the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network for 2 terms when Patty was the Executive Director. Patty's vision created Parent Voices to give parents of young children a voice in policy and decision making that impacts their lives. I am one of the founding organizers of that organization she created. Patty has inspired hundreds of Parent Voices leaders in the last 20 years. Her commitment to the children and families of San Francisco is unquestionable and her trailblazing record in the child care resource and referral paved the way for a national child care resource and referral system.

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I strongly recommend that Patty Siegel be appointed to occupy seat 11 of the aforementioned Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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June 5, 2015

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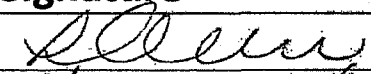

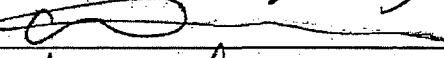
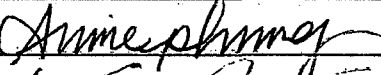
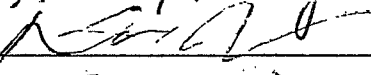

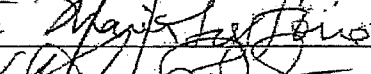

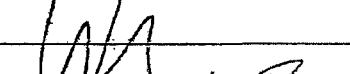
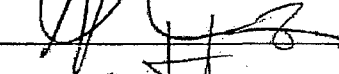

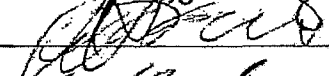
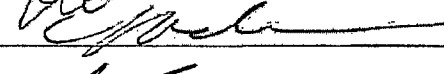

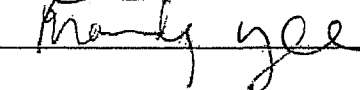
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Maria Luz Torre, Parent Voices SF Organizer

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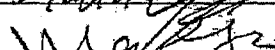
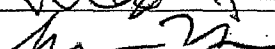
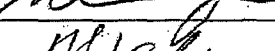

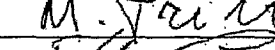

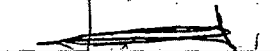
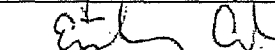
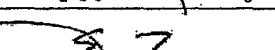
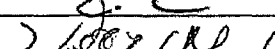
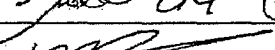

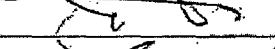
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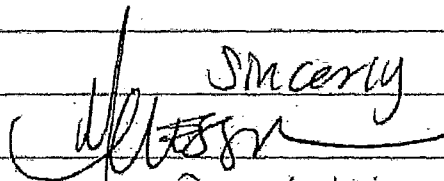
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June 8, 2015

Dear Rules Committee,

This letter is to support Patty Siegel for the vacant seat II. She has many years of experience. She is committed to improving access to low-income and underserved communities. She stands for the voice of San Francisco. Please consider her as an applicant.

Sincerely



Parent Voices SF

Vanessa Harlin

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June 8, 2015

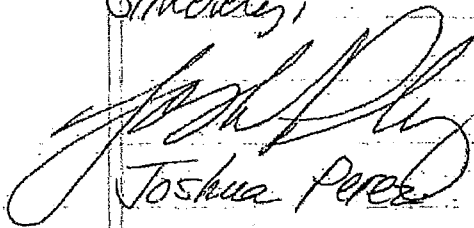
Dear Rules Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of Patty Siegal's application to the Children Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Patty Siegal is hands down the best candidate for the position. I am a part of Parent Voices - SF and her advocacy has had an immediate impact on my ability to responsibly parent my children. Her record speaks for itself.

I urge you to appoint Patty Siegal to seat 11 of the Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Joshua Perez

June 8, 2015

Dear Rules Committee

I am writing this letter in support of Patty Siegel's application to Children Youth and their families oversight and advisory committee.

Patty is one of the most loving and caring advocate for our families. I first met Patty in 2000. I watched Patty get in and fight for our families like nobody's business. Patty is a well educated and down to earth person.

I truly believe if you choose Patty you will not be sorry. She will be an asset to your company.

Truly yours,  
Kathleen Martinez  
Parent Voices



June 8, 2015

Board of Supervisors,

Patricia Siegel is the best candidate for this position on the Children, Youth and their families Oversight & Advisory Committee. She started a very amazing Parent run organization called "Parent Voices". This organization along with Patricia has changed many, many lives of low income working families provide good lives for their children. I don't think there is anyone that could do a better job. She is an advocate, mother, grandmother and amazing woman. I love everything she has done for me & my family and the voice she has given me to advocate for myself & my family.

Thank you,  
Tamra Lomis  
Tamra Lomis

Dear Rules Committee,

I'm writing this letter because I support Patty Siegel's application to Children, Youth & Human Family Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Since, being a <sup>Parent</sup> member of Parent Voices for 12 years, <sup>I hope witnessed by you</sup> Patty has been a great support to parents <sup>empowering</sup> ~~use~~ <sup>us</sup> to have a voice in <sup>child care</sup> policy and in the decision making process. She taught me how to be empowered and to empower other <sup>under-served or S.E.D. Socially Economically Dis-</sup> parents to do the same. <sup>Dis-</sup> <sup>advantaged</sup>

Our families have been better off since knowing Patty Siegel.

I highly and strongly recommend that Patty Siegel be appointed to occupy Seat 11 of the aforementioned Oversight & Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Caroline G. Lopez  
Parent Voices



May 19, 2015

To Mayor Edwin Lee  
Board of Supervisors

The San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC) is the State mandated policy and planning body appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education to advise the City on early care and education issues. CPAC's members come from a diverse background and include representation from public agencies, providers, support and resource organizations that serve children and families with infant, toddler, preschool, and school age children.

The passage of Proposition C in November provided for the establishment of a new body, the Oversight and Advisory Committee for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families. This body will have a tremendous impact on the city's planning and investments in children and youth in San Francisco for years to come.

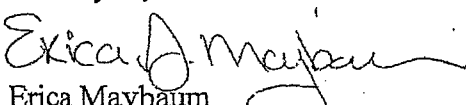
Thirty-eight percent of the child population (0-17) in San Francisco are under the age of 5. The tremendous unmet needs of this population was a strong rationale for the increase in the Children and Youth Fund approved by voters in November. For this reason, it is critical that an equitable number of members on the DCYF OAC have expertise, knowledge and experience of the needs and services required by our city's youngest children. Having at least 1/3 of the members on the OAC that represent 0-5 interests will be vital to informing DCYF planning of the Community Needs Assessment and the allocation process for the Children and Youth Fund, and for providing critical input for informing best practices and ensured transparency.

The following applicants for the OAC bring demonstrated experience, expertise and a perspective representing the early care and education community. CPAC recommends that their applications be strongly considered, along with others who are able to bring similar expertise and experience to the Committee.

Gretchen Ames  
Anwar Mojammel  
Alyson Suzuki  
Patty Siegel  
Margaret (Molly) Wertz

CPAC is confident that at least 1/3 of the membership of the DCYF OAC having an early care and education framework would fulfill the intent of the legislation that the Children and Youth Fund will be administered in a manner that is equitable and accountable to the community. If you have any questions regarding CPAC's recommendations please feel free to contact me at (415)236-2722.

Thank you,

  
Erica Maybaum  
CPAC Coordinator

Cc: Maria Su  
Alisa Somera

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 2:43 PM  
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**From:** Candace Wong <[cwong@liifund.org](mailto:cwong@liifund.org)>  
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**Date:** June 5, 2015 at 2:33:50 PM PDT  
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**Cc:** "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>

Hi John,

I am reaching out in support of Patricia Siegel for the DCYF Oversight Council. Patti has devoted her career to children, youth and families, as founding executive director of the Children's Council of SF and then founding executive director of the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network. She is now retired and we are fortunate that she wants to volunteer her time in service to San Francisco. She is well respected at both the State and Federal level. She is sought out for her expertise even in retirement. She has the unique distinction of truly understanding the complex early care and education system, as well as afterschool. Someone of her caliber can really help to bridge the 0-24 continuum of services in our city and her contacts can help us to leverage at the State and Federal level.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss further. I believe with the right people, together we can do really great work. Thank you for your continued leadership for the children, youth and families of our city.

Candace

**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Mary Ignatius <mignatius@rrnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 3:30 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support Patty Siegel, Children, Youth and their Families Commission

June 8, 2015

Alisa Somera

Assistant Clerk

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: Support for Patty Siegel, candidate for seats #10 & #11**

Dear Ms. Somera,

My name is Mary Ignatius, I am the statewide organizer for Parent Voices, a parent-led, parent-run grassroots child care advocacy organization. I worked for Patty for 7 years as Parent Voices is a project of the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network where she was the Executive Director for 30 years. She was the visionary of Parent Voices which for nearly 20 years, has successfully organized and engaged low-income families from across CA to be the best advocates for their children. I am writing you to submit my Letter of Support for Patty Siegel, who is running to fill either seat #10 or #11 on the Children, Youth and their Families Commission. These seats require expertise in the field of children services and a commitment to improving access to low-income or underserved communities, both of which Ms. Siegel possesses and is part of every fiber of her being. Ms. Siegel has spent her career devoted to the breaking down the barriers and obstacles that prevent families from reaching their full potential. She has a strong record of effectively and tenaciously advocating on behalf of families and with the creation of Parent Voices, has helped thousands of parents find their own voice.

The Commission has a great responsibility and will need well qualified candidates who bring program expertise and personal expertise. It is my experience that I have seen commissions that include those directly impacted by policies and bring their personal expertise, but are not provided the support and tools to participate fully and have equitable voice at the table. I believe Patty could serve to bridge that gap and be a mentor to the youth and parent representatives and ensure they have what they need to feel empowered and actively engaged in Commission. Patty possesses the true gift to lead and teach, to step back and support, and to encourage and inspire and would be an excellent addition to this Commission.

Although Ms. Siegel retired a few years ago, her advocate self could never retire. Fighting for those with access to the least resources is part of Patty's DNA. This opportunity would also allow her to give back to the City of San Francisco, a city she has lived in for over three decades; a city where she developed the first child care resource and referral program in the country, a city that her late husband, Sandy Siegel devoted his teaching career to in SFUSD schools; a city where her eldest grandson attends public school at Rooftop Elementary; and a city that her daughter-in-law is a preschool teacher at a child care center. For all these reasons and more, you could not find a better candidate than Ms. Patty Siegel!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach me at 415-420-2349 or email at [mignatius@rrnetwork.org](mailto:mignatius@rrnetwork.org).

Warm regards,

Mary Ignatius

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June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
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**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

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Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

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**Subject:** RE: Children Youth and Their Families Oversight Committee Application of Patty Siegel

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Sincerely,

**Maria Luz Torre** | Parent Voices Organizer  
Children's Council of San Francisco  
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June 5, 2015

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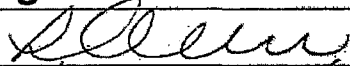



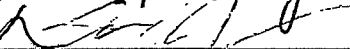
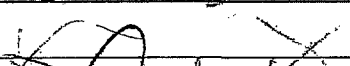


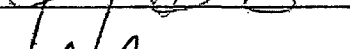
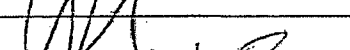



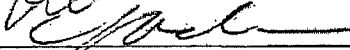

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Sincerely,

Maria Luz Torre, Parent Voices SF Organizer

415-343-3383

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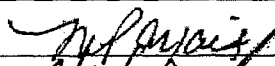

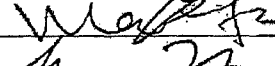
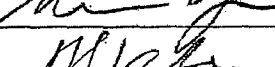

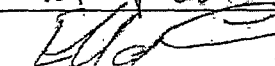
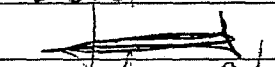

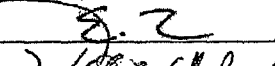




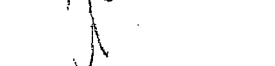

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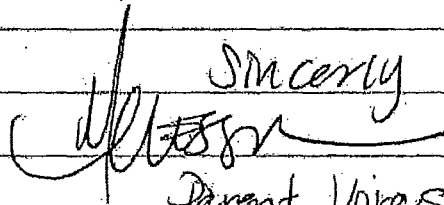
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June 8, 2015

Dear Rules committee,

This letter is to support Patty Siegel for the vacant seat 11. She has many years of experience. She is committed to improving access to low-income and underserved communities. She stands for the voice of San Francisco. Please consider her as an applicant.

Sincerely



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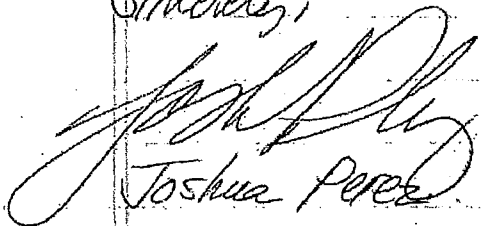
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Patty Siegal is hands down the best candidate for the position. I am a part of Parent Voices - SF and her advocacy has had an immediate impact on my ability to responsibly parent my children. Her record speaks for itself.

I urge you to appoint Patty Siegal to seat 11 of the Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Joshua Perez

June 8, 2015

Dear Rules Committee

I am writing this letter in support of Patty Siegel's application to Children Youth and their families oversight and advisory committee.

Patty is one of the most loving and caring advocate for our families. I first met Patty in 2000. I watched Patty get in and fight for our families like nobody's business. Patty is a well educated and down to earth person.

I truly believe if you choose Patty you will not be sorry. She will be an asset to your company.

Truly yours,  
Kathleen Martinez  
Parent Voices



June 8, 2015

Board of Supervisors,

Patricia Siegel is the best candidate for this position on the Children, Youth and their families Oversight & Advisory Committee. She started a very amazing Parent runs organization called "Parent Voices". This organization along with Patricia has changed many, many lives of low income working families provide good lives for their children. I don't think there is anyone that could do a better job. She is an advocate, mother, grandmother, and amazing woman. I love everything she has done for me & my family and the voice she has given me to advocate for myself & my family.

