

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Sugar Tax cut
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:39:27 PM

From: Tereza Iniguez <tierramorena@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:35 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Sugar Tax cut

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I understand there is a meeting today that will decide what happens to the Sugar Tax distribution. I am part of a program run by Community Well a center in the Excelcior Neighborhood. I run the transformational weekly program, which has benefited many in the past 8 months even during shelter in place. I could only imagine what it could do if we were able to keep this program running on site. The program started servicing our neighbors in January and the success in those who have attending from the beginning is incredible. This program has helped people cope with the depression, anxiety and the need of community during these challenging times we are presently in as well as building useful tools in caring for themselves and their families. Even during these times they have felt the transformation within themselves, transformation of empowerment, awareness and creativity. I am just one part of a 3 part program teaching the value of food and how it effects our bodies, the importance of movement for over all wellness.

I ask you to really be present for us and the communities who are benefiting from this funding. If this program is supported we will see a positive shift in our community.

Please allow the voices to be heard we need the support to run these programs that help build stronger families and communities.

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SODA TAX SUPPORT TO CBO's
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:37:33 PM

From: Brigitte Knight <bknight159@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: SODA TAX SUPPORT TO CBO's

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I am sending you an email in regards to the Budget Committee Meeting that will be happening tomorrow and the Mayor's proposal to cut the Soda Tax Grants by 40%.

As a consultant at Community Well(CW) in the H3 program I am writing to you today to state that we oppose this proposed funding cut for FY2 and beyond for this funding. Now, more than ever, it is critical that CBOs are able to provide necessary services and support to our SF residents, especially those hardest hit and having least resources through this pandemic.

These grants awarded are helping with food insecurity, healthy eating, health education/prevention of underlying conditions, homeless support, mental health support, and other health related issues. Soda tax funds were intended to help increase food security and provide access to healthy eating in San Francisco, while decreasing soda consumption. Soda tax funding that is currently going to other programs, like Rec & Park, should be redirected to organizations meeting these immediate needs, not the other way around.

CW is proud of the comprehensive Health Program that we have been able to implement with this funding during FY1. Last year our data shows that over 130 SF Residents participated our funded program with:

- 24.4% directly located in the 94112 Zip Code
- 55% qualifying on SF Low Income Standards
- 43% Latinx Population
- 34.4% Asian Population

Thank you for hearing out this concern and the reasons for opposing the proposed cut to this funding. The services and impact of the CBOs receiving this funding goes way beyond dollars. If there is a follow up action item that needs to be performed/submitted as a next step please let me know.

Thank you for your attention,

Brigitte Knight
Community Well Instructor & Resident of D11

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: comment on proposed cuts to sugary drinks tax grants in DPH budget
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:20:41 PM
Attachments: [SDDTAC v. Mayor Comparison FY 20 21 .pdf](#)

From: Sarah Nelson <sarah@18reasons.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: comment on proposed cuts to sugary drinks tax grants in DPH budget

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Food insecurity is at an all-time high in the City due to the pandemic, and food security services are critical for the health and long term well-being of our communities. My organization was on the cusp of signing a three-year, \$1 million grant with the San Francisco Department of Public Health to bring nutrition education and food access to low-income San Francisco residents. We were devastated to learn that the Mayor cut our entire grant budget, as well as similar grants to 20 other organizations, from her proposed budget, ignoring the recommendations of the hard-working Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee. I am attaching a copy of the proposed cuts to this email.

I am writing to ask that you advocate for the restoration of these grant funds in the final budget. Now is not the time to abandon those in our community that are most in need. There are several organizations on the attached list whose work is critical to sustaining community health. If cuts need to be made, I would advocate cutting the Mayor's proposed increase of funding to Recreation & Parks, using the Soda Tax proceeds, which does not provide services related to decreasing consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. The dollars generated from this tax should and need to go to their intended purpose.

Like many nonprofits, 18 Reasons' budget has been hit hard by this crisis, at the moment when our services have never been needed more. Our staff have spent the past six months distributing food to low-income families in San Francisco and working hard to keep our organization afloat. We are counting on this funding to be able to expand our work and our impact in San Francisco in the coming years. As we work together to survive this pandemic, we can't forget the most vulnerable in our communities.

Thank you,
Sarah Nelson, Executive Director, 18 Reasons

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18 Reasons is a nonprofit cooking school on a mission to empower our community with the confidence and creativity needed to buy, cook, and eat good food every day.

Save Community Based Food Security Programs!

16 organizations are funded by the City's Soda Tax (SDDT) Healthy Communities Grants, serving youth and low-income City BIPOC communities. The SDDT Advisory Committee recommended continuing multi year grants to these organizations. **The Mayor's Budget cuts these grants by more than \$1.5 million - that is a 52% cut to critical food-security and education programs.** The Mayor's Budget then takes that \$1.6 million and gives it to the Recreation and Parks Department, against the recommendation of the SDDT Advisory Committee (noted below). As proposed, 25% of all Soda Tax revenue goes to Rec & Park.

