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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Erica Major, Committee Clerk, Government Audit & Oversight Committee  
**FROM:** Youth Commission  
**DATE:** Thursday, February 18, 2016  
**RE:** Referral response to BOS Files No. 160109

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At our **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to unanimously support the following motion:

**To support BOS File No. 160109**—Hearing to receive an update on the City's progress in addressing the state of homelessness citywide, including but not limited to: progress in establishing the Department of Homeless Services, including project milestones, timeline, budget, staffing, and primary mission/objectives; an update on the City and San Francisco Unified School District's (SFUSD) initiative to address family homelessness; the status of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) plan to address individuals referred to General Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services; and data regarding the numbers of individuals on General Assistance, and criteria for accessing and removal from these benefits; and requesting DPH, the Human Services Agency, Housing Opportunity, Partnerships and Engagement (HOPE), SFUSD, and the Mayor's Office to report.

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During discussion on this item, youth commissioners also voted to attach the following comments and recommendations regarding this legislation:

- The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to inquire during the course of this hearing, how the new department will seek to address the need of the City's many homeless transitional age youth, and what type of staffing will be dedicated to TAY needs and issues.
- The Youth Commission also urges the Board of Supervisors to inquire during the course of this hearing, how the new department will collaborate with SFUSD to address the needs of homeless families and children.

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.

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Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez  
Adopted on February 16, 2016  
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