Thank you,  
Tamra Loomis  
Tamra Loomis

Dear RULES Committee,

I'm writing this letter because I support Patty Siegel's application to Children, Youth & Family Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Since, being a <sup>Parent</sup> member of Parent Voices for 12 years, <sup>I hope witnessed by now</sup> Patty has been a great support to parents, <sup>empowering</sup> ~~us~~ <sup>us</sup> to have a voice in <sup>child care</sup> Policy and in the decision making process. She taught me how to be empowered and to empower other <sup>under-served or SED, Socially Economically Dis-</sup> parents to do the same. <sup>Dis-</sup> <sup>advantaged</sup>

Our families have been better off since knowing Patty Siegel.

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Sincerely,

Caroline G. Topas  
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Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: CHILDREN, YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 & 11 District: 9

Name: Chrissy Anderson-Zavala

Home Address: ██████████ Folsom Street Zip: 94110

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I have lived and worked in San Francisco for eleven years and during that period I have worked as a teaching artist in multiple school and community sites funded by DCYF, as well as an arts non-profit administrator and volunteer in San Francisco schools. As a woman of color, I am deeply committed to the education and health of all young people, and especially students of color. Over the years, I have worked with and administered programming for the diversity of young people in San Francisco, including English Language Learners, young people with different abilities, students of color, and across a diversity of sites.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

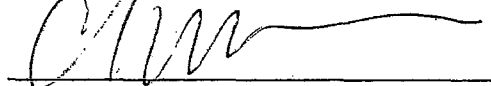
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**Civic Activities:**

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Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (*Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.*)

Date: 4/16/15 Applicant's Signature: (required) 

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 or 11 District:

Name: Gretchen Ames

Home Address: Oak Street San Francisco, CA Zip: 94102

Home Phone: 415 Occupation: Educator (faculty and program manager)

Work Phone: 415 405-3949 Employer: San Francisco State Univesity

Business Address: SFSU, GYM 109 1600 Holloway Ave SF, CA Zip: 94132

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Resident of San Francisco [checked] Yes [ ] No [ ] If No, place of residence:

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I strongly represent the early childhood community of interest in San Francisco. As a long-time participant in multiple early childhood education support programs, and as a recent teacher of young children, I am deeply familiar with the current issues facing young children, families and educators from the classroom to the policy level in our city. I have been involved at the classroom/teacher level with both children (predominantly poor and at-risk children) for many years, and am currently teaching adults who work with young children at San Francisco State University. I am also in the process of completing my doctoral work at Mills college, where I will soon be earning my EdD in Educational Leadership with a focus on early childhood. As a result of these multiple roles and experiences, I am very well aware of what the challenges and opportunities associated with developing high quality education programs, both from the perspective of the funders and from the perspective of the educators and administrators in the field.



**Business and/or professional experience:**

I have been involved in the field of early childhood education for over 20 years, but since moving to San Francisco in 2004, I have held many positions and been involved in planning and policy in a variety of ways. In my role as program officer at the Low Income Investment Fund, I was responsible for managing a grant portfolio as well as developing programs and infrastructure to support high quality educational settings for young children. In this role, I provided leadership and support for grantmaking and provided a great deal of technical assistance to grantees. In my role at Gateway to Quality, I was responsible for creating, overseeing, and implementing all components (from outreach through final evaluation) of customized on-site coaching, technical assistance, and training services to support quality improvement in the licensed child care settings across San Francisco. Additionally, I facilitated, and have been an active participant in, our local Citywide Child Care Planning process, and co-chair of the Quality Subcommittee of the local Childcare Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC), where we examined ways to align systems to better support the early childhood field to help close the achievement gap. In these roles I have worked closely with city and county agencies, other high-level public officials, the Mimi and Peter Haas Fund, the school district as well as City College and San Francisco State University. More recently, I spent a year working as a site supervisor of, and classroom teacher in, a child care center serving low-income families in Western Addition and am now teaching early childhood educators at the college level.

**Civic Activities:**

Though I have not been a seated member of CPAC, I have been an active participant in the general membership meetings, the Workforce Subcommittee, and helped to create ad-hoc Quality Subcommittee.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?      Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (*Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.*)

Date: 5/4/2015      Applicant's Signature: (required) Gretchen Ames

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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May 19, 2015

To Mayor Edwin Lee  
Board of Supervisors

The San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC) is the State mandated policy and planning body appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Education to advise the City on early care and education issues. CPAC's members come from a diverse background and include representation from public agencies, providers, support and resource organizations that serve children and families with infant, toddler, preschool, and school age children.

The passage of Proposition C in November provided for the establishment of a new body, the Oversight and Advisory Committee for the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families. This body will have a tremendous impact on the city's planning and investments in children and youth in San Francisco for years to come.

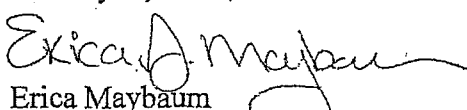
Thirty-eight percent of the child population (0-17) in San Francisco are under the age of 5. The tremendous unmet needs of this population was a strong rationale for the increase in the Children and Youth Fund approved by voters in November. For this reason, it is critical that an equitable number of members on the DCYF OAC have expertise, knowledge and experience of the needs and services required by our city's youngest children. Having at least 1/3 of the members on the OAC that represent 0-5 interests will be vital to informing DCYF planning of the Community Needs Assessment and the allocation process for the Children and Youth Fund, and for providing critical input for informing best practices and ensured transparency.

The following applicants for the OAC bring demonstrated experience, expertise and a perspective representing the early care and education community. CPAC recommends that their applications be strongly considered, along with others who are able to bring similar expertise and experience to the Committee.

Gretchen Ames  
Anwar Mojammel  
Alyson Suzuki  
Patty Siegel  
Margaret (Molly) Wertz

CPAC is confident that at least 1/3 of the membership of the DCYF OAC having an early care and education framework would fulfill the intent of the legislation that the Children and Youth Fund will be administered in a manner that is equitable and accountable to the community. If you have any questions regarding CPAC's recommendations please feel free to contact me at (415)236-2722.

Thank you,

  
Erica Maybaum  
CPAC Coordinator

Cc: Maria Su  
Alisa Somera

Evans, Derek

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From: Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:50 AM  
 To: Evans, Derek  
 Subject: Fwd: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee  
 Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; Gretchen AmesLetterofRec.docx; ATT00002.htm

Update the applicant list, Send letter to rules members and add to file.

Lisa

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** G Ames <[gretchen.ames@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.ames@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 10, 2015 at 7:46:40 AM PDT  
**To:** "Somera, Alisa (BOS)" <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Hello Alisa,

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Thank you,

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Gretchen Ames  
 cell: 415 819-6726

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Dear Applicant,

*(All applicants are bcc'd for privacy purposes)*

Your application to the **Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee** will be considered by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee at the following time and place (agenda attached):

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2015

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: City Hall, Committee Room 263

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

**Please confirm you will be in attendance next week** by replying to this e-mail or calling me directly on the number listed below.

You will be expected to attend the hearing, speak on your qualifications, and answer any questions from the Supervisors. If you cannot attend, please notify our office. Other public speakers may attend to speak in support of your appointment. Letters of support or additional documentation on your qualifications may also be turned in to me prior to the hearing for distribution to the Supervisors and included with your application packet.

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- ✓ Give a brief overview of your qualifications; speak specifically to how your experience matches the requirements of the seat to which you are applying and to the responsibilities of the board/task force/commission.
- ✓ You may mention specific topics about which you can go into more detail if there are questions from the Rules Committee.

**We strongly encourage you** to contact the Rules Committee Supervisors prior to the meeting, whom shall be recommending the appointments to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration, you may do so by contacting them directly and their contact information is provided below:

Supervisor John Avalos, Chair ([john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org))

Aides: Frances Hsieh ([frances.hsieh@sfgov.org](mailto:frances.hsieh@sfgov.org)); Jeremy Pollock ([jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org](mailto:jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org));  
Beth Rubenstein ([beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org))

(415) 554-6975

Supervisor Katy Tang, Vice Chair ([katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org))

Aide: Dyanna Quizon ([dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org](mailto:dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org))

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Supervisor Malia Cohen ([malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org))

Aides: Yoyo Chan ([yoyo.chan@sfgov.org](mailto:yoyo.chan@sfgov.org)); Andrea Bruss ([andrea.bruss@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.bruss@sfgov.org))

(415) 554-7670

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you for your interest!

*Alisa Somera*

Assistant Clerk

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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**BARBRA L. BLENDER**

6/7/2015

Barbra L. Blender  
1276 33rd Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122 415.987.9130

Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Esteemed Panel,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Gretchen Ames to nominate her for a seat on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I feel qualified to write this letter since I worked closely with Gretchen for 6 years running San Francisco's early childhood assessment and coaching system through SFSU's, Gateway to Quality as well as one year as an educational coach. Throughout this time, I have witnessed Gretchen's focused leadership build our program into a robust coaching and reliable and valid assessment system as well as literally transforming a struggling center into a high quality preschool serving 100% subsidized children in an at-risk neighborhood in San Francisco.

While working for Gateway to Quality, Gretchen dedicated her time to build from the ground up an assessment and coaching system based on reliable and valid tools, current and past research and best practice. Her motivation made it easy for her to work tirelessly since she understood that the data from assessments are the core of coaching and technical assistance and if the data were flawed, then the professional development would be meaningless and therefore, not help improve children's outcomes. With coaching and technical assistance, she brought experts in the field to train the staff not just on technique, strategies and the "how", but also the "why", while tying it always to social justice and equity. We learned to coach and assess with an equity lens and I believe brought real quality improvement to many programs.

After working to build a strong system with integrity to support at risk children and families of SF, Gretchen decided to go to work as a site supervisor/lead teacher at a struggling center in the Western Addition. Gretchen's leadership was unparalleled since she by no means had an "easy" program to operate. All of the families are on subsidies of multiple sources, experience homelessness, violence, substance abuse and/or poverty. She guided the families and staff with ease and stayed rooted to what's "best for children," giving the kids in her care a solid start in life despite the challenges they face. She has always shown tremendous skill at using logic, reason and paying attention to the greater good when making decisions.

With her staff, she implemented professional development in the form of consistent coaching, relevant training and consistent feedback in order to provide time for reflection and deep conceptual understanding through their own professional learning community. She brought in resources and structure. She also regularly met with various community members to help them understand the needs of San Francisco's children and families. Lastly, she began taking classes towards her EdD at Mills College to take her lessons learned and turn it into useful leadership and advocacy as well as model for her team the importance of reflection and growth.

Along with her strong disposition to manage the day-to-day operations of her program, Gretchen is incredibly visionary. She has many plans, dreams and desires to support the families and children of San Francisco and believes it all begins with strong systems development. She took a program that struggled with high turnover and sub par education and care and in less than 1 year transformed it to a high quality center. As a high functioning center, she has qualified for First 5 and Preschool for All by meeting and maintaining all quality benchmarks and standards, above and beyond. Not satisfied with all that she's accomplished, Gretchen wants to continue to expand to her influence by joining your board. While she vigorously serves all children in SF, her focus is clearly on the underserved, families that populate the city. She strives to give the children what they need so that they can have choices and successes and not be limited by their struggles or color of their skin. Her advocacy and collaborative spirit has helped her develop strong connections, relations and partnerships with many people within San Francisco and those that care about what happens in San Francisco.

I hope I've been able to convey to you Gretchen's spirit. She is indeed such a wise, communicative and decisive person. Gretchen goes above and beyond in everything she does and every interaction she has, showing you her heart of gold but also putting her foot down on behalf of what's best for the children, families and the workforce. She exhibits tremendous insight, intellect and a steady disposition while making decisions that are rooted in her passionate vision to support children furthest from opportunity. She gives everyone a chance and works to help them reach their potential. I am truly in awe of the experienced professional and outstanding advocate she continues to be and everyday felt inspired and grateful to work alongside her. Gretchen demonstrates through her actions and decisions that dreams can come true if you believe in yourself and have someone to champion you. She is by far the champion of the San Francisco community and beyond and because of that, I believe would be a tremendous asset to you on your board.

Sincerely,

Barbra Blender, M.A.

Early Care and Education Consultant

San Francisco, California

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Evans, Derek

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Recommendation Letter  
**Attachments:** OAC\_Recommendation.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Beth Rubenstein  
Legislative Aide  
Office of Supervisor John Avalos  
District 11  
City Hall  
San Francisco, California  
415-554-7896

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Mollie Brown" <[mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org](mailto:mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org)>  
**To:** "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** "Santee Blechman" <[santee@childrenscouncil.org](mailto:santee@childrenscouncil.org)>, "Jodi Schwartz" <[jodi@lyric.org](mailto:jodi@lyric.org)>, "Jose-Luis Mejia" <[jose-luis@taysf.org](mailto:jose-luis@taysf.org)>  
**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

Seat 7            Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya

Seat 8            Elisa Rodriguez Furey

Seat 9            Anwar Mojammel

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                Patricia Siegel  
                Rob Gitin \*  
                Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                Gretchen Ames  
                Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

Seat 11      Margaret Wertz  
                Patricia Siegel  
                Rob Gitin \*  
                Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                Gretchen Ames  
                Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

Evans, Derek

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:09 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee  
**Attachments:** Gretchen Ames rec.doc; ATT00001.htm

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Lisa

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**From:** G Ames <[gretchen.ames@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.ames@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 11, 2015 at 8:56:05 AM PDT  
**To:** "Somera, Alisa (BOS)" <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Hello again Alisa,

I know it's late notice, but another colleague just sent me a recommendation letter (attached)- let me know if it is too late to go to the supervisors with their packets, and I'll bring paper copies if need. Thank you so much,

~g

Gretchen Ames  
cell: 415 819-6726

On Wed, Jun 10, 2015 at 7:48 AM, Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)> wrote:  
Thank you the update. I will distribute the letter and add it to your application.

Lisa

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Supervisor Katy Tang, Vice Chair ([katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org))

Aide: Dyanna Quizon ([dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org](mailto:dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org))

(415) 554-7460

Supervisor Malia Cohen ([malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org))

Aides: Yoyo Chan ([yoyo.chan@sfgov.org](mailto:yoyo.chan@sfgov.org)); Andrea Bruss ([andrea.bruss@sfgov.org](mailto:andrea.bruss@sfgov.org))

(415) 554-7670

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you for your interest!

