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April 16, 2019

John Rahaim, Director Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Rahaim:

On April 9, 2019, Supervisor Walton introduced the following legislation:

File No. 190392

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the City to close Juvenile Hall by December 31, 2021, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Court; to establish a working group for the development of a Juvenile Hall closure plan, and to establish the Youth Justice Reinvestment Fund to support community-based alternatives to detention and also support the working group; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

The proposed ordinance is being transmitted to the Planning Department for review and determination regarding consistency with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The ordinance is pending before the Government Audit and Oversight Committee and will be scheduled for hearing following receipt of your response.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

By: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk Government Audit and Oversight Committee

Attachment

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alternatives to detention and also support the working group; affirming the Planning

Planning Code, Section 101.1.

[Administrative Code - Juvenile Hall Closure]

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Environmental and Land Use Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ___ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

| 1 | (b) On, the Planning Department determined that the actions |
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| 2 | contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City's General Plan and |
| 3 | eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board adopts this determination as |
| 4 | its own. A copy of said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in |
| 5 | File No, and is incorporated herein by reference. |
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| 7 | Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 119, |
| 8 | consisting of Sections 119.1 through 119.3, to read as follows: |
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| 10 | CHAPTER 119: CLOSURE OF JUVENILE HALL |
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| 12 | SEC. 119.1. DEFINITIONS. |
| 13 | "City" means the City and County of San Francisco. |
| 14 | "Court "means the San Francisco Superior Court Juvenile Division." |
| 15 | "Juvenile Hall" means the locked detention facility at 375 Woodside Avenue in the City. |
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| 17 | <u>SEC. 119.2. FINDINGS.</u> |
| 18 | (a) For nearly two decades, since roughly the advent of the 21st Century, youth crime has |
| 19 | steadily declined across the country, including in the City. During this time the City has emerged as a |
| 20 | leader in juvenile justice reform - shifting the focus from punishment and incarceration to support and |
| 21 | care for young people. The City's reform-minded approach and the decrease in youth crime have |
| 22 | contributed to a dramatic decline in the number of youth detained in custody. The City's focus |
| 23 | increasingly has been on new and innovative interventions that invest in young people, rather than |
| 24 | <u>punishment.</u> |

- (b) The budget for Juvenile Hall does not reflect today's low numbers of detained youth. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the City budgeted \$13,322,254 for Juvenile Hall despite the significantly reduced number of detained youth as compared to earlier years. From 2009 to January 2019, the average annual cost per year for each youth detained in Juvenile Hall has risen 127%, from \$123,400 to \$279,500.
- (c) The detention of young people is not rehabilitative, nor does it effectively address public safety. Detention increases the likelihood of recidivism, future incarceration, and homelessness, and results in lower high school completion rates.
- (d) The majority of youth detained in Juvenile Hall are not charged with serious offenses. In December 2018, 40 youth were detained at Juvenile Hall filling only 27% of its beds. Of those 40 youth, 30% were detained for a misdemeanor offense, and 50% were detained while waiting for a court-ordered placement.
- (e) Multiple studies have shown that putting youth behind bars fails to enhance public safety, drives low-level delinquent youth deeper into criminality, and increases the likelihood that they will wind up behind bars again. The Arkansas Division of Youth Services studied youth recidivism and identified detention as the strongest predictor of youth recidivism more so than family difficulties or gang membership. One recent longitudinal study of 35,000 young offenders found that those who were detained as juveniles were twice as likely to be incarcerated as adults than juveniles who committed similar offenses and came from similar backgrounds but were given an alternative sanction or simply not arrested. Another recent study, from Brown University and MIT, found that detaining young people increases by 23% the likelihood that they will be jailed as adults. The study also found that juvenile detention is the single biggest predictor of future incarceration.
- (f) The majority of youth in the juvenile justice system nationwide have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma, mental health problems, and family crisis. Youth in the juvenile justice system suffer from serious mental health issues at a rate far greater than the general youth population: 70% as

compared to 10-20% of the general youth population. Nearly 90% of youth in the juvenile justice population nationwide have suffered a prior traumatic experience, and 30% of that population meet the criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder. The needs of youth impacted by these issues are better met outside of the punitive framework of the delinquency system.

