

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

**BUDGET AND
POLICY PRIORITIES**

FY 2025-2026 & FY 2026-2027

ABOUT THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Per City Charter Sec. 4.122-4.124, the Youth Commission is responsible for advising the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on youth issues in San Francisco, particularly focusing on unmet needs.

Every budget cycle, the Youth Commission drafts and adopts Budget and Policy Priorities (BPPs), which are compiled into a report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, with our recommendations.

This year, the Youth Commission has approved 15 BPPs.

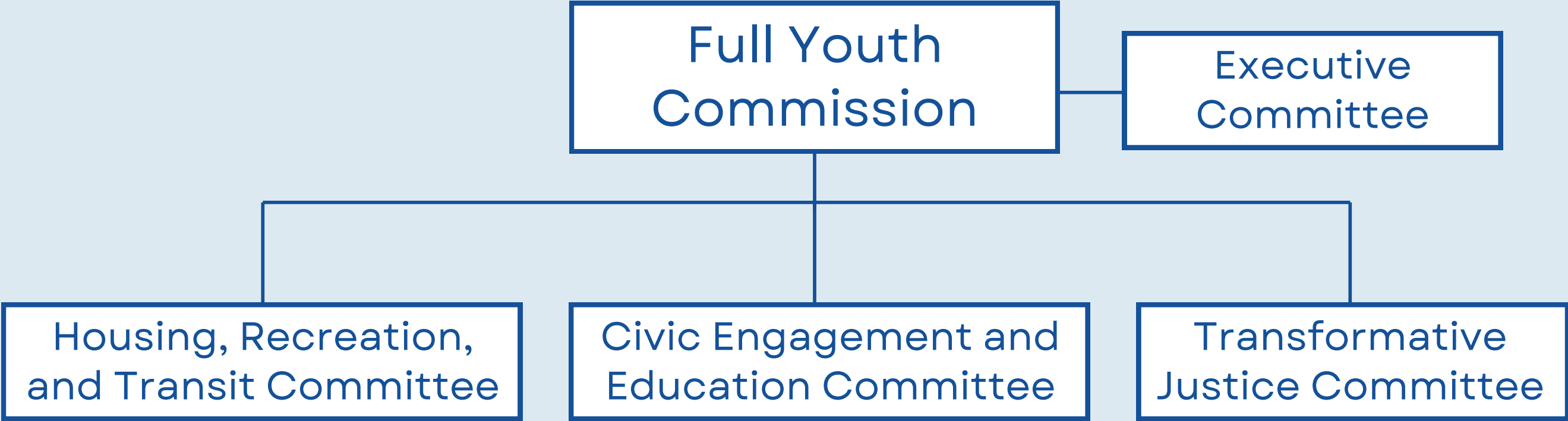


SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities

STRUCTURE

The Youth Commission has 3 Committees focusing on specific issue areas and one Executive Committee responsible for the functioning of the Commission. Each issue-based Committee individually drafts BPPs, which are then reviewed and voted on by the full Commission.



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

INCREASE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Offer more in-school opportunities to learn about pre-registration
- Continue funding the Department of Election's Youth Voter Outreach program
- Place a charter amendment on the ballot for Vote16.

REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION

- Support San Francisco organizations that organize community events.
- Model SF's response(s) on what has worked in other countries.
- Address COVID-19's impact on San Francisco youth.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN SCHOOLS

- Urge SFUSD and the School Board to quickly complete the Central Kitchen project.
- Urge SFUSD to restore the School Food Advisory Program.
- Continue addressing increased food insecurity over school breaks.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities

The Reach of Breakfast in the Classroom

At schools
with
Breakfast in
the Classroom

61%

of students
eat breakfast
on average,

At schools
without
Breakfast in
the Classroom

15%

of students
eat breakfast
on average

Source: SFUSD data.