*Alisa Somera*

Assistant Clerk

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June 9, 2015

Members of the Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City & County of San Francisco  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall Room 263  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Avalos:

I am proud to recommend Ms. Gretchen Ames to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight & Advisory Committee of the City and County of San Francisco. I know Ms. Ames to be a person of integrity, passion, commitment and dedication.

Gretchen Ames brings depth and diversity of experience in early education - both inside and outside the classroom - as a child care teacher, center director, education activist, and early education workforce advocate.

Gretchen's years' of experience in early education practice, workforce policy, and qualitative assessment give her an invaluable perspective on best practices in child development, parent engagement, and workforce supports - with the singular goal to give all of San Francisco's children the very best educational and developmental experiences.

Gretchen believes passionately that to ensure the best future for our children we must dedicate ourselves in the present, and marshal the resources necessary to build that bright future, today. Gretchen understands it is this understanding that makes San Francisco's investments in children, youth, and their families so unique - and so necessary.

I regard Gretchen Ames as a tremendous asset for San Francisco's early education community, and urge the members of the Rules Committee to approve her nomination to serve as a member of the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Joseph T. Wilson





**Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
(415) 554-5184 FAX (415) 554-5163**

**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight Advisory

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 or 11 District: 9

Name: Tracy Brown-Gallardo

Home Address: Alabama Street Zip: 94102

Home Phone: 415- [REDACTED] Occupation: Community School Coordinator

Work Phone: 415-241-6344 Employer: SFUSD

Business Address: 450 Church Street Zip: 94114

Business E-Mail: brownt1@sfusd.edu Home E-Mail: gall6@ [REDACTED]

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

My name is Tracy Brown-Gallardo. I am Latina and Speak English and Spanish. I reside in district 9. I was born and raised in the SF Mission district and I have raised my four children in this neighborhood as well. I have worked over 30 years serving low income communities including my own neighborhood. I have spent my entire adult career being an advocate and a service provider. In addition to my professional experience of serving children, youth and their families I am a family in the city who has used many of the city's resources. My children have all attended public schools and have went on to college. I have worked on all three children's fund campaigns and have seen them all succeed. I am a member of several neighborhood groups and communicate with other neighborhood groups to advocate for issues that impact children, youth and families city wide. (see attached for more detail)

**Business and/or professional experience:**

My professional experience includes:  
 SFUSD as community school coordinator 5 year  
 DCYF as community convener 3 years  
 Mission Neighborhood Center as Youth Services Director 10 years  
 YWCA- as Girls Services Director 10 years  
 Horizons Unlimited - Youth Employment Director for 5 years, Horizons Unlimited Arriba Juntos, Good Samaritan - various youth worker positions 5 years

(see attached for more detail)

**Civic Activities:**

Civic Activities:  
 Member of the Latino Steering Committee  
 Member of the Latino Democratic Club  
 SEIU member - served on the city wide bargaining team  
 Served the following boards/commissions/groups in the past:  
 Board member: Mission Neighborhood Health Center, Loco Bloco, Jamestown, Coleman Advocates  
 Commissions: Delinquency Prevention Commission  
 Groups: Mission Peace Collaborative, Juvenile Justice Providers Association, Community Response Network advisory board member

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

Appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors require an appearance before the Rules Committee. Once your application is received, the Rules Committee Clerk will contact you when a hearing is scheduled. (Please submit your application 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: May 5, 2015 Applicant's Signature: (required)



Tracy Brown-Gallardo

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifications:**

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## Evans, Derek

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**om:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 5:46 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Children and Youth Fund oversight and accountability committee  
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**Subject:** Children and Youth Fund oversight and accountability committee

Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to let you know that I submitted an application for appointment as a member of the Children, Youth Fund Oversight and Advisory committee for Seat 10.

I am hoping that you will support me by calling members of the Rules committee.

As many of you know I am a lifetime SF resident. I have worked actively on every children's fund campaign and I am likely the only candidate that can speak to this experience.

I have attached letters written on my behalf that show diverse support from various neighborhoods and stakeholders across San Francisco. I have worked with many of you on a variety of city issues but as you all know my experience and passion is in children and families. I am a graduate of SFUSD and my four children attended SF Public schools. I have experience as a parent, resident, community volunteer, board member, non profit worker, DCYF employee, and currently a SFUSD employee.

I am a product of San Francisco agencies, schools, and workforce. I hope that you will support me. I am hopeful that you will consider a SF resident for this seat.

**Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:#10 Expertise in the field of children services in low income or underserved communities**

My name is Tracy Brown-Gallardo. I am a resident of district 9 and a native of San Francisco. I was attended public schools and as a teen parent participated in many services available. I have raised my four children in the Mission and I am now watching my own children raise 3 grandchildren. As you can imagine in these years I have much experience in working and in my own

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Experience in running programs, overseeing programs, implementing programs

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**Civic Activities:**

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May 4, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appointment of Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and Families Council Oversight and Advisory Committee

Dear Rules Committee:

On behalf of the Roadmap to Peace Initiative (RTP), I would like to submit this letter of support on behalf of Tracy Brown for the appointment to the Oversight and Advisory Committee.

The Roadmap to Peace initiative is a 5-year initiative aimed to improve the overall health and safety outcomes of Latina/o youth ages 13-24 who are out of school and at/in-risk of violence because of street activity and or involved in systems (foster care, juvenile hall, etc.). The initiative is made up of the following non-profit organizations: Instituto Familiar de la Raza, CARECEN, Bay Area Community Resources, Five Key Charter School, Mission Neighborhood Centers, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, Horizons, Inc., Homey and UCSF, SFSU and most importantly community residents.

As a San Francisco native and long-time advocate for low-income, immigrant and Mission district Latina/o children, youth and families and beyond, Ms. Brown has a long list of accomplishments that positions her as an excellent candidate to this Council, including her never ending advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable and the most underserved of San Francisco residents.

Our recommendation for Ms. Tracy Brown's appointment to the Council is based, first and foremost, on her passion and commitment to the residents of San Francisco. Her continuous and tireless engagement needs to be recognized. Additionally, she has been instrumental in the following:

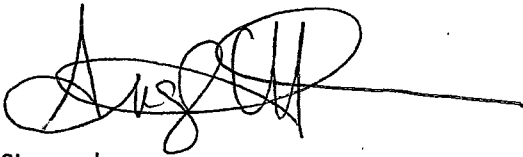
- a) Co-founded the Mission Peace Collaborative, a community grassroots advocacy group;
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- c) Actively involved in establishing the Juvenile Justice Providers Association through Coleman Advocates;

- d) Actively served on various city committees, including WICAC where she facilitated a discussion about the multiple barriers experienced by undocumented workers;

Additionally, Ms. Tracy Brown is versed in multiple areas including: violence prevention, issues impacting low-income residents, underserved populations, education, juvenile justice, gang interventions, unaccompanied minors and transitional age youth.

The Roadmap to Peace has no doubt that Ms. Brown will serve and represent all San Franciscans well, especially those who have been historically marginalized and underserved in the city. Her passion, advocacy and commitment to social justice is uncontested and the Roadmap to Peace Steering Committee unequivocally supports her nomination to this very distinguished Council whose aim to ensure all San Franciscan children, youth and families continue to thrive. She is the perfect candidate to serve in this capacity.

Thank you very much for your time. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at [angela.gallegos-castillo@ifrsf.org](mailto:angela.gallegos-castillo@ifrsf.org) or (415) 640-4215 at your earliest convenience.



Sincerely,  
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Community Builder/Planner, Roadmap to Peace  
Instituto Familiar de la Raza



## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Chelsea Boilard [cboilard@colemanadvocates.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:49 PM  
**To:** Avalos, John (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Subject:** CYF-OAC Letter of Support for Tracy Brown  
**Attachments:** Letter of Support-- Tracy Brown.pdf

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



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**Somera, Alisa (BOS)**

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS) on behalf of Avalos, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 9:18 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their families oversight and advisory committee  
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**From:** Shamann Walton [<mailto:swalton@ycdjobs.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 9:33 AM  
**Subject:** Support of Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their families oversight and advisory committee

Good morning Supervisor.

I have attached a letter in support of Ms. Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their families oversight and advisory committee. Tracy is a tremendous advocate for children, youth and their families and I have worked with her in several areas of advocacy for over 7 years.

Please take her name into the highest consideration at the Rules Committee Meeting.

Thank you.

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Monday, June 1, 2015

Board of Supervisors – Rules Committee - City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, Ca 94102-4689

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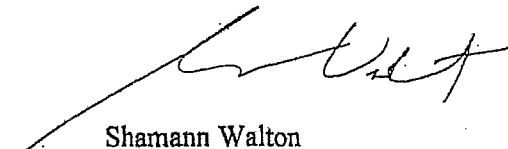
She has experience working with low income families through her city wide work leading the convener project. In this position she was able to meet representatives and community members from all over San Francisco. Tracy listened closely to what their needs were and came back and advocated passionately for what service gaps were identified. In particular, her passion was around working with youth in public housing, unaccompanied youth, and violence prevention.

Tracy has over 25 years of experience working with low-income communities and improving access to services for children and families. Tracy has volunteered endless hours around the city helping with grant writing and capacity building.

In her current position at the SFUSD she works at Everett Middle School. The population is over 55% Latino and 14% African American. I personally worked with her under a Student Improvement Grant and saw her work with the team that brought Everett from the lowest performing school, to the most sought after middle school in the District. Tracy is passionate about creating a college going culture and has done amazing things at Everett. I have personally participated in many of the events including the African American student dinner, Career Day, and College week. Tracy is innovative and creative and works with all to make SF a better place for children, youth and families.

Tracy is likely the only candidate before you that is native to SF and has the experience of working on all Children's Fund campaigns. She served on the board of Coleman Advocates as a mother with 3 children under 6 during the first campaign and then this last campaign served as a mother of 4 with 3 grandchildren. It is important to note that her experience extends from early childcare to transitional age youth. She is a bilingual Spanish speaker and bicultural. She has one special needs child and has served on various parent committees in schools and community agencies.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education

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**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Recommendation Letter  
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**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

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| Seat 7 | Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya  |
| Seat 8 | Elisa Rodriguez Furey |
| Seat 9 | Anwar Mojammel        |

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

Seat 11      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

Evans, Derek

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
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**Subject:** CYF-OAC Letter of Support for Tracy Brown

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for Tracy Brown, who has applied to sit on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. Tracy has a long history working on behalf of children, youth and families in San Francisco; as a parent, service provider and advocate, she has given tirelessly to make sure that the next generation is supported well by our city and schools. She grew up in San Francisco, was educated in SFUSD public schools, and has committed her life to mentoring young people who often end up holding key leadership positions in the city and community.

Tracy served on the Coleman Advocates board during the first Children's Fund campaign, and she has worked on every one of the Children's Fund campaigns providing endless volunteer hours as well as coordinating dozens of other volunteers. Tracy worked closely with former Coleman Advocates Executive Director NTanya Lee to found the Juvenile Justice Providers Association (JJPA), which was instrumental in providing direction for juvenile justice community partnership. The JJPA network still continues to work alongside with the probation department to review juvenile justice strategies and initiatives.

Coleman Advocates recognized her work as a service provider and she was awarded the "Safe Haven award" for providing a safe place for girls. Tracy Brown has been a leader in many other arenas:

- Served on Delinquency Prevention Commission
- Served on SEEDS SFUSD committee—excellence in early childcare
- Served on the Youth Employment Coalition

- Served on the Workforce Investment CAC— employment for hard to reach populations
- Served on the Citywide Community Response Network— youth violence prevention
- Served on the First Beacon Steering Committee— after school community centers
- Served on the Girls Now coalition— for young women
- Served on the Come into the Sun coalition— for incarcerated women and girls
- Co-founded the Juvenile Justice Providers Association
- Led the DCYF convener initiative, a city wide initiative addressing neighborhood issues
- Led the Safety Network, a city wide initiative working with police & community to address safety

As you see, Tracy Brown has a wide range of expertise on issues impacting children, youth and their families, ranging from infants/toddlers and middle school after-school programs, to violence prevention and youth employment. She would contribute so much to the Oversight and Advisory Committee, and I hope that you will consider her appointment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Chelsea

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Chelsea Boilard  
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June 9, 2015

Board of Supervisors – Rules Committee – City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Rules Committee:


On behalf of the San Francisco Family Support Network, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Ms. Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. She would be an excellent fit for the committee because of her rich professional experience and long-standing commitment to engaging, supporting, and strengthening children, youth, and families.

During her long tenure in the community, beginning as a parent leader, Ms. Brown has earned a solid positive professional reputation for her effective work. Her previous efforts coordinating the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families' Community Convener Project, which entailed building and strengthening collaborations to coordinate support for children, youth, and families in neighborhood across the City, and working on all of the Children's Fund campaigns are especially notable.

She has demonstrated exceptional skill in her ability to work well with many diverse stakeholders, coordinate complex projects, and promote meaningful systems change that benefits children, youth, and families. Those who have worked with her note that she is highly-motivated, conscientious, collaborative, and deeply understands the issues families face.

We at the San Francisco Family Support Network are deeply grateful for Ms. Brown's contributions to advance the children, youth, and families of our City. We are confident that she would be a significant asset to the Committee.

Sincerely,



Andrew Russo  
Co-Founder & Director

**Mission Peace Collaborative**  
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May 30, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a native San Francisco resident. My name is Tracy Brown and if asked to come in and testify to my statements I will be available. You can also call me on my cell phone at 415-509-7266. I am currently employed at the SFUSD.

About six years ago I worked with Vicente Cruz. I was visiting my mother who resides on 24<sup>th</sup> and York on March 31, 2015 when I spotted Vicente. I was on York St. and we made eye contact. I waved I was excited to see him and hear how he was doing. I had not seen him for a few years. The last time I saw him I was the director of a youth service agency and he was enrolled in one of my programs.