All of the Healthy Communities-funded programs are on the ground, reaching youth and underserved BIPOC populations; many of them pivoted to direct food-access services during the COVID emergency. **All of them are at risk with this proposed cut.** While Recreation and Parks has valuable aims for its programs, they don't share the same nexus with the Soda Tax as the above programs, and can find funding elsewhere in their own budget and other resources. **Please restore \$1.5 million in funding for SDDT Healthy Communities Grant-funded programs, support the SDDT Advisory Committee, and maintain healthy food access for the City's vulnerable communities.**

SDDTAC & Mayor's Proposed Soda Tax Allocations FY 20-21			
Item	SDDTAC Recommended Amount	Mayor's Budget	Variance
Community-Based Grants			
Health education, food security, physical activity	\$3,260,000	\$1,695,212	-\$1,564,788
CBO's working with SFUSD	\$300,000	\$300,000	
Media	\$250,000		
Community engagement	\$50,000		
Capacity Building Grants	\$470,000		
TOTAL	\$4,330,000	\$1,995,212	-\$2,334,788
SFUSD			
School food, nutrition ed.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Student led action	\$500,000		
Student led media coordinator	\$250,000		
SFUSD Kitchen/Food Infrastructure Upgrade	\$330,000		
TOTAL	\$2,080,000	\$1,000,000	-\$1,080,000
Food Access			
Healthy food purchasing supplement	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	
Healthy Retail SF	\$150,000	\$150,000	
TOTAL	\$1,350,000	\$1,150,000	-\$200,000
Oral Health			
Community task forces	\$450,000	\$450,000	
School-based sealant application	\$350,000	\$350,000	
school-based edu. and case management	\$200,000		
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	-\$200,000
Water Access			
Water Access - SFUSD	\$340,000		
Water Access - Public Spaces	\$0		
TOTAL	\$340,000	\$0	-\$340,000
SF Recreation & Parks			
Peace Parks	\$650,000		
SVIP Funding - Peace parks transportation	\$225,000	\$225,000	
Outreach, scholarships, equity in recreation	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL	\$875,000	\$2,225,000	\$1,350,000
Breastfeeding	\$175,000	\$0	-\$175,000
Support for small business/merchants	\$250,000	\$0	-\$250,000
Infrastructure (Staffing/Research Support)	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0
Total	\$11,200,000	\$7,970,212	-3,229,788

Community-Based Grant Programs at Risk

Asociacion Mayab
 Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates
 Bayview Hunters Point Clinic
 BMAGIC
 Bounce Back and Healthy Generations Project
 CARECEN
 CommunityGrows
 Community Well
 18 Reasons
 Farming Hope
 San Francisco African American Faith Based Coalition
 SisterWeb
 SoMa Community Action Network (SOMCAN)
 Southeast Asian Development Center
 TNDC
 Urban Sprouts

Increase to 25% of entire Soda Tax Allocation?

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment: Budget Appropriations Committee Items 1,2 - 200567 and 200568
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:17:43 PM

From: Moses Corrette <moses@ifpte21.org>
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To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment: Budget Appropriations Committee Items 1,2 - 200567 and 200568

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Ms. Wong-

I hope to call in my comments, this is a copy of what I intend to say. Thank you!

Chair Fewer, Supervisors -

My name is Moses Corrette and I am a City Planner at the Planning Department. I am also a member of Local 21. I speak today as a member of Local 21.

I want to voice my opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget for its assumptions for labor give-backs.

As a city planner, I process permits for home improvements and for businesses, thereby helping to support our local economy. My colleagues continue to work full-time to facilitate approvals for affordable housing and other vital projects.

Like myself, the overwhelming majority of my colleagues are revenue-generating, not only for our Department through fees, but also because when the projects we approve get built, the construction industry is also supported.

Under-employed workers with less funds to spend would hurt the SF economy as a whole because folks would spend less, thus not be able to stimulate economic growth.

I have been a resident of San Francisco for 20-years and District 8 for 12, and want to continue to work and live in SF and to continue serving our community in the way that I have.

It shouldn't be either forego Cost-of-Living adjustments or cut jobs, I deserve a living wage that keeps up with the cost of living. As it is, this year I have had to get a roommate to make ends meet because of the rising cost of living in SF.

Asking workers to give back more during this time is unnecessary. We are working people in this City too. Use the City's reserves and don't balance the budget on the backs of your workforce.

Moses Corrette
Executive Vice President,
IFPTE Local 21

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment re: yesterday"s hearing
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:48:06 PM

From: Maria Arrine <marrine@aansf.org>
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Subject: Public Comment re: yesterday's hearing

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Good afternoon,

The African Advocacy Network is a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). AAN's mission is to provide every African and Afro-Caribbean expat with the dignity and legal protection they deserve while easing the many cultural and legal obstacles faced by this immigrant community. Our organization provides immigration representation in both removal proceedings as well as affirmative applications and family petitions. We have served hundreds of African and Afro-Caribbean immigrants and have secured asylum, legal permanent residence, and citizenship for hundreds of members of our community.

In addition to legal services, the African Advocacy Network engages with our community through outreach, education, and social services. Having served this community in San Francisco for over a decade, our grassroots organization has witnessed the intersection of xenophobia and anti-blackness that affects the community we strive to serve. Our services have been crucial in ensuring justice for individuals who have suffered systemic barriers because of their immigration status and the color of their skin. We want to thank Mayor Breed and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for preserving their commitment to immigrant justice and equity in the City of San Francisco.

Thank you.

Warmly,

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Subject: Fwd: Forwarding Message from Community for Public Comment on MOHCD
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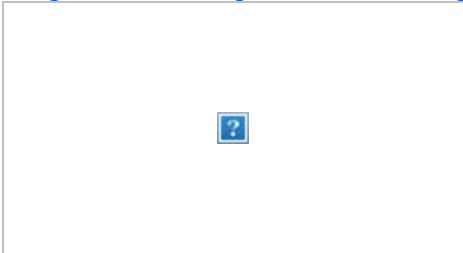
Hello Linda,

I'm forwarding this message for MOHCD Budget item from a community member that doesn't have access to email, and internet. Thank you so much.