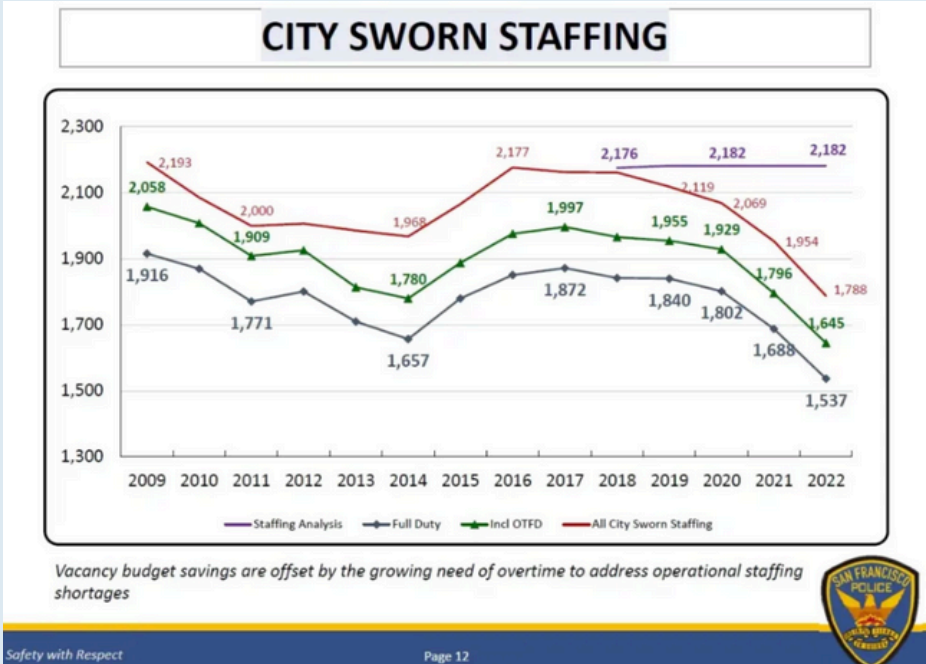
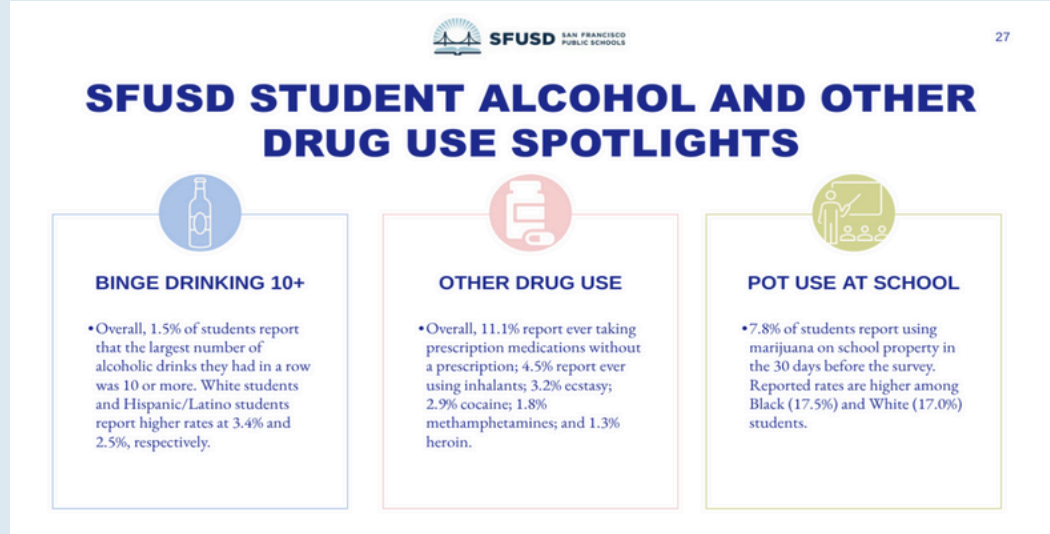
BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

SUPPORTING IN-SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Consistent funding for CBOs that work directly with schools to support youth
- Work with SFUSD to allocate more funding for school Wellness Centers

ADDRESSING HATE CRIMES

- Address Police Understaffing
- Expand SFMTA Fare inspector training and presence of transit ambassadors



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORITIES

CLIMATE RESILIENCE + CLIMATE LITERACY Short Term

- Scale up the electrification efforts to meet emission reductions
- Develop a network of respite locations for youth and families
- Ensure that youth are included in the process of updating the Climate Action Plan in 2025.

