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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Wong, Clerk, Budget & Finance Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2016
RE: Referral response to BOS File Nos. 161289 [Public Employment - Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public Defender - Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation - FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018] and 161288 [Appropriation - General Reserve - Establishing a Legal Unit to Defend Immigrants from Deportation in FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 - \$6,945,965]

At our **Monday, December 5, 2016 meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to unanimously support the following motions:

To support BOS File No. 161289 - Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 146-16 (Annual Salary Ordinance FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018) to reflect the addition of 17 new positions (7.08 FTEs in FY2016-2017 and 17 FTEs in FY2017-2018) at Office of Public Defender for establishing a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation.

To support BOS File No. 161288 - Ordinance appropriating \$6,945,965 of General Reserve to the Office of Public Defender, to create a legal unit to defend immigrants from deportation in FYs 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

The Youth Commission's support for this legislation is based in its past support of sanctuary and due process for all policies, as well as youth commissioners' convictions that the impending threat of deportations constitute a true emergency requiring swift action to protect immigrant families and the wellbeing of 1 in 3 SFUSD students with an immigrant parent and that investments in keeping families together and parents out of detention help our City, school district, and communities avoid paying the long term costs associated with the harms of separation.

Youth Commissioners thank Mayor Lee and the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Madeleine Matz".

Chair, Madeleine Matz
Adopted on December 5, 2016
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