

1 [Supplement Omnibus Youth Commission Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]

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3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and various Departments to allocate**  
4 **funding for various youth-related programs in the budget ordinances for FY 2021-2022**  
5 **and FY 2022-2023.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission passed its Omnibus Youth Commission  
8 Preliminary Budget Priorities Resolution, contained in YC File No. 2021-AL-02, on January 4,  
9 2021, urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the departmental  
10 budget submissions and the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Since then, the Youth Commission and its three policy committees have  
13 heard from additional youth communities and community-based organizations and identified  
14 additional opportunities for the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") to support the  
15 unmet needs of youth in San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, The Mayor submitted her Proposed Budget to the Board of Supervisors  
17 ("BOS") on June 1, 2021, which has until the end of July to make cuts and add money back in  
18 to fund additional programs not included in the Mayor's Proposed Budget; now, therefore, be  
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20 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to fund the 30%-of-income  
21 cap on rents in all permanent supportive housing funded by the City and its Department of  
22 Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH") from the general fund, not from the Our City  
23 Our Home ("OCOH") Fund, and use OCOH money for non-ambiguously intended purposes;  
24 and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to allocate at least  
2 \$6,825,000 annually in funds cut from the San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD”) budget  
3 for a community-based Compassionate Alternative Response Team (“CART”) to respond to  
4 homelessness-related calls through an appropriate non-carceral department; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to allocate  
6 \$793,800 in HSH’s budget to fund 7 FTE Master’s level clinicians and 1 FTE Behavioral  
7 Health Director for the Lower Polk Transitional Age Youth Navigation Center (the “TAY  
8 Navigation Center”), as well as additional funding for the TAY Navigation Center to occupy the  
9 full second floor of the building it operates in to provide programming that responds to the  
10 trauma, mental health, and substance abuse needs of guests at the TAY Navigation Center,  
11 and additional funding for 2 FTE employees to advise and help TAY with job training,  
12 application support, technical support, and job searches; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS and Department  
14 of Children, Youth, and their Families to support youth organizing via funding for additional  
15 grants to youth organizers and permit fee-waivers for youth-organized events; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to amend the  
17 Department of Juvenile Probation’s (“JPD”) proposed budget in accordance with Ordinance  
18 No. 117-19, contained in BOS File No. 190392, requiring the closure of Juvenile Hall by the  
19 end of calendar year 2021, resulting in savings of up to \$27,243,939.5 over FYs 2021-2022  
20 and 2022-2023; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to remove  
22 proposed funding from the JPD budget for operating the Log Cabin Ranch, resulting in  
23 savings of \$5,340,912 over FYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to reduce the  
25 Sheriff Department and SFPD proposed budgets at least proportionate to the savings incurred

1 by the closure of County Jail #4 and investments made in alternatives like the Street Crisis  
2 Response Teams and non-Sheriff safety models in the Department of Public Health's  
3 proposed budget; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to conditionally  
5 allocate funds to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") to cover the  
6 cost of a 3-month Free Muni pilot in fall 2021; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to continue  
8 funding for its Youth Transportation Advisory Board in FYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

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12 Nora Hylton, Chair  
13 Adopted on June 7, 2021  
14 2020-2021 San Francisco Youth Commission

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Director Grant Colfax  
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Dear Mayor Breed, Director McSpadden, and Director Colfax,

RE: Lower Polk Street TAY Navigation Center

The Housing and Land Use committee has been committed to preventing and solving youth homelessness in San Francisco for over 12 years now. Since 2017, the Youth Commission (YC) has supported building navigation centers for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) throughout San Francisco. That year, the YC wrote [Resolution 1617-AL-17](#) in support of the TAY Navigation Center (TAY Nav Center) and supported a motion to allocate funds for the center. In 2019, the YC joined the Grand Challenge to end youth homelessness, working with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and service providers such as 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic (3rd Street) and Larkin Street Youth Services with the goal to end youth homelessness in San Francisco (the City). Recognizing the pause and implications the COVID-19 pandemic has had on all of us, including City led projects, the Lower Polk TAY Navigation Center finally opened with the restriction of operating at half capacity in February of 2021. Since then, the YC has received a presentation from 3rd Street and heard directly from the youth living there about the services and support they need to not only operate, but be successful.