He walked over to me with a group of friends and a white unmarked car stopped and told him to go ahead and cross. Then all of a sudden the driver and passenger jumped out of the car and grabbed Vicente. It was 2 police officers. This was on York St. It is a small residential street and many people walk from their cars to their homes. In fact my car was double-parked. As the police officers grabbed him I could not believe that they were grabbing him and telling everyone to back away as if he did something wrong. When I got closer his friend who also crossed the street towards me said that he was being arrested for "jay walking". I was shocked and I actually feel really bad because he was coming over to say hi to me at my request.

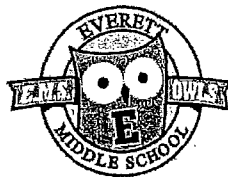
I called the Mission station and sent them the photos and videos that I took of the incident. They told me that he was let go. I told them that this looked like racial profiling. I decided to trust that the police would be true to their word. A few days ago Vicente came to ask me for the videos along with the photos of the incident. I did not have time to look for it but decided instead to write this letter to urge you to dismiss the ticket. Most people do this in residential neighborhoods. It is a residential block and not a traffic block. During the time of me watching the incident I witnessed 12 people cross the street in front of the police officers. The police officers then took Vicente as if he was being arrested. As a homeowner in the mission many of us watching outside were shocked that this incident occurred.

In all of the years working with youth and living in the mission I have never seen anything like this with the police. I hope that you will read my letter and dismiss this ticket. While I understand the changing demographics of the Mission I believe that what is fair is fair. Vicente was singled out. I have never seen anyone issued a ticket in this manner.

Sincerely,

Tracy Brown, Co Chair Mission Peace Collaborative





Dear Rules Committee,

On behalf of the Everett Middle School PTSA we submit this letter of recommendation and ask that you consider appointing Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and their Families oversight committee for Seat 11.

Tracy Brown currently works at Everett Middle School and has worked for the SFUSD for the last 5 years. During this time she has been part of a team who came into Everett to help turn the school around. Everett Middle School was considered one of the lowest performing schools in the SFUSD. Today Everett is thriving and has completely turned around to be the most sought out Middle School in the SFUSD.

Tracy has helped to create a strong community school at Everett working with all stakeholders and bringing in parent voice to the decision making process. She works with our various partners to align them to our school goals. Tracy brings over 25 years of experience in children and youth issues. In particular she is familiar with all the SFUSD 21<sup>st</sup> century goals and leads our college and career culture component at Everett. She works with the families of Everett to connect them to needed support for student success. Everett is a newcomer school and she works closely with these parents on a variety of issues from immigration to providing academic resources and interventions to their children. In addition to her previous experience in juvenile justice, youth employment, youth leadership and after school programming she is a mother of 4 who have been through the SFUSD. Her youngest daughter is special needs and her experience as a native parent in our city will be an invaluable voice on the advisory committee. In her work at Everett she has improved access and the quality of service to our students and our families.

The PTSA of Everett strongly urges you to appoint her to Seat 11.

Sincerely,

Annie Bauccio  
on behalf of  
The EMS PTSA 2014/15 Board



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May 12, 2015

Supervisor John Avalos  
Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl  
San Francisco CA 94103

Dear Supervisor Avalos,

I am writing to express my support of Tracy Brown's application to be appointed as a member of the Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee. Tracy is a fierce advocate of Children and Youth, and has worked tirelessly in that capacity in our neighborhood on issues involving children and families. Tracy was born and raised in the Mission and is bilingual and bicultural. We very much need her voice, presence, and advocacy skills to represent our interests in this very important committee.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information; thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Myrna Melgar  
Executive Director



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May 12, 2015

Supervisor Katie Tang  
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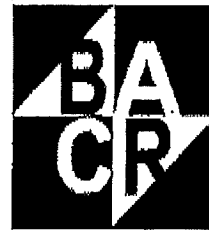
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Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information; thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Myrna Melgar  
Executive Director



June 5, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appointment of Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Dear Rules Committee,

On behalf of CHALK and its parent organization, Bay Area Community Resources, I am submitting this letter of support to request that you appoint Tracy Brown to seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Tracy Brown has spent over 20 years working to promote jobs for disconnected, at-risk youth. She understands the population of disconnected youth and advocates for programming and monitoring so that services will be relevant and realistic. As the community schools coordinator at Everett, Tracy reached out to employers and job readiness programs to 1) provide job readiness services at the Beacon Center, and 2) to provide high quality internships to high school and transition aged youth in the Mission. Further, Tracy has led many community discussions around the importance of providing comprehensive employment programming and meaningful work experience that prepares some of the most hard to serve youth for the workforce.

Tracy understands that employment and wrap around support services are necessary and effective at eradicating generational poverty and in preventing violence. To this end, Tracy has worked on every children's fund campaign since its inception and has committed countless hours of volunteer time to be sure that our city prioritizes children, youth and families.

I highly recommend Tracy Brown for this appointment. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Barajas Cardona".

Ruth Barajas Cardona  
Director of Employment Programs, BACR 1274



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Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

As Executive Director of the Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement I am writing to lend my full and enthusiastic support for Ms. Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 on the Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. In the eight years that I have worked with Ms. Brown I have found her to be a knowledgeable, credible, and compassionate activist, advocate and service provider in her community.

My specific experience with Ms. Brown is our shared concern and work in violence prevention and response with the former Southeast Community Response Network and the Mission Community Response Network. Ms. Brown joined in this work as a representative of the Mission Peace Collaborative and was instrumental in keeping both programs focused on the goals of being Community Driven and Community Led. Her invaluable knowledge of and commitment to Black and Brown people and the need for finding the common ground for collective action and collective impact lifted the entire group to a higher level of inter-ethnic analysis and cooperative functioning.

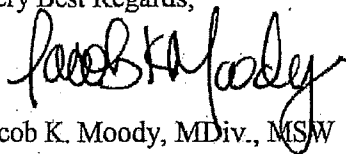
Ms. Brown is completely dedicated to the healing of the wounds of oppression however they show up in the lives of the children and families she serves at Everett Middle School and helping them lift their sights to the tremendous possibilities that they can achieve.

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"To Build a Community that is empowered, clean, safe and healthy."

I can think of no better candidate to join with the City and County of San Francisco and the Department of Children, Youth and their Families in expanding the opportunities for improved health, educational, and family support than Tracy Brown.

Very Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob K. Moody". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" at the end.

Jacob K. Moody, MDiv., MSW

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"To Build a Community that is empowered, clean, safe and healthy."

June 5, 2014



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Re: Appointment of Tracy Brown to Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee Seats 10 or 11

Dear Rules Committee,

I am writing this letter to express the full support of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club for Tracy Brown for a seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. Tracy has not only been an effective advocate for youth and their families, but also an important bridge to the Latino community of San Francisco.

Latinos in San Francisco are under extreme duress at this time. Longtime Latino businesses, an important income source for many families without work-permits are facing higher rates of eviction. Latinos are facing higher rates of eviction with 83% of those that manage to remain in their homes paying more than 50% of their income on rent. Students continuing their education in San Francisco become receptacles of their parents' stress as they struggle with a 20.8% unemployment in the Mission. Latino families are becoming increasingly hard to reach. Tracy's experience working with English Language Learners students at Everett Middle School, at Mission Girls on gender and parity issues including statutory rape and gang rape gives her the know-how to necessary to do the job.

There have also been remarkable instances of violence against Latino youth in the last year from the tragic death of unarmed Alex Nieto to the shooting of Amilcar Perez-Lopez as he ran away from Police. Tracy's work at Precita Center on juvenile justice systems give her important context relating law-enforcement with our youth.

Our voice must be heard on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. Tracy Brown can help bring access to our community. She has our full-support for seat 10 or 11. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gabriel Medina, President, San Francisco Latino Democratic Club and at (415) 690-6992 or gabrielmedina5@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

Gabriel Medina, President

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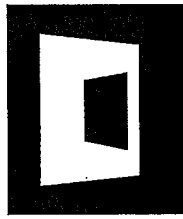
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June 5, 2015

Board of Supervisors—Rules Committee—City Hall  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Rules Committee,

I am writing this letter as a resident of San Francisco, the parent of a college age son and the Co-Founder and Executive Director of a community based organization in support of Ms. Tracy Brown for seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I have known Tracy for over 10 years and worked closely with her on city-wide advocacy for children, youth and families. Tracy works tirelessly on behalf of those that often have no voice and are left out of the conversation completely.

Tracy has valuable and vast experience serving and empowering low-income families. As a San Francisco native who raised her family and now grandchildren in the city Tracy is an asset with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Currently Tracy works at Everett Middle School with a population that is over 55% Latino and 14% African American. I have worked with Tracy through the years on multiple projects including the Children's Fund campaigns. She is a die-hard advocate for all children, youth and families in San Francisco.

I strongly support Tracy Brown for a seat on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Dawn Stueckle  
Co-Founder and Executive Director  
Sunset Youth Services



## *San Francisco Latino Steering Committee*

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May 25, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appointment of Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and Their Families  
Oversight and Advisory Committee

Dear Rules Committee,

On behalf of the Latino Steering Committee, we are submitting this letter of support to request that you appoint Tracy Brown to seat 10 or 11 for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Tracy Brown has worked with low income and underserved youth and families for over 25 years. Her distinctive experience includes serving as the Director of Mission Girls Services, a program that offers gender specific services. This program was featured in Latina Magazine for being a place where Latina girls were introduced to and prepared for non-traditional careers. She also created a program to address violence against girls including issues of rape and date rape. This program was recognized and awarded as "*Best Program Serving Young Women*" and addressing violence by the Commission on the Status of Women.

She later went on to direct the Youth Services Department at Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc. As the director, she established case management protocols as well as creating a comprehensive street outreach program to serve gang affiliated youth. In this position she was instrumental in the designing of the Community Response Network (CRN) – a street outreach program to address youth violence. She also worked in collaboration with Coleman Advocates to create the Juvenile Justice Providers Association (JJPA). This entity served as the advocacy body for juvenile justice reform and the alignment of services.

Her dedication to children and youth go beyond her work experience and extend into her volunteer commitments. She is a founding member of Loco Bloco, an arts program that brings youth and families together through dance, music and performance. She has also served on several advisory boards and boards, including the Mission Neighborhood Health Center.

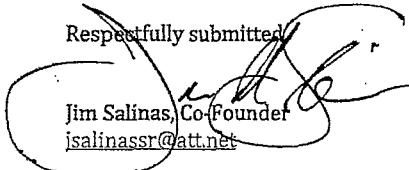
Tracy is an organizer for the community and the city as a whole. Her gender specific projects and juvenile justice advocacy work has served youth city wide. Her earlier years were spent serving on the Delinquency Prevention Commission and on the Youth Employment Coalition. As a parent, she served on the SEEDS Advisory Committee that was formed to evaluate the Children's Centers in SF.

Most importantly, Tracy has worked on every Children's Fund campaign and has helped lead each campaign to victory. She is a "go to" person for children, youth and family issues and continues to advocate for system reform. Her deep understanding comes from her wide-ranging experience in the community, the non-profit field, and as a city and county employee.

Working for the San Francisco Unified School District as a Community School Coordinator, she possesses a clear analysis on the achievement gap and what can be done to help close it. While working in her position at Everett Middle School, she assisted the administration in transforming the school from the bottom performing to the most sought out middle school in the district.

She is a passionate advocate for children, youth, and their families and the Latino Steering Committee cannot think of a better candidate to serve on this advisory committee. We sincerely hope that you select her, one of the best experts our community has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Salinas, Co-Founder  
jsalinassr@att.net

# **MISSION PEACE COLLABORATIVE**

May 26, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appointment of Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and Their Families  
Oversight and Advisory Committee

Dear Rules Committee;

On behalf of the Mission Peace Collaborative, we submit this letter in support of appointing Tracy Brown to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, seat 10 or seat 11.

Tracy Brown is a founding member of the Mission Peace Collaborative and is considered an expert in the area of violence prevention. Among many of her successful program blueprints, Ms. Brown co-founded the Mission Community Response Network (CRN), which was a model that was later adopted by the city and duplicated in high violence neighborhoods. She also co-created the CRN street outreach protocol. Ms. Brown continues to volunteer with the Mission Peace Collaborative to address the issues of violence prevention and crisis response in the various neighborhoods. She currently represents the Mission Peace Collaborative by attending the Children, Youth and Families Community Council (CYFCC).

Ms. Brown, in collaboration with Coleman Advocates, was active in the establishment of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association. During the years as the Youth Services Director at Precita Center she worked on various juvenile justice issues such as gender specific programming, gang intervention, transitional age youth, and unaccompanied youth.

Ms. Brown has served on numerous committees city-wide to address the issues impacting low income communities. She most recently served on the WiCAC committee where she hosted a discussion about employment barriers for undocumented workers.

Tracy is an experienced convener and can bring stakeholders together to find solutions and address service gaps. Because of her work and volunteer experience she has developed contacts with a variety of city and community entities. If appointed to this role we are confident that she will bring all voices to the table and ensure that service gaps are addressed.

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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children, Youth and their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): 10 District:

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Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes No If No, where registered: Contra Costa County

Resident of San Francisco Yes No If No, place of residence: Antioch

Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I'm a native of San Francisco, Mission District. As troubled youth living below poverty line, I grew up in a community plagued with gang and street violence. Although conscientious of the harm gang members were doing to the community, I found it difficult to escape the web of violence. At the age of 14, I had dropped out of high school and was getting in trouble with the law until I was recruited by a community organizer to become a part of the Bay Area's grass roots efforts on violence prevention and youth empowerment. At that moment, I knew I had found my passion and soon I was learning the process on how to build community power by involving key stakeholders to help identify issues and find solutions to those problems.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I am the founding staff for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Alternative Sentencing Program, which is the first of its kind in the country. This model fundamentally shifts prosecutorial mandate and approach, moving from the traditional metrics of conviction rates and prison terms to recidivism reduction and community safety. I have worked passionately in designing and implementing significant policies reforms that focuses on seeking the right amount of intervention to change behavior and reduce the reliance on incarceration.