- (g) Detention adds more trauma to the lives of already traumatized youth. Detained youth become more isolated and disconnected from their families and their support networks and, when detained while awaiting their disposition hearings, fare far worse at every stage of their case.
- (h) The detention of youth negatively impacts their cognitive development at what are critical development stages. Healthy psychological development requires: 1) the presence of a parent or parent-like adult who is involved with and concerned about the young person's development; 2) a peer group that values positive behavior and academic success; and 3) opportunities and activities that foster independent decision-making and critical thinking. These core adolescent development requirements cannot be achieved when young people are detained because those detained are: 1) separated from their support networks; 2) grouped together with other youth who have been charged with offenses; and 3) stripped of their autonomy and self-determination.
- (i) Most youth will age out of crime and should be supported in a positive developmental process. This requires creating strong relationships with caring adults, inclusion in pro-social peer groups and activities, and encouragement to develop their own interests and potential. By expanding our investment in services that are community-based, culturally-relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally-appropriate, the City will enable youth to make a positive transition into adulthood.
- (j) For those youth who must be detained, small, non-institutional settings are most effective at rehabilitating and supporting youth. Services provided to youth should be built on strengths and needs identified by their families, should be delivered by community programs, and whenever possible should avoid institutional placements and their attendant costs and harms.

SEC. 119.3. CLOSURE OF JUVENILE HALL.

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By no later than December 31, 2021, the City shall close Juvenile Hall, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Presiding Judge of the Court, that will be available for wards of the Court and persons alleged to come within the jurisdiction of the Court. The place of detention shall be a safe and supportive homelike environment, which shall not be deemed to be, nor treated as, a penal institution, and which shall conform to all applicable State and federal regulations.

Section 3. Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Article XL, consisting of Sections 5.40-1 through 5.40-7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XL: CLOSE JUVENILE HALL WORKING GROUP

SEC. 5.40-1. CLOSE JUVENILE HALL WORKING GROUP.

The City hereby establishes the Close Juvenile Hall Working Group.

SEC. 5.40-2. DEFINITIONS.

"CARC" means the Huckleberry Community Assessment and Resource Center.

"City" means the City and County of San Francisco.

"Court" means the San Francisco Superior Court Juvenile Division.

"DCYF" means the Department of Children Youth and Families.

"Juvenile Hall" means the locked detention facility at 375 Woodside Avenue in the City.

"Working Group" means the Close Juvenile Hall Working Group.

SEC. 5.40-3. PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES.

| 1 | (7) Community-based programs that serve juvenile justice-involved young people should | |
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| 2 | be supported, strengthened, and where appropriate, expanded. | |
| 3 | (8) Youth in the juvenile justice system should be referred to programs and court- | |
| 4 | ordered placements in the City whenever possible. | |
| 5 | (9) Juvenile Hall staff should be given the opportunity, consistent with civil service | |
| 6 | rules, to transfer to other jobs with the City or the San Francisco Unified School District once Juvenile | |
| 7 | Hall is closed. | |
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| 9 | SEC. 5.40-4. MEMBERSHIP. | |
| 10 | (a) Members. The Working Group shall consist of 13 members as set forth below. | |
| 11 | (1) Seats 1 and 2 shall be held by representatives of community-based non-profits that | |
| 12 | serve juvenile justice-involved youth and are members of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association. | |
| 13 | (2) Seats 3 and 4 shall be held by persons under the age of 29 who were previously | |
| 14 | detained or incarcerated. | |
| 15 | (3) Seat 5 shall be held by a parent or guardian of a person who is or was detained as a | |
| 16 | youth in the juvenile justice system. | |
| 17 | (4) Seat 6 shall be held by an expert in the design of small, rehabilitative, and | |
| 18 | education-focused centers that meet the needs of young people who, following their arrest or detention, | |
| 19 | cannot return to their home or community. | |
| 20 | (5) Seat 7 shall be held by an expert in youth mental illness, with experience serving the | |
| 21 | juvenile justice population, and expertise in best practices for serving youth with mental illness. | |
| 22 | (6) Seat 8 shall be held by an expert in juvenile justice reform with experience in data | |
| 23 | analysis and the development of alternatives to detention. | |
| 24 | (7) Seat 9 shall be held by a member of the labor community. | |
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in juvenile justice reform, program evaluation, data analysis, youth development, development of alternatives to detention, and juvenile justice systemic change. The outside consultant shall advise the Working Group, and, to the extent desired by the Working Group, may facilitate its meetings and compile required reports on behalf of the Working Group.

