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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisor Mark Farrell, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
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FROM: Adele Failes-Carpenter, Youth Commission Director

DATE: Monday, November 23, 2015

RE: Youth Voice Scheduling Request for File Numbers: 151187, 151185, 151184, 151174, 151180, and 151175

Board of Supervisors File numbers 151187 [Accept and Expend State Bond Financing - State Public Works Board - Construction of Rehabilitation and Detention Facility - \$80,000,000], 151185 [Issuance of Tax Exempt and Taxable Commercial Paper Notes - Construction of Rehabilitation Detention Facility - Not to Exceed \$11,310,000], 151184 [Real Property Acquisition - 814-820 Bryant Street, 444-6 Street, 450-6 Street, and 470-6 Street - Various Owners - At Fair Market Value - Not to Exceed \$14,500,000], 151174 [Authorizing Certificates of Participation - Rehabilitation Detention Facility Project - Not to Exceed \$215,000,000], 151180 [Amended Ten-Year Capital Expenditure Plan - FYs 2016-2025], and 151175 [Appropriation - Certificates of Participation for Construction of the Rehabilitation Detention Facility - \$215,000,000 - FY2015-2016] were recently referred to the Youth Commission for comment and recommendation.

I am writing pursuant to Board Rule 2.12.1, to request that discussion on the aforementioned files be scheduled at a youth-friendly afterschool hour (4:00 pm or later) in order to allow for young people to hear presentations from city staff and provide input and public comment on these important pieces of legislation.

Since 2013, Youth commissioners have invested significant effort in working to improve policies and services for children and youth with incarcerated parents, who made up some 17,993 children and youth in San Francisco at the time of DCYF's last Community Needs Assessment. Their work has included extensive investigation and advising on the topics of children's jail visiting rights, phone calls with incarcerated parents, transitions to out-of-county detention, and reentry services. Questions around the scope and design of the proposed rehabilitation detention facility and foregoing plans for other county detention facilities are important to young San Franciscans, and to youth commissioners in particular.

The recently introduced legislation on the Rehabilitation Detention facility is a substantive legislative package with many still-moving parts. Because the 30-day rule has been waived and we are entering a holiday week, the Youth Commission's 12-day report on referred legislation may not be appropriate to the timeframe associated with this legislation. Youth commissioners would like to request an afterschool hearing on these items in order to allow them to hear from presenters to better discern the proposal's effects on young people and inform their advising to the Board, as well as to fulfill their chartered duty by providing comment and recommendation during the public comment period.

We understand that the invocation of this request does not disqualify the matter from being heard outside of the requested time frame. We sincerely appreciate your consideration, and would greatly appreciate your response to this request within 48 hours, if possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446 with any questions.



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