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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joy Zhan, Interim Director, Youth Commission
FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
DATE: April 17, 2026
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following resolution request, introduced by Supervisor Alan Wong on March 3, 2026. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 260223

Resolution supporting and recognizing the importance of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and encouraging the San Francisco Unified School District to continue to provide high school students the opportunity to participate and ensure the program is preserved as currently constituted.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: 04/22/2026

No Comment
[X] Recommendation Attached

Gabrielle Listana
Chairperson, Youth Commission



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors - Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

CC: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

FROM: 2025-2026 Youth Commission

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

RE: SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION LEGISLATION REFERRED 04/17/26

At the Youth Commission's in-person meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, the Commission discussed and took action on BOS File No. 260223:

1. The Youth Commission negatively recommends this legislation to the full Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office.
2. The Youth Commission recognizes the importance of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp (JROTC) and its positive impact on students.
3. The Youth Commission also recognizes the negative experiences of youth who have participated in JROTC.
4. While the leadership development in JROTC is good, if JROTC is going to be successful and protected, there needs to be direct action from the school administration and JROTC to address the issues.
5. The Commission also recommends that there be stronger language about equitable funding for JROTC staff throughout the District.

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff at (415) 554-7112 with any questions. Thank you.

1 [Supporting the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp]

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4 **Training Corps program and encouraging the San Francisco Unified School District to**
5 **continue to provide high school students the opportunity to participate and ensure the**
6 **program is preserved as currently constituted.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a program
9 sponsored by the United States Army in high schools across the country, with the mission of
10 motivating young people to become better citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, JROTC has existed in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)
12 for over 90 years, and SFUSD currently operates JROTC programs at six high schools -
13 Balboa, Galileo, Lincoln, Lowell, Mission, and Washington - serving over 900 students
14 enrolled in JROTC classes and providing Physical Education Independent Study options for
15 over 600 students; and

16 WHEREAS, The JROTC curriculum teaches leadership, communication, self-
17 awareness, first aid, conflict management, map reading, service learning/community service,
18 physical training, government structure, and other topics such as finance and business, and
19 the program fulfills various college preparatory requirements; and

20 WHEREAS, SFUSD's JROTC programs have received national honors in a variety of
21 disciplines, cadets regularly participate in public events and collectively complete tens of
22 thousands of community service hours each year, and cadets report viewing their JROTC
23 community as a "second family" and as a safe environment where they feel accepted and
24 belong; and

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1 WHEREAS, JROTC does not recruit, encourage, or coerce cadets into joining the
2 Army or any other military branch, and the cost of JROTC programs is shared equally
3 between the Army and the local school district; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2006, the San Francisco Board of Education voted to phase out JROTC
5 over a three-year period and later voted to delay this action, and at the November 2008
6 election, San Francisco voters approved Proposition V, a ballot measure that declared it to be
7 City policy that JROTC continue to be available in SFUSD high schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Following a period of limited funding, SFUSD and the Army partnered to
9 restore full staffing at all six JROTC programs, and enrollment has grown significantly - from
10 350 students in 2022-2023 to over 900 students today; and

11 WHEREAS, Army regulations require that every JROTC program maintain at least two
12 instructors to remain in compliance, and adequate funding is essential to preserve these
13 programs for San Francisco students; and

14 WHEREAS, JROTC programs require unique military credentials for instructors and
15 face a nationwide waiting list of high schools seeking to establish programs, making it
16 essential to maintain adequate funding to preserve San Francisco's programs; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of
19 the JROTC program and encourages SFUSD to continue to provide high school students the
20 opportunity to participate in JROTC and to ensure the program remains fully operational, so
21 that students may continue to choose JROTC as an academic elective and co-curricular
22 activity; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City recognizes JROTC as a voluntary program
24 offering benefits in character development, citizenship education, leadership training, college
25 and career readiness, and community service; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco support the
2 continued availability and funding of JROTC programs in local public high schools.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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Subject:

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