- (f) Quorum. Seven members of the Working Group shall constitute a quorum.
- (g) Officers. The Working Group shall elect a Chairperson from its members. The Chairperson shall designate a member to serve in the Chairperson's absence.
- (h) Subcommittees. The Working Group may establish subcommittees to be convened as directed by the Working Group. The Working Group's Chairperson or the Chairperson's designee shall appoint members to the subcommittees. Subcommittees shall report findings and make recommendations to the full Working Group for its consideration.
- (i) Meeting Frequency. The Working Group shall meet at least every two months until Juvenile

 Hall is closed and a substitute place or places of detention are available for youth placement.
- (j) Roles of Members. In adopting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that

 each member in Seats 10-13 retains their authority and duties under State law and that where conflicts

 may arise out of members' dual roles, State powers and duties shall supersede the duties that this

 Article XL imposes on members.

SEC. 5.40-6. POWERS AND DUTIES.

(a) The Working Group shall have the following powers and duties in the work focus areas described below:

<u>WORK FOCUS AREA # 1: Based on available data, conduct a needs assessment for youth</u> detained in Juvenile Hall. To conduct this assessment, the Working Group shall:

WORK FOCUS AREA # 6: Develop a reinvestment plan that redirects funds historically allocated for Juvenile Hall to community-based alternatives to detention, the Center, and additional mental health and academic support programs for juvenile justice-involved youth.

WORK FOCUS AREA # 7: Develop policy recommendations for the Police Department, the Juvenile Probation Department, and CARC, which divert youth who have been arrested from the juvenile justice system to alternative, community-based programs and support systems.

WORK FOCUS AREA #8: Develop policy recommendations for the Juvenile Probation

Department that transform the department supervision model into a strengths-based framework so that young people are not sent to detention for probation violations, including technical violations or violations for low-level offenses.

- (b) In carrying out its duties, the Working Group shall: 1) collaborate with the Mayor's

 Juvenile Justice Reform Blue Ribbon Panel; and 2) consult with the Capital Planning Committee, Real

 Estate Division, Child Welfare Division of the Human Services Agency, Child Crisis Division of the

 Department of Public Health, Youth Commission, the Police Department, and the San Francisco

 Unified School District. The Working Group shall invite a representative of each entity identified in this subsection (b) to all Working Group meetings.
- (c) Subject to the fiscal, budgetary, and civil service provisions of the Charter, and to the extent consistent with open government laws, the Working Group shall investigate juvenile justice best practices by visiting other jurisdictions and retaining subject matter experts, as needed.
- (d) Reports. The Working Group shall prepare and submit a report every six months that describes the Working Group's progress in fulfilling the duties set forth in this Section 5.40-6. The first report shall be due six months after the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No.

 creating this Article XL. The Working Group shall submit each report to the Board of Supervisors, along with a proposed resolution to accept the report. The Working Group shall also submit each report to the Mayor, any City department or office responsible for a program identified in the report,

and the City Administrator. Each report shall be available to the public, and the City Administrator shall post each report on the City Administrator's website.

(e) In carrying out its duties, the Working Group shall receive prompt and full cooperation and assistance from all City departments, offices, officers, and employees. All components of City government shall promptly produce all records and information requested by the Working Group, unless prohibited from doing so by state or federal law.

SEC. 5.40-7. SUNSET DATE.

This Article XL shall expire by operation of law, and the Working Group shall terminate, when the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer certifies in writing that Juvenile Hall is closed and there is a substitute place or places of detention, approved by the Court, that is available for wards of the Court and persons alleged to come within the jurisdiction of the Court. In that event, after the sunset date, the City Attorney shall cause this Article XL to be removed from the Administrative Code.

Section 4. Article XIII of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 10.100-376, to read as follows:

SEC. 10.100-376. YOUTH JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FUND.

- (a) Establishment of Fund. The Youth Justice Reinvestment Fund is established as a category eight fund to receive fee revenue dedicated to community-based alternatives to juvenile detention and other contributions to the fund.
- (b) Use of Fund. The fund is to be used exclusively by the City Administrator, for the purpose of supporting community-based alternatives to juvenile detention and the work of the Close Juvenile Hall Working Group established in Article XL of Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code.

(c) Administration of Fund. The City Administrator, shall administer the fund and shall report annually to the Board of Supervisors on the current status of the fund, the amounts approved for disbursement, and the number and types of community-based alternatives to juvenile detention assisted.