**Civic Activities:**

My work and achievements has gained the recognition from Los Angeles Times, NBC Latino and San Francisco Chronicle. I have served on numerous boards of directors and have received awards for my efforts including the San Francisco Latino Heritage Month "Community Service" award, California Legislature Assembly "Violence Prevention" award and the San Francisco Department of Public Health "Balancing our Lives" award.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Counseling Psychology from California Institute of Integral Studies and currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

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Prior to joining the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Aroche led the creation of the San Mateo County Violence Prevention Network in collaboration with elected officials, law enforcement professionals and non-profit agencies. As the Manager of the Violence Prevention Programs, Aroche led a strategic countywide effort aimed at strengthening distressed neighborhoods by providing leadership training and opportunities for residents on how to effectively improve the quality of life in their communities. The flagship program, Strengthening Neighborhood, helps address and reduce gang activity, builds healthy relationships with law enforcement and reinstalls the sense of community pride. The program has been replicated in several cities across San Mateo County.

Luis Aroche's remarkable work and achievements has gained him recognition from the Los Angeles Times, NBC Latino, and San Francisco Chronicle. He has served on numerous boards of directors and has received awards for his efforts including the 2012 San Francisco Latino Heritage "Community Service" award and the California Legislature Assembly "Violence Prevention" award.

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## EDUCATION

**University of San Francisco, School of Management**  
**MPA, Emphasis in community engagement and program evaluation**  
• Dean's List  
• Advanced courses in qualitative data analysis.

**Grad: December 2015**  
**GPA: 3.9**

**California Institute of Integral Studies**  
**B.A. - Interdisciplinary Studies, Emphasis in counseling psychology**  
• Awarded the George Mascone scholarship  
• Advisor for the "Arc of Justice" reentry scholarship

**San Francisco, CA**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**San Francisco District Attorney's Office**  
*Alternative Sentencing Planner*

**San Francisco, CA**  
**Feb 2012- Present**

- Founding staff for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office Alternative Sentencing Program.
- Project manager for the implementation and evaluation of program's work products.
- Supervised internship program for all criminal justice and clinical psychology graduate students.
- Create tailored sentencing plans that give adult offenders the services and supports they need to address their crime-causing factors.
- Provide resource information and workforce development opportunities for Victims of Crime.
- Reformed the way prosecutors approach cases by developing individualized reentry plan that ensured public safety and reduce recidivism.

**Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center**  
*Manager of Violence Prevention Programs*

**San Mateo, CA**  
**Dec 2009- Feb 2012**

- Managed the San Mateo County violence prevention team and community beautification block grant projects.
- Facilitated the San Mateo County Gang Intervention strategic planning meetings.
- Hosted community town hall meetings to identify and address community needs.
- Organized county-wide violence prevention forums with law enforcement agencies.
- Developed public-private partnerships to strengthen youth workforce development opportunities.

**Northern California Service League**  
*Case Manager*

**San Francisco, CA**  
**Sept 2008-Dec 2009**

- Case managed a yearly caseload of 60 to 90 California state parolees.
- Facilitated weekly mandatory life skills groups for program participants.
- Provided intervention and referrals needed to ensure that program participants received support and services.
- Conducted random urinalysis drug testing on all program participants.

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**Arriba Juntos**

***Case Manager Coordinator***

**San Francisco, CA  
Nov 2006-Sept 2008**

- Field supervisor for five sub-contracting agencies.
- Coordinated field trainings such as crisis response and family intervention for outreach workers.
- Worked with the employer liaison to ensure maximum benefits and opportunities to link clients with educational and employment opportunities.
- Increased the flow of clients into the case management and treatment programs.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco**

***Gang Prevention through Targeted Outreach Director***

**San Francisco, CA  
Feb 2001-Nov 2006**

- Supervised the gang prevention and intervention outreach team.
- Organized Friday night youth activities.
- Facilitated community trainings on gang prevention and intervention strategies.
- Participated in community outreach efforts in targeted communities and local schools.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**City College of San Francisco**

***Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)***

***Advisory Committee Member***

**San Francisco, CA  
Mar 2013-Present**

- Reviews and evaluates program goals, objectives and the program plan required by Title V regulations.
- Meet with college president to discuss EOPS issues or concerns.
- Suggests ways for improving public relations regarding the program in the community.

**SKILLS**

- Fluent in Spanish.
- Detailed knowledge of programs and services available in the Bay Area.
- Familiar with trauma recovery method and services that addresses violence and its impact on the community.

**AWARDS**

- 2013 University of San Francisco, School of Management Dean's List
- 2012 City and County of San Francisco Latino Heritage "Community Award".
- 2011 California Legislature Assembly "Violence Prevention Recognition Award".
- 2011 San Mateo County Fatherhood Collaborative "Fatherhood Award".
- 2002 San Francisco Department of Public Health "Latino Behavioral Health Award".

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2013 Victim-Offender Education Group Facilitator Training (40 hours)
- 2010 California Conflict Dispute Mediator Training (40 hours)
- 2003 On the Frontlines: Violence, Gangs and Turf (20 hours)



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COLUMN ONE

## From gang member to team player

*Luis Aroche's rough youth prepared him for an unusual career: The 'alternative sentencing planner' helps the San Francisco D.A. decide who needs lockup and who deserves another chance.*

January 07, 2013 | By Maria L. La Ganga, Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Luis Aroche learned about violence at Leonard R. Flynn Elementary School, across from the projects where his friend Carl lived.

He remembers sitting down at his desk and seeing his teacher, Mrs. Foster, in tears. His class had just finished the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Carl was playing on the swings and got shot," Aroche said. "And died. Kindergarten. He got found laying in a pool of blood in the park," Aroche paused. Swallowed. Started up again. "He was my desk buddy. He would go with me to the bathroom. And now, Carl wasn't there.

"That was my first experience of loss. And I didn't understand it. To this day, I don't understand it."

Aroche since has become something of an expert on violence — as victim, perpetrator and now as part of a hoped-for solution. Last year, San Francisco Dist. Atty. George Gascon hired the former gang member to be his office's first "alternative sentencing planner," part of an effort to keep offenders from ending up back behind bars.

The position, criminal justice experts say, has no equivalent in any prosecutor's office in the country.

And Aroche is as singular as his job. An Aztec skull tattoo stretches down his right forearm to his hand, its grimace partly wiped away by laser removal. The day his juvenile record was sealed, he says, was the happiest of his life.

Today, he helps prosecutors figure out who among San Francisco's low-level offenders deserves a jail cell and who deserves a second chance.

...knows a lot about both.

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If you were Aroche, 12 years old and living in the Mission District in 1990 — when gangs and crack cocaine meant funerals were as commonplace as *quinceañeras* — you got a tattoo, cut school and drank beer. You thought a stint in Pelican Bay State Prison was like going off to "Stanford or Yale." You practiced how to sit and talk and smoke like the toughest prisoners.

"We would learn how to iron our clothes using a comb, 'cause that's how you iron your pants in prison," Aroche said. "You iron it with the teeth of the comb ... and then you put it underneath the mattress."

Aroche's first tattoo was a small cross on his left hand, in the soft web between thumb and forefinger. He got it in an alleyway not far from the studio apartment where he slept on the floor with his five brothers, three sisters, the occasional niece or nephew. His parents got the bed in the corner.

His Salvadoran mother was a chambermaid at a Fisherman's Wharf motel, his Puerto Rican father a security guard in the Navy shipyards.

And his older brothers? They would disappear for years. Aroche didn't know why until his father took him to visit San Quentin State Prison. They were "main men" in a notorious Northern California prison gang. When they were out, they were "the mayors of the Mission."

By the time Aroche was 15, he was drinking so much and incarcerated so often that he gave himself a test every night before he went to sleep. If he put out his hand and felt warm, smooth drywall, he knew he was home. If he felt cold, slick concrete, he was in custody.

One night he ended up in the hospital. He'd been drunk, hanging out in Lucky Alley, when a car drove up and the doors flew open. Aroche saw his friend get sliced with a machete. Gunshots rang out.

"And I remember some guy grabbing me and hitting me with a crowbar and stabbing me in my stomach," he said. "And I could feel the pierce of my stomach, just ripping me open.... And I thought, this is it. This is it. This is my life."

... the computer in his spartan office at the Hall of Justice, Aroche is poring over the official tale of another life in the balance: a 28-year-old woman on a downward spiral.

The alcoholic, meth-addicted prostitute had lost custody of her toddler son, habitually robbed her aging parents, been in and out of rehab. She also suffered from postpartum depression.

The first time she accosted her father, her parents decided not to press charges. When she was arrested after breaking into their home last year, they refused a

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second time. Then in August, high on meth, she in again.

"The mom was just, 'I'm tired of this.... I'm going to prosecute. I want my daughter to get the help, and I think she needs a stern hand,'" Aroche said.

The young woman was charged with two counts of felony first-degree residential burglary, with enhancements including elder abuse.

"The prosecution is like, 'This woman can easily see prison time,'" Aroche said as he scrolled through her case. "She burglarizes, is verbally abusive with her parents when she's under the influence. And she's always under the influence. But the prosecution also wondered, 'Will state prison rehabilitate her?'"

That a district attorney's office would even consider the question is "just amazing," said Daniel Macallair, executive director of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. And what Aroche does on a daily basis is "just so far outside the box of California district attorneys. You'd have a hard time finding it in a public defender's office."

Gascon, the D.A., views Aroche's position — along with a new local sentencing commission — as "a work in progress" and says he hopes his department will become a national model "in how to be smart in dealing with the criminal justice system."

For the woman whose fate Aroche was weighing, not just any rehab would do. Between 2009 and 2011, she'd dropped out of voluntary programs half a dozen times.

His prescription? Let the woman stay in jail and detox. Then, as a condition of her probation, she should be placed into a strict, 24-hour-a-day residential facility called Grace Center for two years. In addition, she should receive case management services from a program called SAGE, for women who have been sexually exploited.

And if she backslides? State prison is still a possibility.

Even Aroche finds himself asking: "You wonder, can probation really save this woman?"

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It saved Aroche.

At age 16, tanked on a fruity "bum wine," Aroche was hanging out near the Army Street projects around 26th Street and Folsom when he decided to steal a bike.

But the owner was still on it.

"He turned out to be the wrong guy to mess with," Aroche said. "He started whupping on me.... The cops came."

The Juvenile Court judge sentenced him to 18 months at a facility for young offenders called Log Cabin Ranch, south of San Francisco. Bad behavior kept him there for two years.

But at Log Cabin, he read the two things that began to change his life. One was the first book he'd ever finished, "Down These Mean Streets," the memoir of a Puerto Rican street fighter in New York City who went to prison for shooting a cop and, somehow, turned his life around.

The other was a letter from one of his older brothers.

Two years before Aroche landed at Log Cabin, this brother had taken part in an ordered hit on a fellow gang member named Frederico Arevalo. A second man was killed in the attack. Aroche's brother was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"Hey, Bro," the letter began. "How you doing? Everything's good. How you behaving inside? Don't catch more time. Hey, you wanted to know that my case was over. I'm not coming out."

After reading that, Aroche said, "I sat in my bunk, tripping. Oh, my God. So that means 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, if God allows him, 80, 90 years, he's gonna sit in that cell. And that woke me up."

Aroche was set to be released from Log Cabin in 1996, when he was 18. His prosecutor and probation officer told him they could give him a job or one day lock him up again. They asked him, "What'll it be?"

"They saw something in me that was different and wanted to give me a second chance," Aroche recalled, still sounding a little mystified 16 years later, sitting in a coffee shop across the street from the Hall of Justice. "I said, 'I want a job.'"

He cleaned pools at Garfield Park. He scooped ice cream at Mitchell's. He got a warehouse stint at MacFrugal's discount outlet. The CalWorks program that taught him to be an ironworker didn't work out (he caught his overalls on fire). But the job counseling at-risk kids at Paul Revere Elementary School did.

He enrolled in City College, then went on to San Francisco State, where he ended up on the honor roll and graduated with a degree in social work. He started working with Project Rebound, a program for ex-offenders. And he got some therapy.

"I had to accept who I was, an ex-offender," Aroche said. "I had to admit that I had PTSD ... that it wasn't normal seeing my friends being shot.

There is still a tinge of "pinch me; am I really here?" in Aroche's demeanor, even though he has worn a badge from the D.A.'s office for nearly a year. A photograph of that laminated ID hangs on the wall of his mother's apartment in 1988, murdered in 2001, did not live to see it.

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Another tattoo, the Japanese characters for "unconditional love," crawls from beneath Aroche's collar to the back of his left ear.

"It's taken me years to reshape who I am now," he said. "Folks can see my hands, my neck, my face, and already put together an understanding of who I am.

"But with my street knowledge and my education, I can see someone and say, 'This person's a bad dude. Based on his rap sheet and history, this person's not safe to go back to the community.' I can also know what can give somebody a second chance."

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## Student Fights to Reduce Prison Overcrowding



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Graduate student Luis Aroche MPA '15 is on the frontlines of the fight to reduce California's overcrowded prisons, now at more than 140 percent of capacity.

In just two years, he's reduced recidivism 19 percent among San Francisco offenders in the volatile 18- to 25-year-old age group, and kept about 90 offenders out of jail or state prison, according to the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

**Aroche explains how he's changing the California prison system—all while in grad school »**

Aroche, 35, is in a unique position—he directs the city's Alternative Sentencing Program (ASP), the only position of its kind in the country.

He identifies low-level offenders that he believes are the most likely to be successfully rehabilitated and, through in-depth interviews and background checks, tries to gauge how ready they are to reform.

Aroche then works with prosecutors and defense attorneys to create a probationary sentence that avoids jail time but includes at least one mandatory program to help address the root cause of the problem, such as drug rehabilitation, personal and family counseling, or tutoring.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón created ASP in 2012 as an alternative to the one-size-fits-all approach to prosecution and sentencing that he says helped create California's overcrowded prisons in the first place.

One success story is a 19-year-old pot smoker who went on a robbery spree with a BB gun in the city's Mission District in 2012. He faced three to five years in prison, but on Aroche's recommendation the young father and high school dropout was ordered to begin drug rehab and take classes in anger management and parenting.

Two years later, he's earned a GED, received custody of his daughter, and works full time.

"Incarcerating him wasn't necessarily going to stop him from smoking or getting a job or schooling," Gascón said.