Long Term

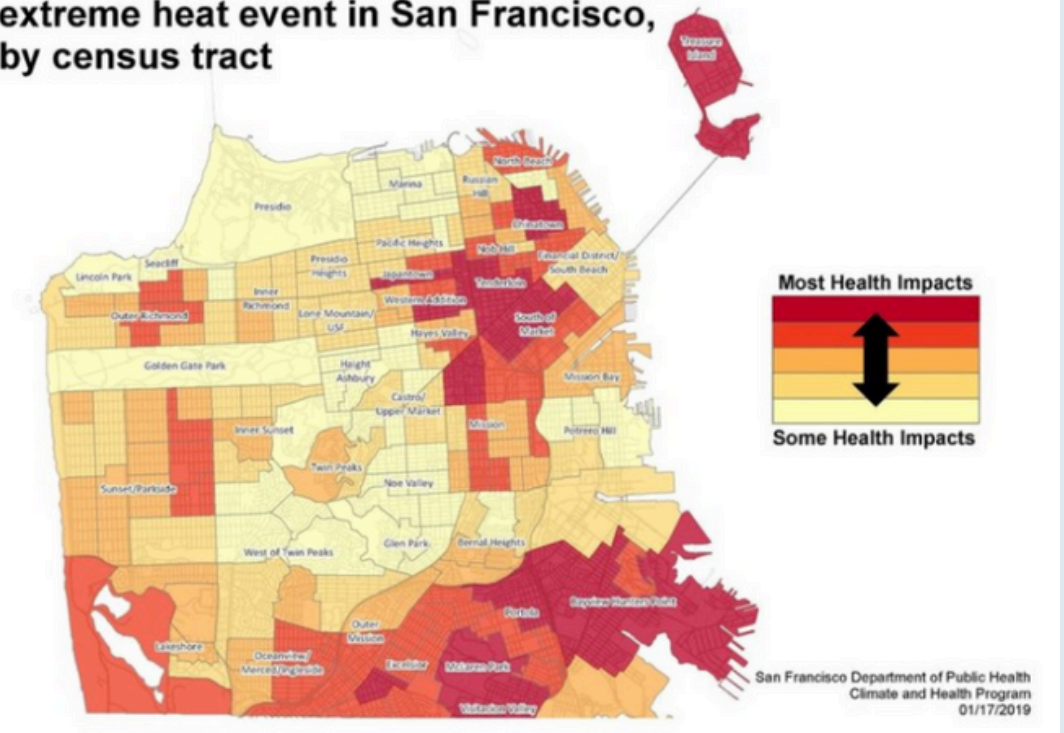
- Assess the impact of sea level rise and flooding
- Increase youth-led community outreach efforts to build support for electrification and climate disaster preparedness.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



Predicted distribution of the health impacts of an extreme heat event in San Francisco, by census tract



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

CLIMATE RESILIENCE + CLIMATE LITERACY

Short Term

- Allocate funding for a designated green schoolyard coordinator across SFUSD
- Fund San Francisco Environment Department's education program
- Support and expand opportunities for teachers to receive comprehensive training and resources
- Support High School Environmental Pathways

