



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

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Honorable Members, Board of Education
Richard Carranza, Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
Greg Suhr, Chief of Police
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FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

RE: Four Youth Commission actions: Questions regarding BOS file no. 120669 [Subdivision Code - Condominium Conversion Impact Fee]; resolutions urging the City not to equip juvenile probation officers with firearms and police officers with Tasers; and resolution regarding City/school district partnership on federal Deferred Action program for undocumented youth

At our regular meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2013, the Youth Commission voted to take no position on BOS file no. 120669 [Subdivision Code - Condominium Conversion Impact Fee]. The Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to consider the following three issues in the ongoing negotiations regarding this proposed legislation:

- The average household income of the owners of Tenancies in Common (TIC) who would be eligible for the condo conversion bypass and fee proposed in this ordinance;
- How the most vulnerable San Franciscans—especially young people, people of color, seniors, queers, single mothers, dependent children and low-income people in general—living in eligible TIC's could be impacted by this legislation (we wonder if the City could undertake a study of these issues, which could be called an "equity impact analysis"); and
- What the long term impact of this legislation will be on affordability of housing.

At this same meeting, moreover, the Youth Commission adopted resolution 1213—AL10 *Urging the SFUSD to create a centralized process and facilitating the application process for students that are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and urging the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to work together with the SFUSD to support our undocumented students and transitionally aged youth.*

This resolution (attached) calls on the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to join with the City's Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) in publicizing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, an Obama administration policy that provides the federal government with the discretion to defer deportation proceedings for undocumented young immigrants who meet certain qualifications. The resolution also asks the Mayor and the Board to do whatever possible to support our undocumented students and transitionally aged youth.

Please note that this resolution has already born fruit: many thanks to the SFUSD for already creating [this centralized web resource](#) for public school students who are eligible for Deferred Action!

In addition to this immigration-related resolution, the Youth Commission adopted two resolutions regarding criminal justice and law enforcement.

Resolution 1213—AL11 *Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department not to equip probation officers in the Serious Offender Program unit with firearms* is meant as a contribution to a policy discussion that is currently underway in the City. Last December, San Francisco Chief Juvenile Probation Officer William P. Siffermann announced he was reviewing his department's safety protocols for juvenile probation officers and was considering revising these protocols to include the provision of firearms for certain juvenile probation officers. Chief Siffermann said at the January 9 meeting of the Juvenile Probation Commission that he plans to present revised protocols in April of 2013.

This resolution acknowledges the Chief's need to revise safety protocols given the new public safety climate. At the same time, the resolution expresses the Youth Commission's steadfast opposition to any potential protocols that include providing firearms for juvenile probation officers.

In turn, resolution 1213—AL12 *Urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Police Department not to acquire stun weapons (Tasers) for police officers* draws on studies from Amnesty International and researchers at UCSF, as well as literature from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, in urging the City Family not to move forward with the Police Chief's proposal to arm police officers with Tasers.

If you have any questions about these items or anything related to the Youth Commission, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446 or your Youth Commissioner.