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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Derek Evans, Committee Clerk, Rules Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Thursday July 7, 2016
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 160587

At our **Tuesday, July 5, 2016 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 160587 Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize San Francisco residents who are not United States citizens but who are the parents, legal guardians, or caregivers of a child residing in San Francisco to vote in elections for the Board of Education, at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Youth commissioners also approved the following comments regarding this legislation:

The Youth Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors specifically outreach to the communities with the top 5 spoken languages in the city.

The Youth Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors ensure the privacy of the individuals be protected as much as possible and be clear that they are not voting in city elections.

This charter amendment is aligned with the Youth Commission's goals of increasing the civic engagement of youth and families, ensuring enfranchisement of immigrant communities, and promoting an inter-generational approach to enhanced civic engagement and voter turnout. Our research and advising regarding the expansion of voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds for municipal elections was among our [top priorities](#) for the past two years. Youth commissioners look forward to working with members of the Board on this issue.

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

Handwritten signature of Luis Avalos-Nunez in cursive.

Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez
Adopted on July 5, 2016

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