



YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor London Breed
Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors

CC: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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FROM: 2019-2020 Youth Commission

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2019

RE: Five Youth Commission Actions from November 18, 2019: support BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]; support BOS File No. 191158 [World Children's Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]; motion to co-sponsor the Young Women's Freedom Center's "Close Juvenile Hall" Youth Townhall; motion to co-sponsor Generation Citizen's Civics Day; support Motion No. 1920-AL-05 [Motion to Support SB 201: Medical Procedures re: treatment or intervention: sex characteristics of a minor].

At its meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, the Youth Commission took the following actions:

1. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to support BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]. A record of their response can be viewed in referral response no. 1920-RBM-05 ([PDF](#)) (attached) which includes the following recommendations:
 - When information is posted regarding the budget process, especially on websites, the language should be accessible to young people so they can understand it.
 - When hearings are scheduled, they should be scheduled at a time that is accessible to youth (which most likely means in the afternoon).
2. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to support BOS File No. 191158 [World Children's Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]. A record of their response can be

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viewed in referral response no. 1920-RBM-04 ([PDF](#)) (attached) which includes the following recommendations:

- The legislation and discussion regarding the Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children should be mindful to not use the word "citizen".
 - When implementation efforts are underway, to commit coming from an equity lens that identifies the needs of marginalized, particularly black and brown, children and youth first.
3. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to support and co-sponsor the Young Women's Freedom Center's "Close Juvenile Hall" Youth Townhall.
 4. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to support and co-sponsor Generation Citizen's Civics Day.
 5. Youth Commissioners voted unanimously to support Motion No. 1920-AL-05 [Motion to Support SB 201: Medical Procedures re: treatment or intervention: sex characteristics of a minor] ([PDF](#)) (attached).

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554-6446 with any questions. Thank you.

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YOUTH COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Lisa Lew, Legislative Clerk, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 191158 [World Children’s Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco’s Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]

At our **Monday, November 18, 2019, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

BOS File No. 191158 [World Children’s Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco’s Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]

The Youth Commissioners also voted to include the following comments and recommendation:

- The legislation and discussion regarding the Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children should be mindful to not use the word “citizen”.
- When implementation efforts are underway, to commit coming from an equity lens that identifies the needs of marginalized, particularly black and brown, children and youth first.

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 that reads "Josephine Cureton".

Josephine Cureton, Chair
Adopted on November 18, 2019
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YOUTH COMMISSION
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TO: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]

At our **Monday, November 18, 2019, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]

The Youth Commissioners also voted to include the following recommendations:

- When information is posted regarding the budget process, especially on websites, the language should be accessible to young people so they can understand it.
- When hearings are scheduled, they should be scheduled at a time that is accessible to youth (which most likely means in the afternoon).

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.

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Josephine Cureton, Chair
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1 [Motion to Support SB 201: Medical Procedures Re: Treatment or Intervention: Sex
2 Characteristics of a Minor]

3 **Supplemental Information:**

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November 18th, 2019

The Hon. Scott Wiener
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: Support for SB 201: Medical procedures: treatment or intervention: sex characteristics of a minor

Dear Senator Wiener,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports your bill SB 201: Medical procedures: treatment or intervention: sex characteristics of a minor. This bill would ensure that people born with variations in their sex characteristics and genitalia are given the opportunity to provide informed consent before any medical treatments that could irreversibly affect puberty, sexual function, or fertility.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

About 1 in 100 people born in the U.S. are intersex, in which many faced unnecessary medical intervention at an early age. Intersex infants and youth involuntarily undergo surgeries for no reason other than to make their bodies conform to the traditional gender binary of male and female. Evidence shows the harm of these medical interventions when performed without the informed consent of the individual, such as physical pain, sterilization, and mental trauma. These risks violate basic human rights and further stigmatizes the intersex community. Many activists and community organizations have advocated to address the institutional and systemic issues on intersex rights. It's crucial for people born with variations in their sex characteristics have autonomy and self-agency over their own bodies and lives.

The impact that this bill would have on marginalized communities in California would be trailblazing and have a positive impact on generations to come.

For all these reasons, we support SB 201, and we thank you for your work on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Josephine Cureton, Chair
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