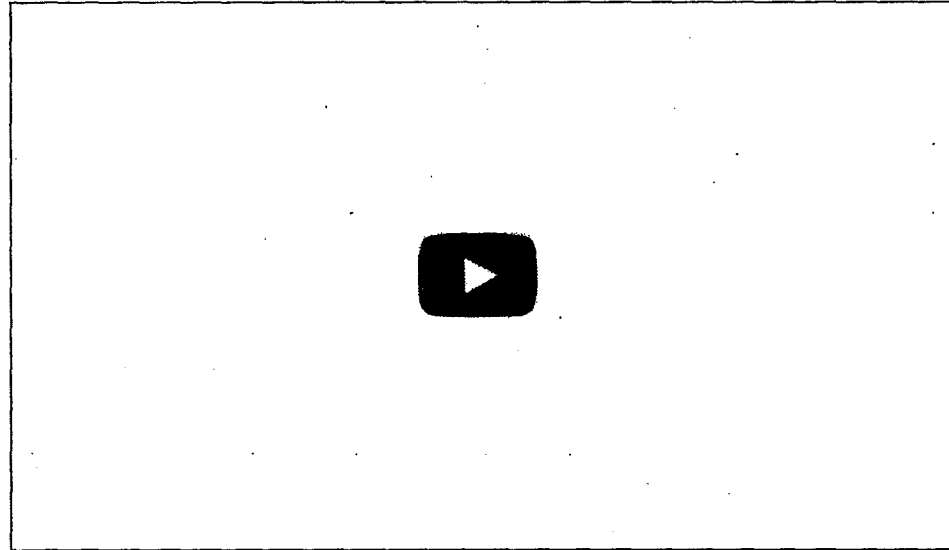
"I call it smart sentencing," said Aroche, who is an example of successful reform. By age 16, he had been arrested for assault and attempted robbery and spent three years in juvenile detention facilities. While there,

br s were incarcerated.

He decided that a life in prison wasn't the road he wanted to take and promised a prosecutor he would change. The prosecutor then helped him land his first job, cleaning swimming pools. Aroche went on to earn a GED and a degree in counseling psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies.

"I represent the marginalized side of the Latino community. I came from the bottom and know how to go up, and the offenders I see recognize that," said Aroche, who counseled troubled youth before enrolling at USF. "I'm a true believer in the power of a second chance."

Aroche said he applied to USF after learning about its emphasis on ethics, helping others, and community building. "I love every minute of my time at USF. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing without it," he said.

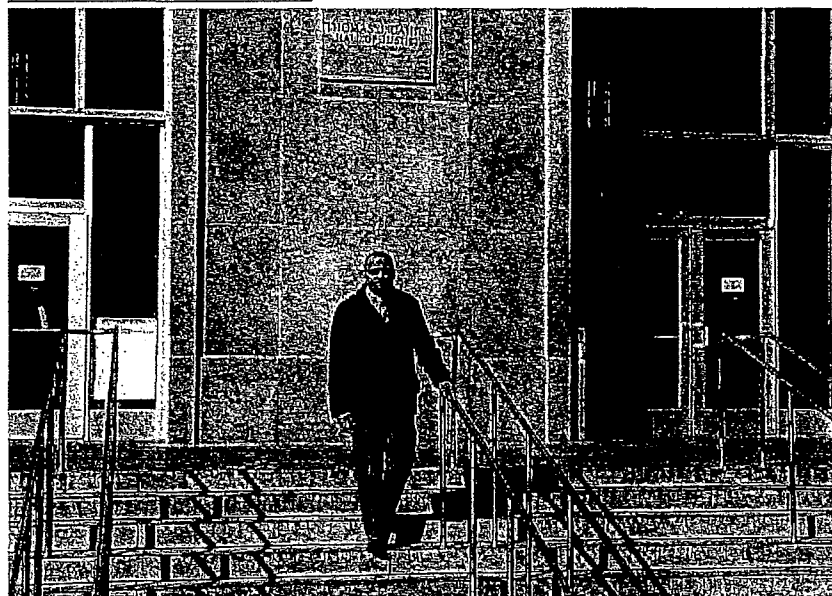


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Luis Aroche, 34, uses his experience as a former gang member to devise alternative sentences for young offenders. (Photo courtesy of Alex Bastian)

## In San Francisco, former gang member helps give young offenders a second chance



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In the world of criminal justice, Luis Aroche is something of an anomaly. Even though he works for the San Francisco district attorney's office, Aroche fights to keep felons out of prison.

Take, for example, the case of a teenage felon in 2011: an intoxicated 19-year-old Mexican-American, brandishing a BB gun that resembled a semi-automatic weapon, leaped out of a car and set off on a midnight robbing spree in the Mission District of San Francisco.

Few prosecutors would have considered anything less than three years of state prison time for such a crime. But Aroche's responsibility as an alternative sentencing planner—one of only a handful in the nation—is to look past the second-degree robbery charge and delve into the defendant's back story. Aroche recommended anger management sessions and parenting classes, because the 19-year-old perpetrator, whose name he declined to disclose, had no prior crimes, and was about to become a new father.

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"You have your murderers, your rapists, they belong in prison," says Aroche. "We're sending a kid there who is 19 and stole a couple of cars and credit cards. Now he's meeting murderers, gang leaders. What do you think he's going to come back with?"

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Aroche is charting out a unique precedent for district attorney's offices in the United States. Traditionally, defense teams conduct the research and ask that a defendant pursue substance abuse treatment or a G.E.D. instead of prison time. But with over 150,000 inmates packed into the state's 33 prisons, Californians on all sides of the court are pushing for more options.

"Incarcerating people is very expensive economically and socially," says **San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón** (<http://nbclatino.tumblr.com/post/16838163456/sfs-first-hispanic-district-attorney-says-to-pay>). A high-school-dropout who later became the chief of the San Francisco Police Department, Gascón spearheaded the city's alternative sentencing initiative. "If we can reduce the likelihood of re-offending, it's a win-win for everybody."

But critics say such initiatives could be detrimental. Victims of the serious offenses that come to Aroche's desk may not be pacified by the perception that the defendant has been let off easy.

"San Francisco is breaking new ground if they're saying to victims of robbery, 'He was young. He was drunk. What we really need to do is try and help him,'" says Scott Burns, president of the National District Attorneys Association. "If you think that type of behavior is going to change, that's naive."

Alternative sentencing has a long tradition in prosecution circles, but has gained prevalence in the wake of California Governor Edmund Brown's 2011 Realignment legislation. After federal courts demanded the state shed thousands of inmates, Brown proposed funding to reduce the number of low-level inmates cycling through the state prison system. (<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/01/08/179372/calif-gov-brown-says-job-of-reforming.html>) State prison officials say they gladly welcomed alternative sentencing as a way to address offenses without jail time.

"People are different and so are their motives for committing crimes," says Bill Sessa, spokesman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. "Alternative sentences shows there's no one-size-fits-all solution."

Aroche intimately understands what the youth he helps keep out of prison go through. The youngest in a family of ten, he envied his older brothers for making money in the local gang while his father, a security guard from **Puerto Rico** (<http://nbclatino.com/tag/puerto-rico>), and his mother, a maid from El Salvador, stressed over the family's finances.

Aroche joined a Latino gang and drank, took drugs and clashed with rival gang members. As he was a skilled boxer who had competed in Golden Gloves, he was often designated to fight for the gang's turf. Once, while drinking in an alleyway with his friends, he was ambushed by a rival gang. "One guy gets out of the car and strikes my friend with a machete and slices him," he says. "I got cornered and beat up with a crowbar and stabbed in the stomach."

The violence shook Aroche up, but also helped him realize the hopelessness of his situation. "You see so much death you become numb to it," he says.



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*Luis Aroche outside of his workplace at the San Francisco District Attorney's office. (Photo courtesy of Alex Bastian)*



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After several run-ins with the police, Aroche was sent to a juvenile detention center where he read his first book: "Down These Mean Streets," a memoir by Puerto Rican and Cuban author Piri Thomas about life in El Barrio in Harlem. (<http://www.amazon.com/Down-These-Mean-Streets-Thomas/dp/0679781420>) The book, as well as the news that his older brother would be spending his life in prison, changed Aroche's outlook. When he was let out, at 18, he told his probation officer he was ready for a job. He went on to attend San Francisco State University and soon found his calling in social work, assisting high-risk juvenile youth.

He says his work immerses him in a part of the Latino community that is largely neglected. "I represent the other side of the Latino community. Not the middle class or those fortunate enough to get a better education, but a Latino who came from the bottom and knows how to go up," he says. "I represent the power of the second chance."

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

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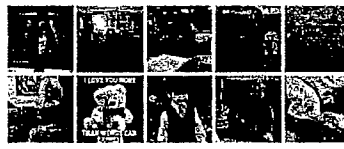
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**Jacqueline Cothran**

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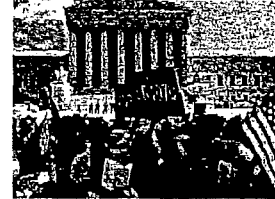
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May 26, 2015

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves to support the appointment of Luis M. Aroche to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee Vacant seat #10. I have known Luis M. Aroche for over two years as he serves on the Advisory Board for City College of San Francisco's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Program.

EOPS is a state funded program that serves low-income and educationally disadvantaged students to attain a college education; there are 112 programs throughout California Community Colleges. CCSF EOPS serves formerly incarcerated students (FIS) through its Second Chance program. Mr. Aroche serves this population through the District Attorney's Alternative Sentencing program. As a result, I invited Mr. Aroche to serve on EOPS' Advisory Board as his knowledge base will help to bridge individuals to seek a higher education as an alternative to incarceration.

CCSF EOPS has been serving formerly incarcerated student population since 1976 through its Project Scorpio program; Project Scorpio was revamped and revitalized in the 1990s, and is known today as Second Chance. In Spring 2015, EOPS served 68 students who self-identified through our application intake-process as formerly incarcerated and/or in-recovery from drugs and alcohol; these students opted to participate in EOPS' Second Chance program. EOPS provides to all its student participants the following services: case management, academic counseling services, book voucher services, priority registration, access to computer lab and printing services, graduation regalia, summer bridge, and peer mentor support. Through EOPS' Second Chance program, FIS received additional services: enrollment in Second Chance Psychology Courses (Psych 26, Psych 15), one-time school supply grant, several workshops, community luncheon, peer mentors, and a graduation ceremony dinner.

In his role as an advisory board member, Mr. Aroche has been instrumental in providing feedback and advice to CCSF EOPS on how to better serve the community and students. As a native of San Francisco, he is well versed in the needs of the community especially the needs of children, youth and their families. He will provide a perspective on how to improve the lives of San Franciscans with this point of reference.

In conclusion, I fully support the appointment of Luis M. Aroche to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee Vacant seat #10.

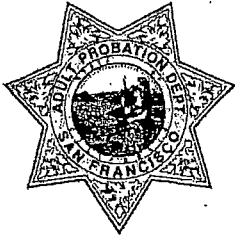
Sincerely,

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Eliazer Ayala-Austin, Ed.D.  
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Ms. Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Somera,

I wholeheartedly recommend Luis Aroche for the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee, vacant seat 7.

My name is Cristel Tullock, MSW, and I am the division director of the Community Services Division at San Francisco Adult Probation Department. I have been a probation officer for over 15 years, and my specialty is the management of sex offenders. My division consists of 2,000 probationers that are supervised by a total of 26 officers and four unit supervisors.

My association with Luis Aroche, began with his appointment as the Alternative Sentencing Planner (ASP) for the District Attorney's office. In this position, he met regularly with staff in our Transitional Age Youth (TAY) unit to strategize on defining alternative supervision recommendations that focused less on incarceration and more on accountability through community rehabilitation.

It is truly remarkably to witness a person that used his analytical, social, and intellectual skills to engage with criminal behavior, redirect their life, and use those same skills to become an inspiration, role model, and community servant. What sets Luis aside is that his passion for this work is beyond his understanding of the theoretical, biological, philosophical, and legal perspectives of our TAY population. Luis is unique because he brings credibility because, he lived it.

My experience of Luis is that he is direct, thoughtful, extends himself, and he demonstrates integrity, honesty, and responsibility to the interests of others, the community, and to the great City and County of San Francisco. Luis will serve this committee well and the committee will benefit from having such a knowledgeable and passionate member to further the mission of the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Should you wish to further discuss the characteristics and qualities of Luis Aroche, please feel free to contact me at (415) 553-1788.

Thank you,

Cristel M. Tullock



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As a member of the San Francisco Youth Commission in 2012-2013, and as a former education campaign director for Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, I have worked to improve access to the resources and opportunities that children, youth and families in San Francisco need to live with dignity. I live in District 9 and have worked closely with youth, families, schools and service providers in the Mission District, Bernal Heights, Excelsior, Chinatown, South of Market, the Castro, and the Bayview neighborhoods.

I grew up in an a working class immigrant family that came to San Francisco in the 1980's escaping civil war in El Salvador. I identify as Latino, Salvadoran-American and am a native Spanish speaker. I also identify as gay and am an active member of the LGBT community. Lastly, I am 25 years old, a first-generation college, masters and law student, and am the oldest brother to seven younger siblings.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

- 1) Office of Supervisor David Campos, Legislative Fellow, Summer 2014: helped secure funding during the City's appropriations process to help stabilize vulnerable non-profit youth service providers
- 2) Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, Education Campaigns Director, 2012-2013: advocated for and secured \$8 million for restorative justice programming, college and career readiness initiatives and language immersion programs geared towards narrowing the achievement gap in SFUSD public schools
- 3) Service Employees International Union Local 1021, Political Organizer, 2012
- 4) Office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg (City of New York), Youth Policy Analyst, 2011-2012: strengthened 15 city-funded youth mentoring programs by building their capacity to evaluate program impact

**Civic Activities:**

- 1) San Francisco Youth Commission, Mayoral Appointee/Legislative Affairs Officer, 2012-2013: helped lead a successful citywide campaigns to establish the Free MUNI for Youth Program which currently provides over 30,000 San Francisco youth with free access to public transportation
- 2) San Francisco Human Rights Commission, Equity Advisory Committee Member: advised the Human Rights Commission on policies and best practices to advance social and economic opportunities for at-risk communities in San Francisco
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*Paul Rodriguez*

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Qualification for Supervisorial Appointed Seat #11: "A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth, and families in communities that are low-income or underserved."