Long Term

- Urge SFUSD and SFE to dedicate a district-wide climate action day



SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

HOUSING - EDUCATION WORKFORCE

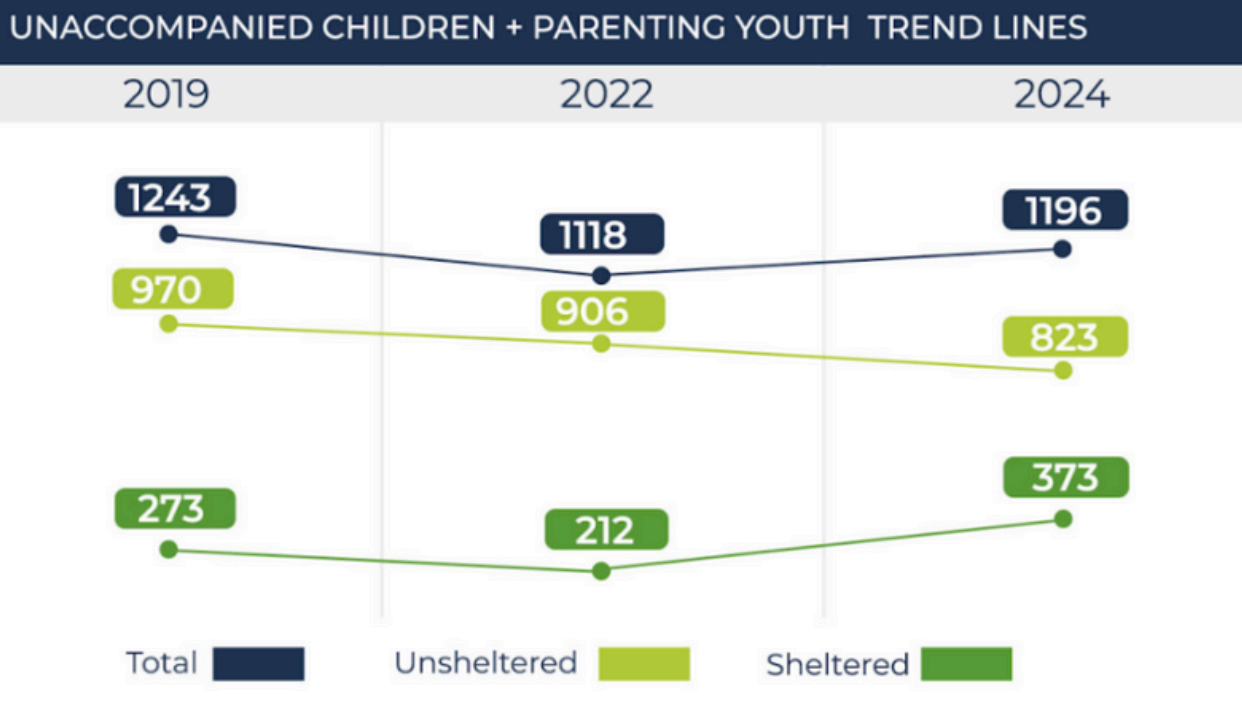
- Expand housing for teachers
- Work with the School District to identify more viable joint-use land options
- Create a financing plan

HOUSING - TAY HOUSING

- Improve the process in which youth and TAY receive aid when facing homelessness
- Research the efficacy of navigation centers for youth and Transitional Age Youth

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



TOTAL UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED SAN FRANCISCO POINT-IN-TIME COUNT YOUTH UNDER 25 POPULATION BY DISTRICT

District	Total
1	76
2*	32
3*	133
4*	33
5*	318
6*	261
7*	32
8*	61
9*	91
10*	129
11	2
Confidential/Scattered Site	28
Total	1196

BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

HOUSING - AFFORDABLE HOUSING

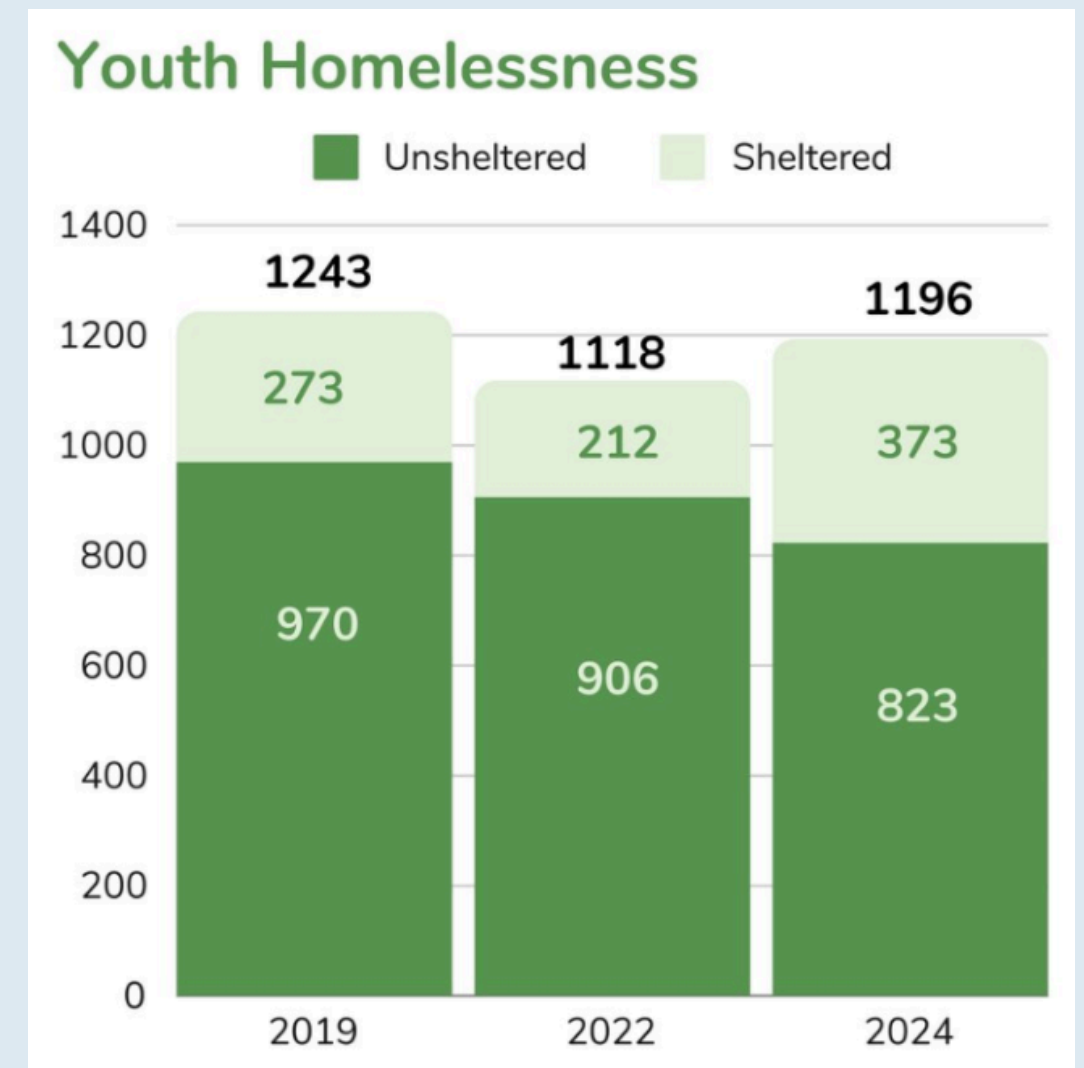
- Continue to prioritize the building of affordable housing
- Planning Code amendments
- Rent control
- Middle income housing programs

HOUSING - SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCIES (SROS)

- Expand bilingual resources
- Housing conditions assessments
- Rental subsidies
- Address vacancies

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

STREET SAFETY + VISION ZERO

- Reaffirm Vision Zero (2034)
- Expand No Turn on Red
- Maintain Slow Streets*
- Expand Car Free Space

