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YOUTH COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Wednesday, January 3, 2018
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 171310 [Charter Amendment - Budget Set-Asides and Baselines]

At our **Tuesday, January 2, 2018, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted 10-2 in support of the following motion:

To oppose BOS File No. 171310 – Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that whenever the City’s projected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year exceeds \$200 million, the City is not required to increase funding for the Municipal Transportation Fund; the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund; the Children and Youth Fund; the Library Preservation Fund; the Housing Trust Fund; the Public Education Enrichment Fund; the Dignity Fund; the Street Tree Maintenance Fund; the Controller’s Audit Fund; the Asian Art Museum; the California Academy of Sciences; the Fine Arts Museums; the War Memorial and Performing Arts Center; the Library; the Recreation and Park Commission; or community cultural centers; to provide that money in these funds in future years that remain unspent or uncommitted at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the City’s General Fund; and to eliminate the requirement that the City provide funding to maintain a symphony orchestra; at an election to be held on June 5, 2018.

Commissioners also approved the following comments and recommendations regarding this legislation:

Youth commissioners recommend that the Board of Supervisors remove the Children and Youth Fund, the Children’s and TAY Baseline, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, as well as the Housing Trust Fund from consideration for the proposed charter amendment. Commissioners believe funds with more critical impacts residents, especially our young people, must continue to be protected.

Youth Commissioners thank 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, reading "Chiara Lind", written over a horizontal line.

Chiara Lind, Chair
Adopted on January 2, 2018
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