"Hola mi Nombre es Mirna y soy miembro de mujeres unidas y activas estoy agradecida por el apoyo que me han brindado y por las ayudas que dan a la comunidad he recibido mucho apoyo de Mua

Best,
Abby

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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From: Becki Hom <becki@cjjc.org>
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Subject: Public Comment for Budget Hearing on Wed Aug 12 2020

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Dear Linda and Supervisors on the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Becki Hom, and I work with Causa Justa :: Just Cause. I am speaking in regards to the Mayor's Office of Housing budget and more specifically tenant counseling, outreach, and education.

Just Cause was able to quickly pivot during the beginning of shelter-in-place from drop-in tenant counseling to a hotline. Since our hotline opened, we have received hundreds of calls asking to get information on the eviction moratorium, support with needing to respond to landlord harassment, repairs, rent increases and more.

Already disproportionately cost-burdened and in overcrowded housing, low-income Black, Latinx and immigrant families are now facing higher rates of unemployment, higher rates of infections, and increased deaths from COVID-19.

As tenants have lost their job and are being affected by COVID, the need for tenant counseling, outreach, and education has also increased not just by CJJC, but by all tenant counseling organizations in the City. Please restore funding for Causa Justa :: Just Cause and our partners so that we can support tenants stay in their housing.

Thank you,
Becki

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Subject: Public Comment

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Dear Ms. Wong,

On behalf of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, I am writing to offer the attached public comment to the Board of Supervisors in support of the MOHCD's funding recommendations. I am hoping to be able to offer these comments live at the hearing, but submit them here as well given the unpredictable timing.

Thank you in advance for your attention.

Blaine

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August 12, 2020

Board of Supervisors
Budget & Appropriations Committee
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Re: Public Comment in Support of the MOHCD Funding Recommendations

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

My name is Blaine Bookey and I am Legal Director for the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS), based in the Tenderloin in San Francisco steps from City Hall. Since 1999, we have been working to advance protections for asylum seekers through strategic litigation, technical assistance and training, and policy and advocacy. On behalf of CGRS, I write in support of the funding recommendations made by the Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Development (MOHCD) as it relates to the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC).

CGRS is a proud founding member of SFILDC. Working closely with our partners, we provide training, litigation resources and other support to attorneys, essential components of the program to ensure lawyers can take on a higher volume of cases and leverage expertise. Deportation is a death sentence and data shows that competent representation can make the difference between winning or losing. With the city's support, we have helped create a cadre of well-equipped attorneys to take on these complex cases and improve fairness as well as efficiency in an otherwise wildly unfair and inefficient immigration court system. CGRS has provided in depth assistance and one-on-one mentoring in over 100 SFILDC cases, 75 in FY2019 alone, and has produced dozens of on-demand training resources.

SFILDC attorneys also collaborate closely with our Center and help prioritize issues for strategic litigation. And with support of SFILDC organizations, we have identified and pursued cases leading to precedent setting decisions improving the law for all asylum seekers. We also participate in the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRP), a critical program for ensuring due process and accountability against abusive enforcement practices.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Mayor and MOHDC for supporting our immigrant community at this critical moment. The Trump administration has led an all-out assault on immigrants and asylum seekers in particular. And, in many instances, lawyers provide the only bulwark against these threats that occur behind closed doors. As a national

organization, we know that San Francisco's bold leadership in the movement toward universal representation for immigrants has moved other cities and localities to similar action.

We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve MOHCD's recommendation of \$3,681,476 in funding for SFILDC for October 2020 through June 2021 and restore the \$182,000 in funding that was cut from the SFRRN in the 2020-2021 recommendations. The funding is vital for our collaborative to continue meeting the pressing and immediate needs of our clients and community. The city's support saves lives.

Sincerely,

Blaine Bookey

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for MOHCD presentation
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From: Abigail Salazar <abigail@dscs.org>
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To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Public Comment for MOHCD presentation

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Hi Linda,

Sending in one last comment in Spanish:

Buenas tardes compañeras Espero que se encuentren bien Mi nombre es Dora Leticia Ramírez soy miembro de mua y nomás compartirlas a ustedes verdad de que pues sí vale la pena apoyarnos como grupo pues nomás también decirle De nada que Gracias amor ya los que apoyan amo Ah pues Nosotros hemos yo he recibido lo que es la ayuda de una abogada y también pues ya tengo lo que es mi permiso de trabajo es para mí es una gran bendición que que exista el grupo de mua y que luchemos Porque si vale la pena

Best,
Abigail Salazar

> On Aug 12, 2020, at 6:44 PM, Abigail Salazar <abigail@dscs.org> wrote:

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> Hello Linda,

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> Submitting public comment on behalf of a community member who doesn't have access to internet in Spanish:

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> Quiero dar las gracias y quiero pedir que si pueden seguir apoyando a Respuesta Rápida porfavor , También quiero decir que gracias a los tayeres que resibi pude asesorarme y fue de mucha ayuda para mí lo que las abogadas del programa me enseñaron a como defender mi casi migratorio agradezco mucho el apoyo es de gran ayuda para todas las personas que se encuentran en tal situacion ya que gracias a eso podrán seguir asesorando y tendrán conocimiento

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> Thank you,

> Abigail Salazar

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on Mayor's Budget - Please Keep MOHCD Funding Whole for the Immigrant Justice Portfolio
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Subject: Public Comment on Mayor's Budget - Please Keep MOHCD Funding Whole for the Immigrant Justice Portfolio

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Dear Linda Wong,

I write to submit public comment on the Mayor's budget.