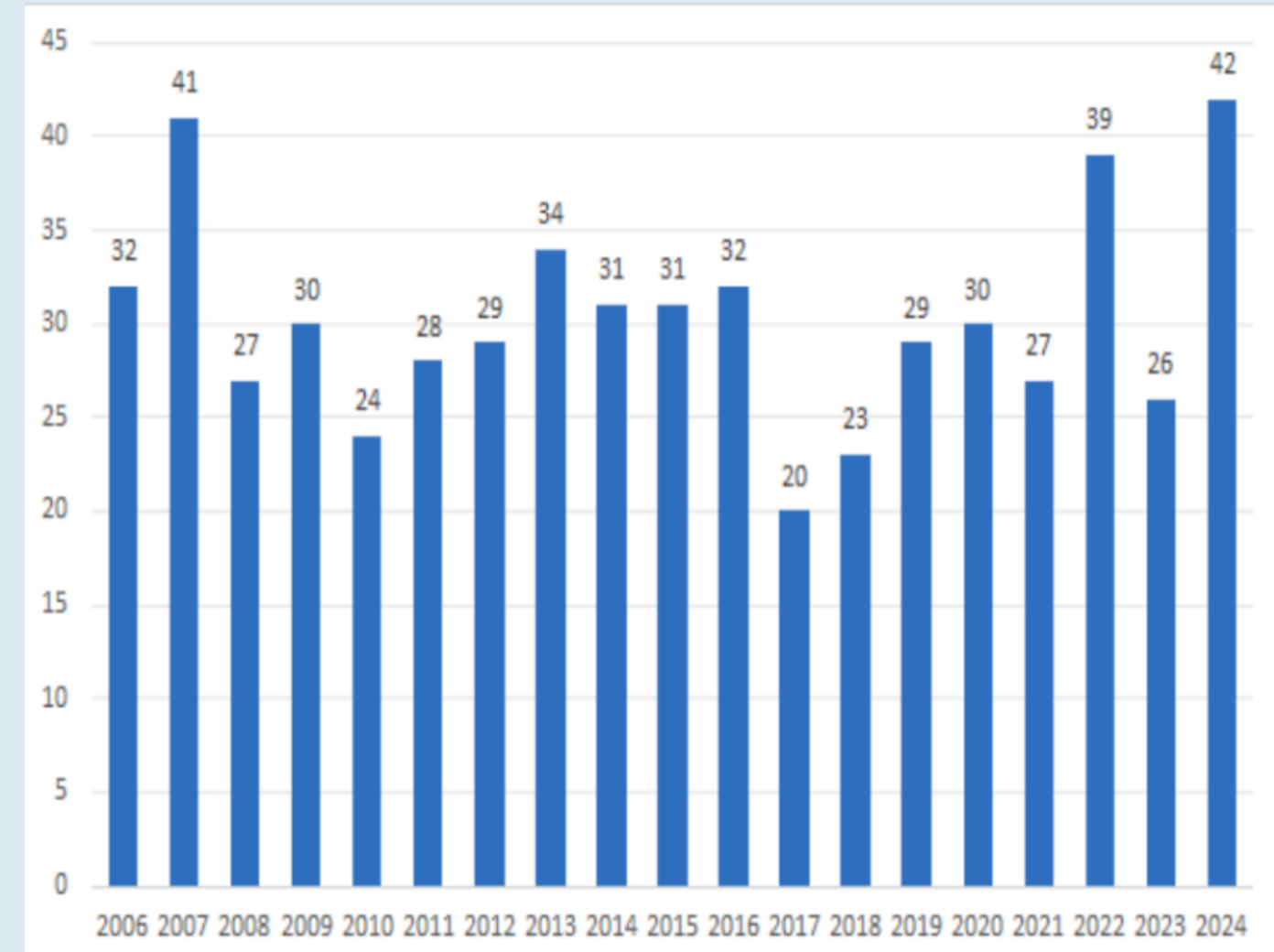
EXPANDING RECREATIONAL SPACES

- Prioritize renovation and maintenance of open spaces
- Support Rec and Park
- Fund youth library programs

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities

TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

TRANSIT

- Urge the SFMTA to maintain School Tripper program service level
- Preserve transit reliability, especially on routes that serve multiple schools.
- Keep Free Muni for All Youth funded and include it in SFMTA's baseline budget.
- Urge the SFMTA to explore making SFUSD student ID cards Clipper compatible.