I am writing to express my interest in applying for seat number 11 on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). Like the OAC, I share a deep commitment to expanding access to resources and opportunities that will enable all children, youth and families in San Francisco to live with dignity and to thrive. Using my public policy training and my background in education policy and community engagement, I look to contribute to the OAC's objective of addressing the needs of all young San Franciscans, especially those from low-income and underserved communities.

There is a wide array of skills and experiences that have prepared me to serve in this capacity:

- I have previously served as a Mayoral Appointee to the San Francisco Youth Commission. Working on campaigns including Free MUNI for Youth and the Safe and Supportive Schools resolution passed at the Board of Education, I developed strong working relationships with key stakeholders in City agencies, the school district, and among community groups. Serving on the youth commission provided me with broad experience in community engagement and policy analysis approaches. Moreover, it gave me exposure to a wide range of policy issues impacting young people in San Francisco including education, transportation access, juvenile justice, housing, immigration and LGBT issues.
- Working as a summer Legislative Aide for a member of the Board of Supervisors during the fiscal appropriations cycle, I became familiar with the diverse networks of youth and family service providers working throughout the city. This deepened my understanding of the many avenues through which the City and County of San Francisco finances and contracts out the provision of public services.
- Working as an education policy director for Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, I witnessed firsthand how non-profit and community based organizations can partner with municipal agencies and the school district to more effectively coordinate service delivery in order to improve the quality of services being provided to the public. It also made me aware of the capacity challenges that service providers face with regard to monitoring and evaluating program impacts – something that is critical to DCYF's efforts of improving outcomes among the programs it sponsors.
- As a public policy student at the Harvard Kennedy School, I have received extensive training in budgeting and financial management (such as using activity-based costing, zero-based budgeting, capital budgeting, revenue forecasting, and strategies for public accountability) as well as in program evaluation and performance measurement (like implementing balance scorecards and conducting impact evaluations through regression analysis). I hope to leverage this training to assist DCYF in administering the Children and Youth Fund in the most efficient and transparent way possible.
- Through my graduate training as well as through my experiences working for city government in New York City, Boston and San Francisco I have become knowledgeable about best practices and strategies for improving the educational outcomes of high-need and

Paul Monge-Rodriguez

at-risk youth including students of color, English language learners, LGBT youth, students with Individualized Education Plans and justice-involved youth.

- In 2015 I will begin a Juris Doctorate program at the UC Berkeley School of Law where I plan to focus on youth and education law. I hope to lend both a legal and policy perspective as the OAC assists in developing meaningful recommendations to DCYF.

I am confident that my experience in public policy and community engagement, coupled with my commitment to advancing the objectives of the Department of Children, Youth and their Families, will allow me to meet and exceed the expectations of an Oversight and Advisory Committee member. If there are questions that I can answer or if you would like me to provide any additional information, please let me know and I would be happy to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Paul Monge-Rodriguez



**PAUL E. MONGE-RODRIGUEZ**

Shotwell Street, Apt. San Francisco, CA 94110  
Paul\_Monge-Rodriguez@ | 415.

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)** Berkeley, CA  
Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2018 2015 - 2018  
Honors: Boalt Hall Deans Fellowship Award  
Berkeley Law Foundation Phoenix Public Interest Law Fellow

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government** Cambridge, MA  
Master in Public Policy Candidate, May 2015 2013 - 2015  
Honors: Harvard University Presidential Public Service Fellow  
Bay Area Inspire Award for Young Social Innovators  
SparkAction U.S. Top 24 Under 24 Youth Changemaker  
Activities: Kennedy School Student Government (Vice President of Diversity), HKS LGBT Caucus,  
HKS Latino Caucus (Co-Chair), *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy* (Senior Editor)

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, CA  
Dual Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Global Studies 2007 - 2011  
Honors: Graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with election to Phi Beta Kappa  
College of Letters and Science Honors and Deans List (9 terms)  
Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence (University's highest student honor)  
Robert L. Lorden Award for Outstanding Leadership in Service to Associated Students

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** San Francisco, CA  
**Legislative Aide** Summer 2014

- Led the development of the San Francisco Family Academy, a district-wide leadership development program aimed at supporting public school parents in becoming better prepared advocates for their children's education
- Drafted legislation on coordinating services to address the legal, health and educational needs of Central American refugee children arriving to San Francisco
- Advocated for additional funding during the City's appropriations process to help stabilize vulnerable non-profit youth service providers

**COLEMAN ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** San Francisco, CA  
**Director of Education Policy** Fall 2012 - Fall 2013

- Organized public school families to develop and lead citywide policy campaigns around improving the educational outcomes of low-income students, students of color, LGBT youth and English-language learners
- Advocated for and secured \$8 million for restorative justice programming, college and career readiness initiatives and language immersion programs geared towards narrowing the opportunity gap in SFUSD schools

**SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 1021** San Francisco, CA  
**Electoral Campaign Organizer** Spring 2012 - Fall 2012

- Managed the field operations for a successful County Supervisor race and two successful statewide ballot initiatives affecting public sector employees and state funding for public education (Yes on 30, No on 32)
- Advised candidate campaigns on communications, volunteer recruitment and community outreach strategies

**CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG** New York, NY  
**Health and Human Services Policy Analyst** Spring 2011- Spring 2012

- Supported the coordination of the nation's first municipal Social Impact Bond financing model
- Strengthened 15 city-funded youth mentoring programs by building their capacity to assess program impacts
- Helped design a cognitive behavioral therapy intervention aimed at reducing recidivism rates among incarcerated young men of color at the juvenile unit of Rikers Island

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### **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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#### **SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION**

San Francisco, CA

##### **Commissioner, Mayoral Appointee**

Fall 2012 - Fall 2013

- Advised the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Unified School District on policies and programs to address the unmet needs of San Francisco's children, youth and their families
- Led on two successful citywide campaigns to reform school discipline policies and establish the Free MUNI for Youth Program which currently provides over 30,000 San Francisco youth with free access to public transportation

#### **SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

San Francisco, CA

##### **Equity Advisory Committee Member**

Fall 2012 - Fall 2013

- Advised the Human Rights Commission on policies and best practices to advance social and economic opportunities for at-risk communities in San Francisco
- Focused on developing strategies for narrowing the opportunity gap in local schools, improving police relations with low-income communities and addressing issues of family out-migration and gentrification

#### **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UC SANTA BARBARA**

Santa Barbara, CA

##### **Student Body President**

Spring 2010 - Spring 2011

- Represented 19,000 undergraduate students in all administrative, local, statewide, and national affairs
- Managed the distribution and operation of a \$9.4 million budget
- Administered campus-wide focus groups and need-assessment surveys to identify unmet student needs
- Founded the university's first on campus student-operated Food Bank which has since served over 5,000 students with limited financial resources

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

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- Executive Board Member, San Francisco Young Democrats (2012-2013)
- San Francisco Mission Graduates, After School Tutor and Mentor (2012-2013)
- Coordinator, UC Santa Barbara Voter Registration Volunteer Coalition (2009-2011)
- Academic Advisor, UC Santa Barbara Educational Opportunity Program (2009-2010)
- Chair, UC Santa Barbara Multicultural Recruitment and Retention Center (2009-2010)
- Chair, UC Santa Barbara Student Commission on Racial Equality (2008-2009)
- Leadership Development Coordinator, UC Santa Barbara Office of Student Life (2008-2009)
- Founder and President, UC Santa Barbara Salvadoran Student Union (2008-2009)
- Executive Board Member, United States Student Association (2008-2009)
- Corps Member, International Student Volunteers - Dominican Republic (Summer 2008)

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

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- Hope Institute Fellow, Democratic National Committee (2014)
- San Francisco Institute Fellow, New Leaders Council (2013)
- Law Fellow, UC Berkeley Public Policy and International Affairs Program (2010)
- Law Fellow, UCLA Law Fellows Program (2010)
- McNair Scholar, UCSB Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program (2009-2011)

### **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

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Languages: Spanish (native speaker), Portuguese (intermediate)

Proficient in Excel, STATA, NGP VAN, ArcGIS mapping software and WordPress

Interests: Spoken word poetry, merengue and salsa dancing, Capoeira and Muay Thai martial arts

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Chelsea Boilard [cboilard@colemanadvocates.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:52 PM  
**To:** Avalos, John (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Subject:** CYF-OAC Letter of Support for Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
**Attachments:** Letter of Support-- Paul Monge-Rodriguez.pdf

Dear Supervisors Avalos, Cohen and Tang,

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.



## Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

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June 10, 2015

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Thank you,

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Evans, Derek

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:53 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Candidate for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.htm; ATT00002.htm

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**Date:** June 9, 2015 at 12:10:52 PM PDT  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Candidate for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee

I don't know if you received this.  
Beth

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**From:** Paul Monge <[pmongerodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:pmongerodriguez@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Candidate for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee  
**Date:** June 4, 2015 at 2:37:16 PM PDT  
**To:** [john.avalos@sfgov.org](mailto:john.avalos@sfgov.org)  
**Cc:** "Hsieh, Frances" <[frances.hsieh@sfgov.org](mailto:frances.hsieh@sfgov.org)>, "Pollock, Jeremy" <[jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org](mailto:jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org)>, "Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)" <[beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org](mailto:beth.rubenstein@sfgov.org)>

Hello Supervisor Avalos,

I hope this message finds you and your staff well. My name is Paul Monge Rodriguez and I am reaching out to express my interest in being considered to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC).

Previously, I have had the privilege of serving as a Mayoral Appointee to the San Francisco Youth Commission, an education policy director at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, and a member of the Human Rights Commission Equity Advisory Committee. I recently completed a Masters in Public Policy program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and am eager to apply my training and previous experience to continue serving the children, youth and families of San Francisco.

Based on the OAC description in the Administrative Code, I believe that I would be a strong candidate for seat number 11 among the Supervisorial appointments: "A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth, and families in communities that are low-income or underserved."

To provide some additional background on my experience and qualifications, I've attached a formal statement of interest to serve on the OAC as well as my resume.

If you are any member of your staff would be willing to meet with me in person, I would be more than happy to come by your office and share a little more about myself, my motivations, and my qualifications.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone (415-577-6766) if you have any thoughts or questions. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Best regards,

Paul Monge Rodriguez

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Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
Juris Doctor Candidate, 2018  
UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)

Master in Public Policy, 2015  
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**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:37 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fwd: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee  
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Lisa

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**To:** "Somera, Alisa (BOS)" <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject: Re: Response Requested: Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Hi Alisa,

Attached are three letters of support that I have received from community members for my application to seat number 11 on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. I have at least two other recommenders that plan to have their letters to me by the end of today but I at least wanted to get these initial three to you this morning. If I am able to get those additional letters, would I still be able to include them in my application packet if I send them immediately to you?

Thank you very much,

Paul Monge-Rodriguez

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Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
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On Mon, Jun 8, 2015 at 8:56 AM, Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)> wrote:

Great... we look forward to seeing you on Thursday and I will be sure to distribute and include your additional letters once received. Have a wonderful day!

*Alisa Somera*



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Friday, June 5, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee:

It is my distinct pleasure to provide a recommendation for **Paul Monge-Rodriguez**. I have worked closely with Paul since I joined the staff at the San Francisco Youth Commission in January 2013, during his term serving as a youth commissioner appointed by Mayor Edwin Lee.

During the course of his service on the commission, Paul distinguished himself as a highly dedicated, purposeful, and astute policy advocate, public servant, and community organizer. Upon his appointment to the commission in 2012, Paul was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Legislative Affairs Officer. In his role, Paul stewarded the commission's legislative affairs, including reviewing all local legislation for its impacts on youth; preparing his colleagues to offer formal comment and recommendation on referred legislation; and maintaining close relationships with members of the Board of Supervisors.

Paul also served as the vice chair of the Youth Justice committee. The commission's juvenile justice priorities are among our most fast-paced and controversial work. Paul built and maintained strong relationships with police department command staff, the Police Commission, and the Chief of Juvenile Probation. He gracefully navigated the often competing demands of his role as policy advisor to the City alongside his role as a youth- and community-advocate. Because of his capabilities, Paul is widely respected as a grounded and compassionate policy leader by constituencies across our City's political spectrum. Perhaps most notably, he is highly regarded by community organizations and youth service providers both because of his demonstrated commitment to social justice and to building the leadership of directly-impacted and underserved communities, and because of his strategic and judicious approach to policy advocacy.

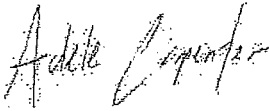
During his time on the commission, Paul carried forward the commission's work on youth-police relations, including successfully advocating against the arming of SFPD officers with tasers and negotiating the content of a MOU between the police department and our local school district—now one of the strongest such documents in the nation. He advocated for recreation-yard access for juvenile detainees and against the arming of juvenile probation officers, earning both local press and New York Times coverage. Paul worked to ensure access to legal representation and streamline the application process for DACA-eligible students in San Francisco. He also authored a resolution calling for the scheduling of Board of Supervisors hearings on youth-related legislation at after school hours, which was subsequently approved as a Board rule. Finally, Paul helped carry forward the commission's transit priorities, including working to cohere the Free MUNI for youth coalition which oversaw the pilot of a free transit program for low- and moderate-income youth. The program has since become permanent and is serving over 32,000 young people in San Francisco.

Paul's dedication to building the leadership of other young policy advocates, especially among immigrant youth and youth of color, is evident in his ongoing mentorship of current youth commissioners. Since leaving his official post as youth commissioner in late 2013 to pursue graduate studies, Paul has stayed in close touch with our office by working with current youth commissioners to address the needs of unaccompanied immigrant youth. He has also volunteered to consult on our training curriculum and led community organizing and policy research training sessions for incoming commissioners.