I strongly support the Mayor's proposal to keep the funding whole for the Immigrant Justice Portfolio, including the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), of which my agency is a part. We are very grateful to MOCHD and the Mayor's office for keeping our funding whole in this budget. As a legal collaborative, SFILDC is legally and ethically obligated to continue representing our current clients until the conclusion of their cases, so any budget cuts would put increased strain on already overburdened non-profit organizations. Through San Francisco's Immigrant Justice Portfolio, San Francisco provides a unique and groundbreaking model for the rest of the country. The private bar can charge \$15,000 or more for a single removal defense case, which most low-income individuals cannot afford. By leveraging the existing infrastructure of our partners and the knowledge and expertise of our technical assistance organizations (including my own organization, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center), we have provided a clear and successful model for how to effectively work towards universal representation in immigration court, which will hold this administration accountable for its attempts to violate the due process rights of immigrants. No other city in the United States has been as successful in providing this level of representation to its residents. When our collaborative fights, we win. Through our unique model, we have been successful in keeping our clients in San Francisco, with their families, in 91% of our completed cases.

I also support the San Francisco Rapid Response Network having its funding restored by \$182,000 to ensure that we are able to respond and protect the rights of San Francisco residents anytime they

are apprehended by immigration officials.

Sincerely,
Rachel Prandini

[Rachel Prandini](#) she/her/hers

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Take care of San Francisco's Front Line Treatment Facilities
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Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: Take care of San Francisco's Front Line Treatment Facilities

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Guzman <campaigns@good.do>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:30 AM
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Subject: Take care of San Francisco's Front Line Treatment Facilities

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Coming from a long time certified mental health and addiction treatment specialist, I must advise you not to make any cuts to our budget or you will be de-funding the last remaining hope for many while exacerbating the homeless problem in a time when doing so will be disastrous. We are bleeding staff now and running on skeleton crews as it is.

We do not work from the safety of our homes and have been helping to keep people safe while maintaining treatment that helps people to get them off the street and into residential treatment settings. But these facilities like the Baker Places are staffed by fewer and fewer professionals these days because NO-ONE wants to work in them because of this pandemic and the lack of decent pay especially for professional skills demanded and the personal sacrifices we are making today to maintain these islands of hope for folks. WE are also treating people that the hospitals and clinics are getting in facilities that were never designed to run "stabilization or isolation units" but we remaining staff have to find a way to make it work with little to no help from the city of San Francisco other than to further mandate new and dubious strategies that add to our work, NOT to any appreciable safety - and remember, I am a veteran of these programs and I know what I am talking about here. I

will tell you all now, more cuts and you will accelerate the demise of treatment in San Francisco and we will have nothing but "flop houses" crewed only by those willing to work for peanuts that do nothing but perpetuate the homeless problem. We are already in trouble, Do not threaten our already woefully inadequate operating budget with cuts. I have been a front line counselor for over 18 years working for these agencies and seen the city come after our budget every time they get into trouble. You always cut from the bottom even though the city relies heavily on our services. I know as a union shop steward I have been down to city hall many times over the years to fight for these

programs that do so much for the people everybody turns their backs on, and you will see me this year as well if it comes down to it with many more behind me than in previous years. Why is the city coming after OUR budget? The professional skills needed to work with this very acute population and a

sked of us all who work in these programs is both disrespected and discouraged by our present pay rates, and yet we are asked to continue to help the city by getting these folks off the street to get the treatment, and/or housing they need. This city needs these programs and we serve a need that will not be addressed by cuts to our budget. There has been lip service to praise frontline workers as essential one moment, but when there is a budget crisis of any kind, we are treated like we are expendable because our budget is one of the first to get scrutinized for downsizing. No wonder I am retiring this year, I am done. Take care of these facilities and the people who have the passion and the courage to work them, or you and the city of San Francisco will all be the losers

But the budget submitted by the Mayor's office on July 21 doesn't ensure that we'll be able to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. It instead attempts to balance the budget on the backs of the public workers risking their lives to provide disaster services.

There is another path forward. The City has over \$1 billion in reserves, thousands of vacancies yet to be frozen, and federal aid on the way. As the Board of Supervisors deliberates on the next budget, we urge you to consider three steps that avoids the crushing, harmful austerity that our community cannot endure:

- 1.) Tap into the city's rainy day and reserve funds.
- 2.) Curtail expensive contracting- and granting-out.
- 3.) Support initiatives to make sure billionaires and wealthy corporations pay their fair share to fund public services.

City workers, in addition to risking our lives every day on the frontlines of COVID-19, have already given back tens of millions in scheduled raises. We are doing more with less each and every day as a result of over \$560 million in annualized vacant budget positions.

San Francisco is reeling from the impacts of a global pandemic, systemic racism, and an economy that favors the wealthy. We need the Board of Supervisors to take these necessary steps to protect every resident of San Francisco, the vital public services we all benefit from, and the dedicated workers who serve our residents each day in the face of a dangerous pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Guzman

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Dear Linda Wong,
Thank you for considering my public comment for the 8/13 [Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting](#).

