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SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION BUDGET & POLICY PRIORITIES

FY 2026-2027 & 2027-2028

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ABOUT THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Per City Charter Sec. 4.122-4.124, the Youth Commission is responsible for advising the Mayor & BOS on SF youth issues, particularly focusing on unmet needs.

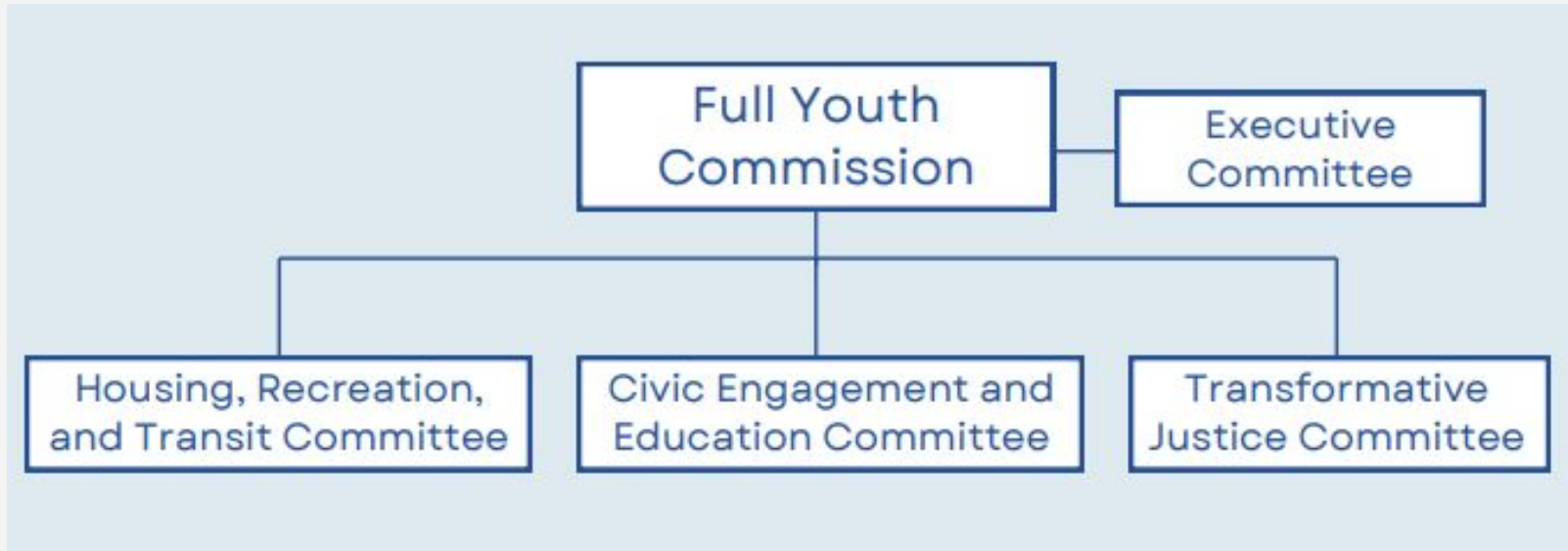
Every budget cycle, the Youth Commission compiles its top priorities and recommendations through our Budget and Policy Priorities (BPPs), which are reported to the Mayor and BOS.

This year, the Youth Commission approved **19** BPPs.



STRUCTURE

- **3 Committees focusing on specific issue areas + an Executive Committee**
- **Each issue-based committees individually drafts BPPs, wick are then reviewed and voted on by the full Commission**



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Transformative Justice



TJ BPP OVERVIEW

- 1. Immigration**
- 2. AI Regulation**
- 3. Youth Violence Prevention: School Safety
& Reducing Weapons Access**
- 4. Food Insecurity**

IMMIGRATION



1. NEWCOMER PROTECTIONS

- a. Fund community-based organizations serving newcomers with multi-year contracts and grants.
- b. “Know Your Rights” training for city staff and contractors.