A struggle I often face in my role as Director is reconciling the passion and urgency youth bring to their advocacy with the actual pace of policy change. However, these apparent contradictions have never seemed to give Paul pause. Paul is simultaneously passionate *and* sensible—highly driven *and* possessed of a remarkably calm and patient countenance. With respect to his vision for civic engagement and community work, Paul is simply one of the most compelling and sophisticated people I have had the privilege of knowing. Moreover, his policy and intellectual acumen are outstanding. Over and on top of these skills, however, Paul has been successful as a public official and in the community because of his deep commitment to public service and his palpable integrity – both of which are borne from Paul's powerful personal story as a first generation immigrant of Salvadoran parents who fled civil war.

Personally, it has been a privilege to work with Paul often. In fact, it is difficult to imagine our work over the last years having gone so well without Paul. I look forward to his continued leadership in San Francisco, and have no doubt that he would go above and beyond the call of duty in his efforts to ensure equitable access and quality services for the youth and children of San Francisco. Without hesitation, I offer my highest recommendation of Paul for appointment to a seat on the Oversight Advisory committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me to further discuss his merits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adele Failes-Carpenter".

Adele Failes-Carpenter, M.A.  
Director, San Francisco Youth Commission



June 8, 2015

Dear Rules Committee,

My name is Betty Cao and I am the Community Organizer at Chinese for Affirmative Action. I manage the Parent Advocates program that trains and develops Chinese immigrant parents to become leaders in their schools and community. I am writing in full support of Paul Monge-Rodriguez to the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. Paul is a committed advocate to the needs of the diverse San Francisco families. I worked with Paul while he was the Education Policy Advocate at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth . We were both a part of the Close the Gap coalition, a coalition of labor and community partners to address and advocate for the needs of underserved students and families. Paul and I worked on engaging our respective leaders to speak out on the barriers of low income and limited English proficient students and parents.

Paul is also an innovator for bringing new ideas to help serve the diverse population of students and families here in San Francisco. While Paul was in his Master's program, he introduced the Education partners and SFUSD staff to Boston's model of Parent University. Parent University is a program that trains SFUSD parents to become advocates on behalf of their own students and community. The SFUSD plans to adopt Paul's proposal into the District's version of Family Academy. Along with his expertise, Paul is a strong community leader for education, youth, and families across San Francisco. Once again, I would like to reiterate my strong support for Paul for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Betty Cao

Community Organizer

Chinese for Affirmative Action

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415 274 6760 x311.

To whom it may concern:

6/9/15

I'm writing this letter of support for Paul Monge as he applies for the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). My name is Catherine Marroquin and I'm the Director of Mission Graduates' College Connect program. College Connect is an intensive family-based college counseling program that works exclusively with low-income, first generation college-bound students that live or go to school in San Francisco's Mission District.

Paul Monge is a great fit for the OAC because of his commitment to the community. Paul volunteered with College Connect to support our rising college freshmen transitioning to college. He is someone with a positive attitude and always extends himself to community. Mission Graduates' staff also collaborated with Paul when he was leading the San Francisco Parent University group. Paul was an excellent group leader and communicator. Through that collaboration we connected with other community based organizations that are involved in parent engagement work. Paul is deeply committed and connected to the wellbeing of our youth because he was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and knows firsthand the challenges our young people face.

I recommend him for the OAC because above all his professional qualities, the thing I admire most about Paul is that he's a good human being. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

In community,

Catherine Marroquin

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Evans, Derek

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**From:** Rubenstein, Beth (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: OAC Recommendation Letter  
**Attachments:** OAC\_Recommendation.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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**Subject:** OAC Recommendation Letter

Hi Beth,

Thanks for helping us throughout this process! Attached please find our letter of recommendation listing our candidates. Please let me know if I need to forward this to each member of the Rules Committee or if you will do that.

Best, Mollie

## Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition

June 10, 2015

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition Recommendations for DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee**

Dear Supervisor Avalos, Chair  
Supervisor Cohen  
Supervisor Tang

The Children and Youth Fund Community Coalition (Coalition) represents a dedicated network of service providers and advocates that work daily to ensure that all children, all youth and all families get the supports they need to thrive in our great city. We are committed to:

- Ensuring equity, and giving priority to children and youth with the highest need;
- Empowering parents, youth and community stakeholders by giving us all a voice in the implementation of the Fund's vision; and
- Building public trust through advocating for transparency and accountability in meeting the needs of children, youth and families.

The Coalition began meeting in the summer of 2012 with the purpose of renewing and strengthening the Children's Amendment. Last November 2014, San Francisco voters approved an increase in the Children's Fund to address many unmet needs in the community including early childhood programs, and services for transition age youth.

*An important addition to the Children's Amendment was the creation of a Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; and to take steps to ensure that the Children and Youth Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.*

The Children's Funding Community Coalition has through its networks solicited qualified candidates with the interest, experience and eligibility to serve on the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee. The following candidates are either members of the Coalition noted with an \* or nominated by members.

Seat 7            Mia "Tu Mutch" Satya

Seat 8            Elisa Rodriguez Furey

Seat 9            Anwar Mojammel

Seat 10      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

Seat 11      Margaret Wertz  
                 Patricia Siegel  
                 Rob Gitin \*  
                 Chrissy Anderson-Zavala  
                 Alyson Lee-Suzuki  
                 Gretchen Ames  
                 Paul Monge-Rodriguez  
                 Tracy Brown-Gallardo \*

We would appreciate your strongest consideration of these candidates for the Oversight and Advisory Committee. Our Coalition is confident that they represent the diversity, experience and commitment to improving the lives of San Francisco's Children, Youth and Families.

Sandee Blechman  
Mollie Ward Brown  
Co-Chairs, Representation Committee  
Children & Youth Fund Community Coalition





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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Children Youth & their Families Oversight & Advisory Committee

Seat # or Category (If applicable): Vacant Seat 11 District: 7

Name: Paul Korntheuer

Home Address: Sequoia Way Zip: 94127

Home Phone: 415- [redacted] Occupation: preschool teacher

Work Phone: 415-752-8258 Employer: St James Preschool

Business Address: 4620 California St Zip: 94118

Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-Mail: pkorntheuer@[redacted]

**Pursuant to Charter Section 4.101 (a)2, Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Registered voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of San Francisco  Yes  No If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter section 4.101 (a)1, please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I am a man working in the predominantly female field of early childhood field. While working, I obtained a bachelor's degree in early childhood from SFSU. I have raised a daughter in San Francisco and she has attended SFUSD schools since kindergarten. She is now a junior in high school. I am male and over 55. I live with my wife and daughter in San Francisco.

4/9/2015 Withdrawn <sup>1318</sup> from consideration

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I am a graduate of City College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University with degrees in early childhood. I currently hold a Child Site Supervisor Permit from the State of California Commission on Teaching Credentialing. I have worked over twelve years in early childhood and currently teach PreK in a San Francisco First5 preschool. Prior to working in early childhood, I was an entrepreneur and worked for audio tech firms. I am a member of NAEYC.

**Civic Activities:**

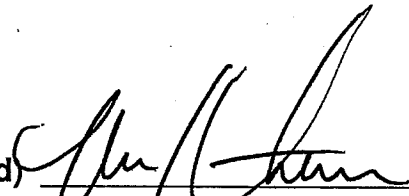
I assisted in writing several successful grants for my daughter's elementary school to obtain sound proofing for the gymnasium and to create a teaching garden. I lead beautification crews for the grounds around Miraloma Elementary School. NERT Training. Attend neighborhood meetings.

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

For appointments by the Board of Supervisors, appearance before the RULES COMMITTEE is a requirement before any appointment can be made. (Applications must be received 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: 3/19/15

Applicant's Signature: (required)



(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once Completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:46 AM  
**To:** Paul Korntheuer  
**Cc:** Davis, Emily (CHF); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Re: CYF Oversight & Adv Committee

Thank you for the update and I will let the supervisors know. Your application will remain on file for a year in the event an unexpected vacancy occurs.

Lisa

> On Jun 9, 2015, at 5:22 PM, Paul Korntheuer <[teachapaul@comcast.net](mailto:teachapaul@comcast.net)> wrote:

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> Hi Emily,

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> Thanks for your email. I had spoken with September Jarrett about the committee last week at HPP's Our House gala. While I would have liked to joined the committee, I am withdrawing my application. The timing is not right for me to take a seat on this committee. I have family health issues that need my attention this summer and I just could not give the committee my all. If Seat 11 becomes vacant for some reason at a later date, please keep me in mind.

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> All the best.

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> Paul Korntheuer

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>> On Jun 8, 2015, at 6:27 PM, Davis, Emily (CHF) <[emily.davis@dcyf.org](mailto:emily.davis@dcyf.org)> wrote:

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>> Hi Paul,

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>> Apologies for taking so long to respond - I have been on vacation.

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>> We are still in the process of setting up the exact meeting dates and times for the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). DCYF's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the body that the OAC will replace, met the first Thursday of every month from 6pm to 8pm at the DCYF office (1390 Market, Suite 900). At this point it appears that the OAC will keep this schedule.

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>> In terms of time commitment outside of the meetings, that is a bit difficult to determine at this point. The CAC were asked to attend relevant DCYF/Children and Youth Fund events, but these events were optional and did not occur often. The OAC has more responsibilities than the CAC did, so there may be more of a time commitment beyond the meetings. I can say with certainty that this time commitment would amount to no more than 5-10 hours per month.

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>> I know these answers are a little on the vague side, and I apologize for that. If you have any other questions please feel free to ask and I'll do my best to respond.

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>> Thank you for your interest in being an OAC member,

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>> Emily Davis

>> Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) City and

>> County of San Francisco

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>> San Francisco, CA 94102

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Paul Korntheuer [<mailto:teachapaul@comcast.net>]  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 5:47 PM  
>> To: Davis, Emily (CHF)  
>> Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
>> Subject: CYF Oversight & Adv Committee

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>> Dear Ms Davis,

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>> I've submitted an application for Seat 11 on the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee. I understand that the Board will meet 6x per year, but I needed to get a better sense of the time commitment for this committee.

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>> Do you know:

>> When this committee will meet? Day / time?

>> How many hours it might require outside of actual committee meetings?

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>> Many thanks!

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>> Paul Korntheuer

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancies:

Vacant seat 7, new appointment, shall be a person who is a disconnected transitional-aged youth, as that term is used in Charter, Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is families with the issues and challenges faced by disconnected transitional-aged youth and with services, programs, and systems for them, for a three-year term yet to be determined.

Vacant seat 8, new appointment, shall be a parent or guardian of a child, which child is enrolled in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the member's appointment for the term. This member shall be from a low-income community or have expertise or substantial experience working to promote the interests of communities of color and shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families, for a two-year term yet to be determined.

Vacant seat 9, new appointment, shall be a parent or guardian of a child, which child, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 5 years and enrolled in a publicly-subsidized or City-funded program. This member shall have demonstrated a commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families, for a three-year term yet to be determined.

Vacant seat 10, new appointment, shall be a person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved, for a two-year term yet to be determined.

Vacant seat 11, new appointment, shall be a person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth and families, for a three-year term yet to be determined.

Exclusions: Current City employees who are at the department head or deputy department head level of authority, San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) employees who are at the Director or Assistant Superintendent level of authority or

higher, and current employees or members of the board of directors for organizations where DCYF is the decision-maker for funding may not serve as members of the Oversight and Advisory Committee. A part-time intern with a DCYF-funded organization who is 24 years old or younger shall not be considered an employee of that organization.

Report: None.


Sunset Date: None.

Additional Information relating to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee may be obtained by reviewing Charter, Section 16.108-1, and Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, available at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors website at [http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application) or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment(s) of the individual(s) who are recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, these vacancies may have already been filled. To determine if vacancies for this Board are still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-4447.*

  
f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Printed: May 6, 2015

Date Established:

March 15, 2015

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**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**Contact and Address:**

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Department of Children, Youth and Their Families  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 554-8991

Fax:

Email: emily.davis@sfgov.org

**Authority:**

Administrative Code, Sections 2A.233-2A.234, and Charter, Section 16.108-1 (Ordinance No. 15-15)

**Board Qualifications:**

The Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (Oversight and Advisory Committee) was established pursuant to Charter, Section 16.108-1 (adopted by the voters as part of Proposition C at the November 2014 election), to review the governance and policies of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), to monitor and participate in the administration of the Children and Youth Fund, and to take steps to ensure the Fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members, as follows:

Appointed by the Mayor (effective 30 days after transmittal of the "Notice of Appointment" to the Board of Supervisors, who may hold a public hearing but cannot reject the appointment)

> Seat 1: A youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment for the term, recommended to the Mayor by the Youth Commission (this member is not subject to the elector requirement since they may be younger than 18 years old).

> Seat 2: A youth 19 years old or younger at the time of appointment for the term, recommended to the Mayor by the Youth Commission (this member is not subject to the elector requirement since they may be younger than 18 years old).

> Seat 3: A parent or guardian of a youth, which youth, at the time of the member's appointment for the term, is under the age of 18 years and enrolled in the San Francisco Unified

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School District. This member shall have demonstrated commitment to improving access to the quality of services for children, youth and families.

> Seat 4: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in services and programs for children ages 5 and younger.

> Seat 5: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved.

> Seat 6: A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access and quality of services for children, youth and families in communities that are low-income or underserved.

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

> Seat 7: A person who is a disconnected transitional-aged youth, as that term is used in Charter, Section 16.108, 18 through 24 years of age at the time of appointment, and who is familiar with the issues and challenges faced by disconnected transitional-aged youth and with services, programs, and systems for them.

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> Seat 10: A person with expertise or substantial experience working in the field of children and youth services in communities that are low-income or underserved.

> Seat 11: A person who has demonstrated commitment to improving access to and quality of services for children, youth and families.

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The Mayor and Board of Supervisors shall appoint the initial members by July 1, 2015. The terms of the initial appointees shall commence on the first date of the meeting and no later than July 1, 2015. Members may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms, except that the members initially appointed to seats 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 shall serve for a first term of three

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years. Serving more than half of a term shall count as serving a full term.

The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families shall provide staffing for the Oversight and Advisory Committee and the Youth Commission shall provide support to the members in seats 1, 2 and 7.

Reports: None

Sunset Date: None

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