Good morning, Board of Supervisors. My name is Juliana Morris and I am a family physician at San Francisco General Hospital and in the community, and a member of the DPH Must Divest coalition. I am addressing you today to encourage you to take action in the DPH budget to defund the sheriffs' presence within DPH this year, and invest in alternatives. We know that relying on law enforcement to foster safety within healthcare institutions is not the industry standard, and causes harm, disproportionately to BIPOC individuals. We are heartened that Director Colfax has publicly recognized this and made a commitment to move forward with developing alternatives to the sheriffs within DPH. I wholeheartedly support an inclusive, community process to develop these alternatives, *and* I there are ways that this commitment can, and should already be reflected in the budget this year. We know that almost half of the calls the sheriffs receive are for patient care needs. These needs can in large part be addressed by alternative de-escalation models that already exist on campus. A lot of the sheriffs' budget goes to overtime that would not be needed if alternative options were present. Please make a commitment to ensuring this process moves forward with the urgency it requires. Defund the sheriffs budget within the DPH, invest that money in expanding the on-campus de-escalation teams and funding a community advisory board that leverages the expertise of community organizations to continue envisioning alternatives to law enforcement at SFGH and throughout the DPH, that will ensure the work moves forward with vision and accountability. Thank you for your attention.

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Dear Linda Wong,

Thank you for considering my public comment for the 8/13 Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting.

Good morning, Board of Supervisors. My name is Leigh Kimberg. I am a primary care physician who works that the Richard Fine People's Clinic at SFGH and a Professor of Medicine at UCSF. I am also the SFDPH Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator. As someone who has been engaged in violence prevention and trauma-informed care work for three decades I care deeply about creating safe, nurturing and healing healthcare eco-systems. This is why I joined the DPH Must Divest coalition. Relying on law enforcement (especially with officers who carry firearms) is highly unusual in healthcare settings and incompatible with the creation of a safe, nurturing and healing environment, especially for BIPOC individuals. If our highest goal is to foster safety and healing for all patients and staff, we must invest in new healing-centered and trauma-informed systems of safety. Funding and centering the wisdom, expertise and leadership of community members, especially BIPOC community members, in a collaborative planning process would enable us to ensure success. Even in the initial community meeting hosted by the DPH Must Divest coalition, multiple helpful ideas were shared by community members. Multiple community members offered the advice that patient support and accompaniment on the SFGH campus by culturally congruent community staff would rapidly improve safety and patient experience. Additionally, there are existing behavioral health programs at SFGH that have been proven effective in preventing and de-escalating situations that could lead to harm; yet, currently, these services are markedly under-funded and limited in scope and hours of availability.

I and the members of the DPH Must Divest coalition are grateful that Director Colfax has publicly recognized the need for change and made a commitment to move forward with developing alternatives to the sheriffs within DPH. My understanding is that there is already a commitment to move a very small percentage of the SFSD budget into funding alternative safety measures for the coming year. This is a start. Yet, more comprehensive change needs to happen more rapidly.

Especially during this pandemic when communities are suffering from enormous stressors and the public health of our entire community depends upon the healthcare setting being as safe, welcoming and nurturing for all community members, defunding SFSD and rapidly funding alternatives is imperative. I hope you will support defunding of the SFSD budget within SFDPH and rapid investment in 1) a funded diverse community advisory board to guide this transition process, 2) expansion of clinical behavioral health prevention and de-escalation teams, 3) piloting of community-led patient navigation/patient accompaniment system, 4) robust prevention and de-escalation training for staff, and 5) investment in supportive care and coaching for staff who feel unsafe at work for any reason. Over the past 30 years working in SFDPH clinics, I have witnessed the extraordinary creativity of patients, families, and staff and a mission-driven commitment to providing high-quality care; surely, together, we can develop healing-centered and trauma-informed care models that support the collective safety and well-being of patients, families and staff.

Thank you for your attention, leadership and commitment to supporting healing care in San Francisco.

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Dear Linda Wong,

Thank you for considering my public comment for the 8/13 [Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting](#).

Good morning. My name is Fabián Fernández and I'm a medical student at UCSF that works at ZSFG - I encourage you all to take action to defund the sheriff's presence within the DPH budget this year and invest in community-based alternatives including patient navigators, conflict de-escalation teams, training for staff, and a community advisory board that can continue to vision and implement alternatives to law enforcement at DPH clinics and ZSFG. Thank you for your attention.

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Dear Linda,

Apologies for the late submission. Please find the below written comment from the Immigration Center for Women and Children – San Francisco office:

The Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC) would like to thank Mayor London Breed, the Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Development, and the Board of Supervisors Finance Subcommittee for preserving the city's commitment to immigrant justice and equity in San Francisco.

Since 2010, the ICWC-San Francisco office has provided immigration legal services (U and T Visas, VAWA, and SIJS) to underserved, immigrant residents of San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area. The resulting immigration benefits allow survivors of crime, trafficking, or abuse to obtain lawful status, thereby empowering individuals to create safe and stable environments for themselves and their families. The ICWC mission is to assist immigrant survivors to break the cycle of abuse and poverty by providing them a means to live in safety and become self-sufficient through the immigration legal process.

As a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), ICWC attorneys represent immigrant residents of San Francisco before the Immigration Court, participate in the San Francisco Rapid Response Network, and aid unrepresented immigrants during their initial court hearings through the Attorney of the Day Program. ICWC also provides orientations to sponsors of minors in removal proceedings through the Legal Orientation Program for Custodians (LOPC), funded by the Executive Office of Immigration Review. Through LOPC, ICWC often refers unaccompanied minors and their guardians residing in San Francisco to SFILDC so that they may be able to obtain legal representation, and often provides *pro se* brief services to the minors and their guardians.

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Subject: Re: <no subject>

I had nice brief comments prepared and everything:

My name is Frances Matthew. I work at the public library with programs supporting youth, families, immigrants, and elders. I'd like to raise three objections to the Mayor's plan to strip workers of negotiated pay raises.

First, these raises are not huge, they basically help keep pace with the cost of living in a city that only grows more expensive every year.

