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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

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FROM: 2014-2015 Youth Commission

DATE: Wednesday, November 19, 2014

RE: Four Youth Commission actions at the November 17, 2014 meeting: Support on BOS file no. 141123 [Administrative Code - Establishing the Duties of the Office of Early Care and Education and Creating the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee]; Support on BOS file no. 141098 [Health, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Tobacco Sales Permits and Associated Fees]; Motion supporting and co-sponsoring Vision Zero; Motion supporting and co-sponsoring Youth Advocacy Day 2015

At our regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014, the Youth Commission voted to support Board of Supervisors file no. 141123 [Administrative Code - Establishing the Duties of the Office of Early Care and Education and Creating the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee]. The Youth Commission also proposed and approved a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors include guidelines for considering a diverse range of parental experiences when making appointments of parent representatives to the OECE Citizens' Advisory Committee. These could include consideration of the diverse perspectives of parents who are young, single, low-income, or formerly-incarcerated, as well as those from differing San Francisco neighborhoods. The record of our response is contained in [1415-RBM-05](#).

Additionally, the Youth Commission voted to support Board of Supervisors file no. 141098 [Health, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Tobacco Sales Permits and Associated Fees]. The Youth Commission's support for the ordinance is based in our respect for the impressive youth- and community-led effort to reduce tobacco use in our city's neighborhoods. Youth Commissioners look forward to supporting the Board of Supervisors' future efforts to assess the decline of the overall number of tobacco sales permits in circulation due to attrition, if the ordinance takes effect. The record of our response is contained in [1415-RBM-06](#).

Moreover, the Youth Commission adopted motion [1415-M-01](#) [*The Youth Commission supports and co-sponsors the Vision Zero Campaign in promoting safety for the city's youth*]. This motion affirms the Youth Commission's commitment to, and participation in, the City's efforts to eliminate pedestrian fatalities and improve pedestrian safety.

Finally, the Youth Commission adopted motion [1415-M-02](#) [*The Youth Commission supports and co-sponsors the 6th annual Youth Advocacy Day on March 18, 2015*]. This motion affirms Youth Commissioners' participation in an annual Spring event hosted by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families that brings hundreds of high school students to practice civic engagement and youth advocacy.

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554-6446 with any questions. Thank you.

1 [The Youth Commission supports and co-sponsors the Vision Zero Campaign in promoting safety for
2 the city's youth]

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4 Supplemental Information

5 Vision Zero is a ten year campaign to end pedestrian collisions by 2024. Every day, at least three
6 people walking the streets of San Francisco are hit by cars. In the past two years, 60 people have
7 died due to traffic-related collisions in our city. As data shows, District 6 is the most affected area in
8 our city. Because of the limited annual budget of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
9 (SFMTA) and the City, there has been gradual progress in tackling this issue.

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11 Many of the policies Vision Zero entails have translated into completing 40 street improvement
12 projects by January 2016 to reduce pedestrian collisions. Furthermore, the campaign also
13 incorporates Safe Routes to School for elementary school students. In District 6, they have included
14 daylighting solutions to help drivers efficiently see walking pedestrians. The main goals are to urge the
15 city to continue taking the engineering, enforcement, and education steps necessary for protective
16 measures and ending traffic-related deaths.

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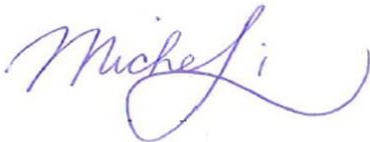
18 Following numerous city agencies and community organizations, the Youth Commission can join the
19 cause for adopting the Vision Zero policies and become a member of the Vision Zero Coalition. As a
20 coalition group member, the Youth Commission can partake in Walk SF events and offer support,
21 youth voice, and collaboration. Together, we can help accomplish Vision Zero goals to make a safer
22 city for youth.

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Michel Li, 2014-2015 Youth Commission Chair

Adopted by Youth Commission November 17, 2014