2. LANGUAGE ACCESS & EDUCATION

- a. Fund OCEIA’s Language Access Community Grants and city/community language services
- b. Recruit and retain bilingual staff, including Vietnamese language specialists.



Youth Violence Prevention

1. **REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE**
Partner with gun buy-back and weapon trade-in events to remove firearms from communities
2. **EXPAND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS**
Increase counseling staff, reduce wait times, and strengthen SFUSD wellness centers.
3. **STRENGTHEN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
Fund community organizations like United Playaz, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, and Samoan Community Development Center

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Civic Engagement and Education



CEEC BPP OVERVIEW

- 1. Curriculum and Disparities**
- 2. Expanding Mental Health and Wellness Center Support**
- 3. College Prep Access**
- 4. Economic Empowerment - Financial Literacy, Youth Employment, Workers' Rights**
- 5. Gender Based Violence - Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence**



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

1. INCREASE TITLE IX CURRICULUM

- a. Recommend SFUSD renew the Title IX Student Advisory Group
- b. Implement and SFUSD curriculum regarding sexual assault, Title XI, and sexual health

2. INCREASE SURVIVOR-SUPPORT FUNDING

Provide non-competitive funding to Domestic Violence Consortium members & strengthen MOVR staffing and oversight capacity

3. STRENGTHEN REPORT & RESPONSE INFRASTRUCTURE

In anticipation of regional tourism surges, the City should institutionalize structured collaboration between the SFPD, the DA's Office, & other agencies to review cases.

In 2022, only **5 out of 24** Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints within SFUSD were investigated.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

1. **ESTABLISH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS**
Create and strengthen partnerships with SFUSD, the Office of Workforce Development, SF Youth Works, MyPath, and other youth-focused career programs.
2. **STRENGTHEN WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS**
 - a. Establish work permit verification and oversight for all youth workers
 - b. Mandate employer and employee training on harassment prevent and anti-discriminatory workplace protections
 - c. Pass Anti-Retaliation Laws



03 Housing, Recreation, & Transit

HRT BPP OVERVIEW

- 1. Free MUNI for Youth**
- 2. Recreation Spaces**
- 3. Street & Traffic Safety**
- 4. Housing**
- 5. Climate & Environment**



Reduce TAY & Youth Homelessness

- 1. Expand diversity of TAY housing:** invest in a range of neighborhoods outside of the Tenderloin close to public transit and colleges; designate more housing communities for specific demographics of youth (e.g., LGBTQ+ and newcomers).
- 2. Create a youth-specific housing assessment and placement process.** Build in geography and age preference.
- 3. Strengthen collaboration between public and private organizations** to create a coordinated support system.

Ensure Street Safety & Public Transit Access for Youth

1. **Invest in lighting, security cameras, and emergency call stations** at high-traffic youth Muni stops during school commute hours and nighttime.
2. **Include youth in annual ridership surveys** to better understand youth safety on transit and inform resource allocation.





Strengthen Efforts to Combat Climate Change

- 1. Protect SFE by allocating \$3.4M from the General Fund.**
- 2. Long-term: expand climate education funding.**
 - a. Urge SFUSD & SFE to dedicate a district-wide Climate Action Day.
 - b. Expand SFE's education program so curriculum covers biodiversity and environmental justice.
 - c. Secure permanent funding for the SFUSD High School Climate Action Fellowship.



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Commission Wide



1. **KEEP THE SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION IN THE CITY CHARTER**

Ensure the Youth Commission remains a chartered advisory Committee, aligning with the voters will and maintaining our independence.

Youth Commission Charter Reform



Youth Commission Staff Hiring

- 1. SUPPORT THE CLERK'S OFFICE'S BUDGET PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN A FULLY STAFFED TEAM OF THREE AT THE SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION**

Ensure that the Youth Commission continues to have a Director, Youth Development Specialist, and Community Partnership Specialist.

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THANK YOU Questions?

The full Budget and Policy Priorities Report is
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