Second, these raises will support San Francisco as a whole. This money isn't going to get stuck under a mattress, it will pay rent and buy food and purchase services to help our community and economy recover from this crisis.

Third, this disaster is not some un-anticipated surprise that was unimaginable when labor agreements were reached. On my City ID badge, it has my picture and department on one side, and my disaster service worker designation on the other. Disaster planning is literally written on the back of every City job, we all know disasters will come, and the City plans for it. This is one reason why a budget reserve is kept and federal relief money is granted, to fulfil commitments made to the workers who take care of this community in good times and in bad. These are the bad times, and workers are honoring our difficult end of the bargain, SEIU and the City should uphold its end too, using funds intended for this exact purpose.

It is a false economy to make things harder for the very people working so hard to make things better for us all. And so I respectfully insist: honor the contract. Pay our wages. Help us to help our City. Thank you.

On Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 5:56 PM Jessica Beard <jbeard@ifpte21.org> wrote:

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Dear Linda and Board of Supervisors ,
I am Amanda Alvarado Ford the Executive Director at La Raza Centro Legal and I wish to express my gratitude to the Supervisors for fully funding SFILDC and SFILEN. Our clients depend on this funding to save their lives and to transform their lives.

We also wish to ask for a restoration of funding to the SF Rapid Response Network- thank you

Amanda Alvarado Ford

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Good afternoon, my name is Leticia Arce. I am sorry not to be providing this comment in-person and by phone, I could not stay after the presentations to provide my comment. I'm the SF housing lead organizer with Causa Justa :: Just Cause as well as a tenant in SF. I have been a tenant for 12 years and live in District 7. In my role, I coordinate our tenant hotline where we provide counseling to low-income families, seniors, and monolingual-Spanish speakers. I am speaking on behalf of our organization, our membership, and the clients we serve on our hotline. SF is a majority renter city with over 65% households being renters. In the time of a pandemic, it's contradictory and a travesty to be cutting funds to a much needed department and services from the Mayor's Office of Housing. We are calling for no cuts to this department or any other community programs to help ensure that we protect the most vulnerable in our communities. The laws that we have in place are only effective if people know about them and know how to exert and defend their rights. Many times tenants don't know what their rights are and community organizations play a crucial role in informing people of their rights; acting as an early intervention measure to keep people in their homes. In the time of the pandemic, we've had over 600 people contact our tenant hotline - this includes tenants, other service providers, homeowners, and landlords. People are calling because they lost their jobs and don't have money for rent, they're being harassed and threatened with eviction, or they are receiving court paperwork from landlord lawyers and they don't know what to do or where to go - we support tenants, ground them on their rights, and connect them to the resources they need; we are often times the first line of defense for tenants. It is crucial to protect the existing safety net and services people have access to at this time. We have already seen how this pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black, Latinx, and immigrant communities; our people are dying and losing employment at higher rights. We must do all that we can to protect the most vulnerable populations in our city; this includes funding the services that are needed to combat displacement and the wave of evictions that we know is coming. Rather than cutting funding from this department that provides much needed services in the time of a housing crisis and global health pandemic, the City should be cutting the budget of the SFPD and reallocate those funds to these types of services. Again, no cuts to SFMOH or other community services.

Thank you,

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Despite the disproportionate health risks that immigrants face during the pandemic, the Federal Government's deportation machine continues to operate in San Francisco. In response, SFILDC member organizations continue to work tirelessly to protect clients' due process rights, responding to calls to the SFRRN hotline on a 24-hour basis and successfully advocating for the release of clients facing inhumane and life-threatening conditions in immigration detention facilities. Our organizations also provide a vital link between the community and the social services available to undocumented residents during the pandemic. In accordance with our legal obligations as attorneys, our partners diligently continue to prepare their cases before the court and serve our clients while also complying with the city's orders related to shelter-in place, social distancing, and remote work. Furthermore, we are legally bound as attorneys to continue to represent our current caseload of 884 clients. Therefore, any instability in funding to our collaborative places a huge burden on our agencies and our attorneys to meet legal and ethical obligations to our clients.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Public comment for 8/12/20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing

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Dear Ms. Wong,

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) provides the following written comment for the City and County of San Francisco 8/12/20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing. Founded in 2008, KIND is the leading 501c3 nonprofit organization in the country providing free legal representation to children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone. KIND's vision is a world in which children's rights and well-being are protected as they migrate alone in search of safety. To achieve this mission, KIND ensures that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation; advances laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness; and promotes, in countries of origin, transit, and destination, durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate. With headquarters in Washington, DC, KIND is a national organization with field and satellite offices in, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Falls Church (Virginia), El Paso, Fresno, Houston, Mexico City, Newark, New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, and Tijuana, all of which implement local initiatives to support KIND's main program area of Legal Programs. KIND's San Francisco field office and Fresno satellite office opened in February and April of 2016, respectively.

KIND joined the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) in 2016. KIND is proud to be a member of this collaborative and join with its many other dedicated partners to provide high quality legal services for some of the most vulnerable members of our community through direct legal representation, training, and mentoring of other legal service providers and pro bono partners.

