

1 [Urging the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to Require All Funded
2 Organizations to Have a Youth on Their Board of Directors By 2023]

3 **Resolution urging the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) to**
4 **require all organizations receiving funding from DCYF have a youth age 14 to 24 years**
5 **old on their Board of Directors by 2023.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1991, San Francisco voters passed a Charter Amendment establishing
8 the San Francisco Children’s Fund, a fund dedicated to comprehensive children, youth, and
9 families throughout the City and County of San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
11 (DCYF) has administered San Francisco’s investments in children, youth, transitional age
12 youth, and their families through the Children’s Fund since 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, DCYF is one of the few city departments in the country dedicated
14 exclusively to meet the needs of young people from birth through 24 years of age; and

15 WHEREAS, The mission of DCYF is to ensure that families with children and
16 transitional aged youth (TAY) are a prominent and valued segment of San Francisco’s social
17 fabric by supporting programs and activities in every San Francisco neighborhood; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the 2010 Census, San Francisco is home to
19 approximately 107,500 children and youth under the age of 18, and between 5,000 and 8,000
20 youth ages 16 to 24 and children and youth under the age of 18 account for 13% of the City’s
21 population; and

22 WHEREAS, Through the Children and Youth Fund and the City’s General Fund, DCYF
23 funds hundreds of community-based organizations to deliver the following types of services:
24 early child care and education, out of school time programs, teen services and youth
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1 empowerment programs, youth workforce development, violence prevention and intervention,
2 and family support programs; and

3 WHEREAS, DCYF promotes sharing of information to support children, youth,
4 transitional aged youth (TAY) and their families and welcomes their participation in civic
5 engagement; and

6 WHEREAS, DCYF seeks to address inequities in access and opportunity, provide
7 leadership in developing high quality programs and strong community-based organizations in
8 the interest of promoting positive outcomes; and

9 WHEREAS, DCYF prioritizes children, youth, transitional age youth and families'
10 voices in setting funding practices and priorities and is committed to working with City
11 stakeholders to allocate funds based on an equity framework; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Children, Youth
13 and Their Families to adopt a policy requiring all organizations that receive funding from
14 DCYF and the Children and Youth Fund to have at least one youth member, defined as
15 between age 14 to 24 years old, to be a member of the organization's Board of Directors
16 by 2023; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
18 will provide access to trainings that focus on the recruitment and on-boarding of youth
19 members to DCYF-funded organizations and these trainings are aimed at promoting steps in
20 the Youth Engagement Ladder so that youth are empowered to share in the decision-making
21 process of their Board; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
23 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Executive Director of the Department of
24 Children, Youth and Their Families, the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight and
25 Advisory Committee (OAC), and the Youth Commission.