

From: [Jodi S](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 1174 Folsom - Vote IN FAVOR of supportive housing for TAY
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 4:08:00 PM

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I call on the Budget Committee and the Board of Supervisors **to vote IN FAVOR of supportive housing for disconnected transitional aged youth (TAY), and specifically to support housing at 1174 Folsom for TAY.**

San Francisco's Mayor and the Board of Supervisors have made a commitment to ensure there is new housing for low-income and marginalized populations in EVERY DISTRICT. To do this, City Hall representatives must demonstrate to their constituents that NIMBYism is not acceptable. If we are to address the homelessness crisis in our city, ALL San Franciscans must stand up to ensure that every person in our city receives accessible and safe housing.

In 2017, one of the first years [LYRIC](#) youth teams participated in San Francisco's Youth Homeless Point-In-Time Count, **more than half** of survey respondents identified as LGBTQ. Since that time, LYRIC has been a Youth Access Point and an integral member of the city's response to TAY homelessness. While the numbers have improved slightly, still almost four in 10 unhoused TAY identify as LGBTQ. LYRIC brings an exceptional wealth of knowledge and experience in supporting TAY to stay housed through community building, linking youth to jobs, and connecting youth with the resources they need to thrive.

Across our country, LGBTQ youth, especially trans youth, are being confronted with hateful words and deeds. Just today, **Time** released an article that anti-trans laws has caused the suicide attempts among trans and nonbinary youth to increase from 7 to 72%. San Francisco must be an antidote to this hate.

TAY, especially queer and trans TAY, need permanent supportive housing to lift them out of disconnection and poverty and so they can integrate into a community dedicated to their stability and success.

Jodi L. Schwartz
San Francisco Resident and Community Advocate (1988 to present)
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From: [Heather Estes](#)
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Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Strongest Support for 1174 Folsom Housing for unhoused youth
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 1:08:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My husband and our family fully support the 1174 Folsom house that we know you are reviewing on October 9th. I was a volunteer with the Host Home Program for SFLGBT Center and our family took an unhoused young person into our home just before the pandemic. Now they are part of our family!

I want to speak to the neighbors of 1174 Folsom to say that unhoused young people need our support. The significant care of case management on site is very important. With help these young people can be an asset to your neighborhood. Young people need a chance for stability and security. Housing is central. With physical security they will be able to improve their education and other aspects of their lives. Housing is central. The vast number of these young adults have not been unhoused very long and urgently need the stability of your community. **YOU CAN HELP** and be proud and enriched by making friends and supporting the next generation. Any delay will cause more young people to be in danger. Let's **PREVENT** further problems by working with these kids **NOW!**

Thank you very much. So sorry my health makes it undesirable for me to attend the Hearing in person.

Heather, Fred, and Laurel Estes

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From: [Siri Berg](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for TGNC housing at 1174 Folsom
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 2:03:05 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Siri Berg and I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Larkin Street Youth Services. **I am writing to you in support of the proposed Permanent Supportive Housing site at 1174 Folsom**, which is prioritizing transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth – a highly vulnerable population of young people in San Francisco who are experiencing homelessness, gender-based violence, and related trauma. My hope is to compel the Budget & Finance Committee to make full recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of this much needed supportive housing.

As you know, there are currently 1,196 young adults ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 38% of whom identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community and 73% are youth of color. Further, 63% of homeless young adults are in school or employed *yet are still unhoused*. These sobering statistics speak volumes about the need for affordable and attainable housing for young people in our city.

In 2023, it was estimated that 400 TGNC residents of San Francisco were experiencing homelessness. In response to this alarming housing need, the city launched the Ending Transgender Homelessness Initiative (ETHI) to functionally end homelessness for this population. To this end, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a building in SOMA that will provide housing and services for 42 TGNC young people ages 18-24. In 2023, a competitive bid process launched, and the Homelessness Oversight Commission approved the services contract with LYRIC in August 2024. Upon approval by the Budget & Finance Committee at the October 9th meeting, young people can start moving in and obtaining their very own leases in early 2025. This is exciting and necessary forward progress toward the goal of the Ending Transgender Homelessness Initiative.