With SFILDC funding, KIND has been able to pivot its services during the pandemic to continue assisting clients. KIND clients and their caregivers have also been rendered even more vulnerable from the pandemic and shut out of federal recovery efforts. Over the years, KIND has been able to use SFILDC funding to provide trauma-informed services and obtain crucial legal victories, such as asylum grants for sisters like Maria and Karina* (names changed to preserve confidential identities). Maria and Karina are two sisters from El Salvador who fled their country shortly after their uncle was brutally kidnapped and murdered. Once in the U.S., the girls were reunited with their mother and step-father. KIND placed their case with a pro bono attorney at a San Francisco law firm and provided tailored mentorship of their cases. The girls were elated and relieved when their applications were approved several months later. As demonstrated, with SFILDC funding, KIND is able to better protect the due process rights and well-being of San Franciscan unaccompanied children. This is crucial in the face of a rapidly evolving political and legal landscape that has relentlessly attacked the rights of unaccompanied children, immigrants, and asylum-seekers.

We thank Mayor Breed, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and the City and County Board of Supervisors in preserving SFILDC's funding and reinforcing the City and County of San Francisco's commitment to justice and equity for the most vulnerable communities in San Francisco. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Public Comment for 8/13 DCYF Budget Hearing
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From: Amelia Rudberg <arudberg@ymcasf.net>
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Hi, my name is Amelia Rudberg, and I work in District 2, with the YMCA of San Francisco.

I am writing to urge you to avoid the \$723 thousand in cuts to services for Children, Youth and Families, and invest an additional \$9.8 million in to ensure that we can provide much needed essential services.

SPWG requests that **DCYF not mandate any cuts across the board to current grantee contracts**, and **requests a 10% increase in the cost of doing business for all youth-serving nonprofit workers contracted through DCYF** to address the inequity gap between comparable City employee position wages and City contracted nonprofit worker wages.

With the most recent data from DCYF, city funds only accounted for 59% of total program costs. CBO's throughout the city had to generate \$65.6 million in revenue. With a likely decrease in the ability to generate this revenue, services will be significantly impacted by city cuts.

The average difference between comparable City and nonprofit positions was determined to be a 45% greater salary for public sector workers than nonprofit workers.

In order to prevent further economic depression, food insecurity, educational inequities, homelessness, etc. amidst this pandemic, DCYF grantees need to be able to continue to provide their full scope of services, and arguably more.

I join my community in demanding that this board votes to reduce cuts to DCYF programming and invest that money to ensure that agencies have the resources to properly pay staff who are taking on essential services and provide healthcare benefits, so that youth and families can continue to receive these supports.

Thank you,

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Amelia Rudberg, MSW, PPSC

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During this emergency, the Y is providing childcare for healthcare workers & meals for families experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for helping us help our community!

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public comment for 8/12 Budget & Appropriations Committee, Item 2
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:43:51 PM

From: Ana Herrera <aherrera@dscs.org>
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Item 2:

2. 200567 [Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Departments - FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022]
Sponsor: Mayor Budget and Appropriation Ordinance appropriating all estimated receipts and all estimated expenditures for Departments of the City and County of San Francisco as of July 31, 2020, for the FYs ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

My public comment that I am submitting in writing:

Good afternoon Supervisors,

My name is Ana Herrera and I am the legal director of Dolores Street Community Services' Deportation Defense Program. Thanks to the city's support, through the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, we provide free legal services to SF's diverse low income immigrant community. We provide these services alongside over 21 other SF community based organizations through the SF Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILEN), SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), and the SF Rapid Response Network.

I would like to personally thank Mayor Breed, MOHCD, and the Board of Supervisors for preserving their commitment to immigrant justice and equity in San Francisco, and continuing to fund critical legal and education services to San Francisco's immigrant community. I appreciate that our leaders understand that the immigrant community is not a monolith and that our services reach immigrants, both recently arrived and long-standing immigrant community members from all continents, sexual orientations and identities, and racial identities.

I also urge you all to please restore a prior budget cut to the city's Rapid Response Hotline. The Rapid Response Network operates a 24-hour hotline that provides ICE enforcement verification, emergency attorney activation, and community-rooted wrap-around service connection. The community has relied on this 24/7 hotline since 2017 and if cuts persist, these services will be reduced at a great cost to our immigrant community, when fear of ICE enforcement remains rampant, and has been especially heightened during this pandemic.

Thank you very much for your time.

Ana Herrera

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Subject: FW: Public comment for MOHCD budget
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Subject: Public comment for MOHCD budget

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My name is Kevin Lo, and I am a staff attorney with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (ALC). I am commenting on the budget presented by MOHCD.

On behalf of ALC, I am so thankful that the mayor, MOHCD, and the Board of Supervisors have continued to deepen their commitment to protecting immigrant rights. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it even harder for our immigrant communities to get access to the help they need, and the recommendation that SFILN be funded without additional cuts is welcome news. This funding allows our network to continue providing services, outreach, and other programs, right as our clients need it the most.

We also urge the city to restore the \$182,000 cut from the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN). COVID-19 has not stopped ICE from doing their dirty work, and SFRRN continues to be a front-line resource. Just a month ago, ICE arrested an immigrant at their home in Daly City. Another San Francisco resident was unlawfully handed over to ICE by the Daly City Police Department last year, and ALC worked closely with SFRRN to immediately provide support to him and his family. If it were not for the SFRRN, many more SF immigrant communities and families would have been torn apart.

In closing, we are grateful for the city's continued support to SFILN. Thank you again for allowing us to respond to the needs of our immigrant communities!

Kevin Lo
Staff Attorney
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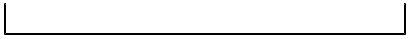
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Public Comment for B&A Committee - MOHCD Department Budget
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:42:58 PM
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From: David Imhoff <david@dscs.org>
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Importance: High

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To whom it may concern,

My name is David Imhoff, Coordinator for the SF Immigrant Legal and Education Network. I am writing to comment on the budget presented by MOHCD.

First, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and MOHCD for renewing their commitment to immigrant justice and due process for all in San Francisco by funding SFILFN, SFILDC, and SF Rapid Response at the originally recommended RFP levels. We deeply appreciate our long-term partnership with MOHCD, and hope that the City will make sure the department has the resources it needs to respond to all of needs of our community.

I also want to express my concern about the impacts of an \$182,000 cut sustained by the SF Rapid Response Network during the RFP process, and ask that those funds be restored. In the last week, we have seen a resurgence of ICE activity in the Bay Area, and immigrants continue to face relentless political attacks under this federal administration. The \$182,000 cut threatens our ability to maintain a 24/7 hotline, and will limit the reach of our community education efforts. Now more than ever, it is essential that community members understand their rights and how to assert them, and we need a strong community defense system to hold ICE accountable and protect the human rights of our immigrant community members. This is possible by restoring these funds to our network.

Finally, I would like to express our network's strong support for reinvestment in Black communities in San Francisco, and for resources and services that support immigrants, working class people, and other marginalized communities in the City, who are most impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency. We need a just economic recovery, and this requires meaningful investments from the City, which includes making real cuts to policing in the City and a commitment to make NO cuts to the non-profit sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment before the Budget & Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Budget concern comment
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Subject: Budget concern comment

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern about the mayor's proposed budget.

The mayor is proposing raise freezes for city workers. The city should not have to balance its budget at the expense of its workers, especially considering these people have been making great sacrifices to provide essential services during this pandemic. This includes nurses and custodians as well as all of those who were deployed as disaster service workers, working at the food bank, in hotels housing the homeless, at covid testing sites, as well as contact tracing and providing essential information to the public. As city workers we have been flexible and proud to participate in these roles, and should not have to sacrifice wages.

The city should instead utilize rainy day funds to balance the budget. If there was ever a time that qualifies as a rainy day, this is it! Additionally, we could pass measures such as Prop 15 to increase revenue from commercial taxes. San Francisco needs to be a city for all, not just the wealthy.

Thank you for your time,
Jennifer Ambrulevich
Librarian, San Francisco Public Library
Disaster Service Worker at Food Bank April-August

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 8/12 Board of Supervisors Budgets and Appropriations Committee Meeting.
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:41:04 PM

From: andysou <andysou05@yahoo.com>
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Good afternoon supervisors- thank you for the opportunity to comment publicly on the city budget as it pertains to the lives of my fellow city workers. My name is Andrea Yeager, and I'm a Youth Services Librarian at the Portola Branch Library. I stand with my fellow city workers and SEIU 1021 and plead with you to not balance the budget on the backs of the workers. You know there are ample funds in reserve. You also know that city workers have been activated as Disaster Service Workers. We are already contributing to the effort to feed and care for the city's most vulnerable. We are literally putting our lives on the line for our community. We are the front lines. I've been a DSW for 12 + weeks working with the SF Marin Food Bank- you may have read about our work at the warehouse, packing bags of food. We've received accolades for this work. What you may not know, is that so many of my library colleagues have been assigned to assist the Food Bank at their pop up pantries all over the city. The work is arduous, emotionally draining, and physically exhausting. We provide structure and order for the participants coming to get food, we've interviewed and enrolled tens of thousands of community members in the pantry system making it easier and faster for them to get food. We are outside, out of doors, in the wild, unpredictable San Francisco summer weather, making sure that our most vulnerable people have access to food. Do not balance the budget on our backs.

Thank you.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: [Public Comment] Budget Appropriations Committee Meeting 8.13.20
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:38:52 PM

From: Melissa Tang <mtang@outwardboundcalifornia.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Cc: Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>
Subject: [Public Comment] Budget Appropriations Committee Meeting 8.13.20

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Hi,

My name is Melissa Tanag and I am the Bay Area Program Director with Outward Bound California. We serve youth from the entire city, and especially District 10. I am giving public comment today to address the proposed budget cuts to the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Main Points

We request that the city supports those DCYF grantees that are receiving a 2% cut by keeping their current grants up to funding levels of FY 19-20. Reducing the capacity of DCYF grantees to provide critical services during a time of increased needs is harmful to youth and families. In order to prevent further economic depression, food insecurity, educational inequities, homelessness, etc. amidst this pandemic, DCYF grantees need to be able to continue to provide their full scope of services, and arguably more.

Additionally, we request a 10% increase in the cost of doing business for all youth-serving nonprofit workers contracted through DCYF to address the inequity gap between comparable city employee position wages and city contracted non-profit worker wages. The average difference between comparable city and nonprofit positions was determined to be a 45% greater salary for public sector workers than nonprofit workers. Nonprofits report unsustainable staff turnover rates, staff working multiple jobs and other stressors added to tse providing critical services to our cities children.

We request a 47% increase to staff salaries below \$22.50 and 15% increase to staff salaries above \$22.50 who are performing in-person work in Community Learning Hubs. CBO staff are being asked to support CLH's without equitable pay and benefits as compared to other unionized staff who would otherwise be performing this work. CBO's need to ensure that there are funds for program

sustainability, but also to ensure that workers are offered basic protections such as access to healthcare and a wage that could potentially offset possible long-term health costs related to COVID19.

Currently, grantees are being asked by the City and families to support Community Learning Hubs with no additional money.

Conclusion

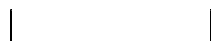
I join my community in demanding that this board votes to reduce cuts to DCYF programming and invest that money to ensure that agencies have the resources to promptly pay staff who are taking on essential services and provide healthcare benefits, so that youth and families can continue to receive these supports.

Thank you for your time,
Melissa

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