The City Administrator shall have the authority to prescribe rules and regulations governing the Fund.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

JĀNA ØLARK Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Juvenile Hall Closure]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the City to close Juvenile Hall by December 31, 2021, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Court; to establish a working group for the development of a Juvenile Hall closure plan, and to establish the Youth Justice Reinvestment Fund to support community-based alternatives to detention and also support the working group; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

State law requires that the Board of Supervisors provide and maintain, in a location approved by the Juvenile Court, a suitable house or place ("Juvenile Hall") for the detention of wards of the Juvenile Court and of persons alleged to come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, under the management and control of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. In the City, the current Juvenile Hall is the locked facility located at 375 Woodside Avenue.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would require that the City close the existing Juvenile Hall, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Juvenile Court, to replace the Juvenile Hall. This ordinance would establish the Close Juvenile Hall Working Group ("Working Group") for the development of a Juvenile Hall closure plan. The Working Group would have 13 members, with seats 1-9 appointed by the Board, and seats 10-13 serving *ex officio* as follows:

Seats 1 and 2 - Representatives of community-based non-profits that serve juvenile justice-involved youth and are members of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association.

Seats 3 and 4 - Previously detained or incarcerated persons under age 29.

Seat 5 - Parent or guardian of a person who is or was detained as a youth.

Seat 6 – Design expert.

Seat 7 - Mental health expert.

Seat 8 - Juvenile justice reform expert.

Seat 9 – Labor representative.

Seat 10 – Chief Juvenile Probation Officer.

Seat 11 - Public Defender.

Seat 12 - District Attorney.

Seat 13 – Court representative, by invitation.

This ordinance would require that the Working Group develop a plan to:

- (1) close Juvenile Hall by no later than December 31, 2021;
- (2) strengthen and expand community-based alternatives to detention;
- (3) provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Court, which is available for all wards of the Court and persons alleged to come within the jurisdiction of the Court; and
- (4) reinvest any monies saved by the closure of Juvenile Hall in high-quality, effective, community-based alternatives to detention; an alternative, rehabilitative, non-institutional center for youth who are detained; and mental health and educational support for detained youth.

This ordinance would require that all City departments cooperate with and promptly produce records and information to the Working Group, to the extent permitted by State or federal law.

This ordinance would establish the Youth Justice Reinvestment Fund, administered by the City Administrator, to receive fee revenue dedicated to community-based alternatives to juvenile detention and other contributions to the fund.

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Young, Victor (BOS)

From:

Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Sent:

Friday, April 12, 2019 2:22 PM

To: Subject:

BOS-Supervisors; Young, Victor (BOS) FW: Praise for efforts to close Juvenile Hall

Attachments:

Book Cover

From: Lisa Hill <afrocentric315@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Praise for efforts to close Juvenile Hall

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Greetings,

I recently read the article regarding the Supervisors who are drafting legislation to close Juvenile Hall. I want to commend their efforts. I worked for Alameda County Probation Department for three decades. I retired as Superintendent of the Camp program after tiredness efforts to introduce reforms. I am currently a professor at California State University, Eastbay teaching in the Criminal Justice Department. My goal is to educate and train compassionate and ethical Criminal Justice professionals. I recently published a book entitled "Keeping Kids in the Home and out of the System."

I applaud the Supervisors efforts to reform a costly and failing intervention to address juvenile delinquency.

Please consider offering my book to families as you make the transition.

Lisa Hill, Ph.D., LMFT

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| Madam Clerk, Pursuant to Board Rules, I am hereb | y: |
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| Title. | (Primary Sponsor) |
| ▼ Transferring (Board Rule No 3.3) | |
| File No. 190392 | Walton |
| Title. Administrative Code - | (Primary Sponsor) Juvenile Hall Closure |
| From: Rules | Committee |
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| ☐ Assigning Temporary Committee | Appointment (Board Rule No. 3.1) |
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| | Norman Yee, President Board of Supervisors |

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Building Inspection Commission Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Walton, Ronen, Haney, Mar, Peskin, Fewer, Brown, Safai Subject: Administrative Code - Juvenile Hall Clousure The text is listed: Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require that the City close Juvenile Hall by 2021, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place of detention, in a location approved by the Court, to establish a working group for the development of Juvenile Hall closure plan, and to establish the Youth Justice Reinvestment Fund; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority polices of Planning Code, Section 101.1. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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