Larkin Street has great faith in LYRIC and their onsite services to help tenants maintain housing stability and support through employment, education, financial coaching, and behavioral health services so they can heal, thrive, and pursue their dreams. I hope you will approve this resolution and make full recommendations to the Board of Supervisors so we can see the community of 1174 Folsom come to life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Siri Berg
Larkin Street Board Member

From: [Natalie Kitchen](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for TGNC housing at 1174 Folsom
Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024 5:56:41 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Natalie Kitchen and I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Larkin Street Youth Services. **I am writing to you in support of the proposed Permanent Supportive Housing site at 1174 Folsom**, which is prioritizing transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth – a highly vulnerable population of young people in San Francisco who are experiencing homelessness, gender-based violence, and related trauma. My hope is to compel the Budget & Finance Committee to make full recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of this much needed supportive housing.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Natalie

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From: [Erik Greenfrost](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for 1174 Folsom project
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 8:01:45 AM

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Supervisors,

As a queer resident of San Francisco District 10, I am emailing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SF's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's proposal for new buildings, including at 1174 Folsom. For a number of months I was also part of the LGBT Center's Host Homes program, and I know how difficult it is for young adults - who have aged out of the system but aren't old enough to have a solid resume or navigate supportive services - to leave homelessness. I hope that you will also support this measure.

Thanks,

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~Erik Greenfrost

An individual has not started living until they can rise above the narrow confines of their individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity. (MLK Jr., paraphrased)

From: [jam.c](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for 42 Otis and 1174 Folsom
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:44:08 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee:

My name is Jam and I work at a San Francisco LGBT service organization. I strongly urge you to support the agreements before you today for 42 Otis and 1174 Folsom.

The recent expansion of youth housing projects like the ones before the Board today have helped reduce unsheltered youth homelessness 9% between 2022 and 2024. But more support is needed!

Every day, the city provides housing & shelter to over 15,000 people, yet we are still unable to meet the need across our community. In San Francisco, there are approximately 1,193 young adults (18–24-year-olds) experiencing homelessness:

- 38% of homeless young adults identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.
- 34% of homeless young adults were previously in the foster care system.
- 63% of homeless young adults are in school or employed

Today, the Board has the opportunity to support 66 new units of housing for young adults exiting homelessness at 42 Otis and 1174 Folsom. These properties will provide affordable, high quality studio apartments with onsite support services. This type of housing has been proven to be effective at ending homelessness and is a model for positive integration into existing neighborhoods. I strongly urge you to support the agreements before you today for 42 Otis and 1174 Folsom.

Thank you,
Jam

From: [Juanita MORE!](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Gael I. Lala-Chavez](#)
Subject: Supportive Housing for Young Adults
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:23:59 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community for over thirty years, I am deeply aware of the importance of support and understanding. I have been a catalyst for change, raising over one million dollars for some of San Francisco's most impactful nonprofit organizations. I am committed to advocating for our community and its future, and I hope to foster a greater sense of empathy and understanding among us all.

I chose the LYRIC Center of LGBTQ Youth (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center) in the San Francisco Bay Area as my annual Pride Party beneficiary this year. The event raised over \$140,000 to help LYRIC continue their great work supporting queer youth.

I want you to help keep building the future at LYRIC by supporting our queer youth in their quest to carry on the legacy of our queer elders, so that they may feel safe and protected not just by the LGBTQIA+ community but by our government.

Over ten years ago, I created the JM! Housing Group on Facebook, to connect the community with a safe place to share and offer housing. That group now has close to 15k members. We need permanent housing for transitional-aged youth, and you are the ones to make that happen.

Loads of Love, Juanita

From: [Francesca Gonzalez](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); rafael.mandelman@sfgov.or; [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: Support for Housing for Transitional-Aged Youth at 1174 Folsom
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:28:43 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed housing at **1174 Folsom** for queer transitional-aged youth (TAY). At the HYPE Center, we have seen firsthand how critical housing is for TAY in San Francisco, and this project is essential to meet the urgent needs of these young people, especially our queer community.


Since opening, we've partnered with **LYRIC** as our number one access point for housing services. Together, we've been able to support **dozens of young people**, helping them navigate housing challenges and secure stable environments. With over **457 young people aged 18 to 24** currently engaging with the HYPE Center and providing over **453 housing service points**, we understand the immense importance of creating more supportive housing options for TAY.


The housing unit at 1174 Folsom will be a critical addition to San Francisco's efforts to provide safe, stable housing for young people. These supportive units will offer TAY the opportunity to transition into adulthood with the safety and security they need to thrive.

Thank you for considering this project, and I hope you will support the housing at 1174 Folsom. If there's anything further I can provide to illustrate the need or share our experience, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,
FG

In Community,

 **Francesca Gonzalez** (she/her)
Executive Director
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