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- Create pathways for youth transitioning to employment
- Youth employment programs in underserved areas
- Address systemic barriers that prevent youth from employment

IMPROVING POLICE RELATIONS WITH YOUTH

- SFPD develop proper trainings for youth interactions
- SFPAL incorporates educational aspects to their youth programs
- Fund Departments that can work with SFPD in fostering youth partnerships

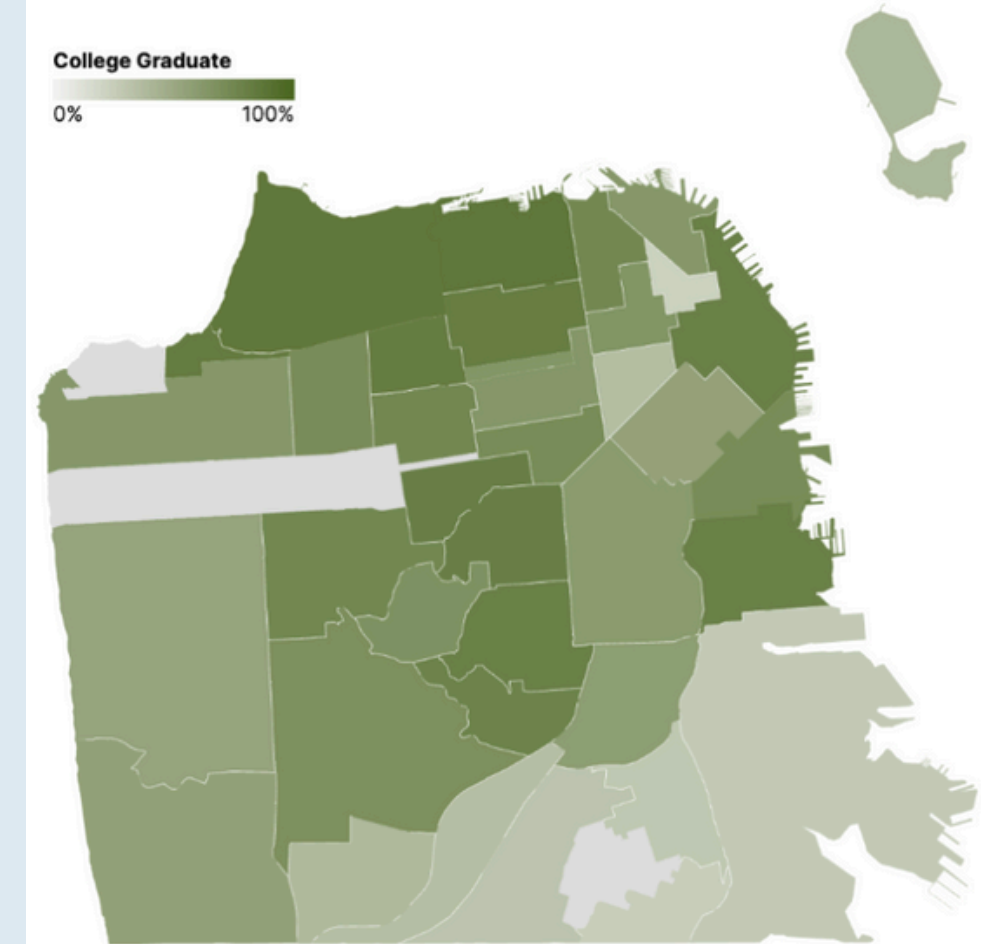
SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities

College Graduate Rate in San Francisco Neighborhoods

Population 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or above

College Graduate
0% 100%



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

ADDRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS

- Evaluate current background checking systems
- Standardize training and curriculum on sexual harassment and assault
- Reestablish the Title IX Student Advisory Group

REDUCE YOUTH WEAPON ACCESS

- Support youth violence prevention and development programs
- Fund Community Safety Initiatives in schools
- Gun Buy-Backs and Weapon Trade-In events
- Accessible mental health services for youth

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities



BUDGET & POLICY PRIORTIES

UNDOCUMENTED FAMILY + YOUTH PROTECTIONS

- Honor San Francisco's Sanctuary City status
- Legal support for undocumented San Franciscans
- Higher-education campuses limit cooperation with ICE and protect undocumented students
- Allow undocumented students to seek employment on college campuses
- Support community organizations that assist newcomers and undocumented people



SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities

THANK YOU

The full Budget and Policy Priorities Report is available at sfgov.org/yc

Questions: youthcom@sfgov.org

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH COMMISSION

Budget and Policy Priorities