We urge the Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to increase funding to The Lower Polk TAY Navigation Center. The purpose of the Nav Center is to offer programming and services that help TAY experiencing homelessness get off of the streets and receive critical services and

guidance as they prepare to live in homes, get jobs, and build healthy, fulfilling adult lives. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the TAY Nav Center has only been able to operate at half capacity (43 beds) and undersized with only the bare minimum resources needed to successfully support the youth who are currently enrolled. Now, with the COVID-19 restrictions lifting, the TAY Nav Center will be expanding to their full capacity of 75 guests. With more guests arriving, the more prevalent the issues become. The issues at hand are the mental health support of the guest and space.

Since the TAY Nav Center opened, the mental health of the guests have been more noticeable. Many of their guests have experienced mental health concerns, but only managed with De-Escalation, Mental Health First Aid, and Harm Reduction training by 3rd Street's team of Monitors and Housing Case Managers, and receive 12 hours a week of support from Harm Reduction Therapy Center. The TAY Nav Center is in need of full time Clinicians as well as a Behavioral Health Director to support the guest in any way possible. The TAY Nav Center must be a community where TAY experiencing homelessness can thrive and feel welcome.

Furthermore, 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic and the Youth Commission's Housing and Land Use Committee encourage the Mayor's Office, HSH, and DPH to provide more space for the center. With a bigger group of guests, more space is needed. Right now, the second floor of the building that houses the TAY Nav Center is underutilized. The currently vacant space on the second floor should be made available to the TAY Nav Center for improved wellness of the guests in the navigation center. We urge the Mayor's office to allow the TAY Nav Center to expand to the second floor providing a recreational space, computer lab, and private rooms for therapy as well as for those who are mentally unwell and/or unstable.

The expansion of the TAY NAV center to fully encompass the second floor would allow 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic to create a computer lab for job searches, job applications, drafting resumes, email, and other tech-related activities. We recommend additional funding for two additional full-time employees to advise and help TAY with job training, application support, technical support, and job searches. This would not only help youth development, but set youth at the TAY Nav Center up with the skills to sustain employment.

In community,

Erika Morris and Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy  
 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Housing and Land Use Committee  
 San Francisco Youth Commission



The Lower Polk TAY Navigation Center is an exciting new project between 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic and the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. As the main nonprofit partner, 3rd Street oversees the Nav Center's programming and operations that help Transition Aged Youth (TAY) experiencing homelessness get off of the streets and receive critical services and guidance as they prepare to live in homes, get jobs, and build healthy, fulfilling adult lives.

Since opening the Nav Center in February 2021, 3rd Street's understanding of what these young people need has increased exponentially. We have witnessed many of our guests experience symptoms of psychosis, mania, anxiety, depression, and other mental health symptoms that impact their abilities to live indoors, navigate adult relationships and conversations, and feel comfortable in their own skin. Without behavioral health interventions from experienced clinicians, it is easy to see why so many access substances as their main self-management tool. Outwardly their mental health symptoms can make them present as aggressive, unstable, and even violent. To 3rd Street and our dedicated staff at the Nav Center, it is proof that they are suffering and desperately need mental health support.

Ideally, the Nav Center is the place where they should receive it before moving on and living independently. Within these walls, TAY experiencing homelessness need to acclimate to life off the streets, learn to follow schedules, make appointments, and build personal accountability. They will accomplish none of this if they do not first treat and learn how to manage their symptoms of mental health. Currently, two barriers stand in the way of 3rd Street providing mental health services at the Nav Center: Funding for clinical staff and lack of space.

Due to City budgetary constraints, 3rd Street has no clinicians who are specifically dedicated to working with the TAY at the Nav Center. While we have managed thus far by providing De-Escalation, Mental Health First Aid, and Harm Reduction training to our team of Monitors and Housing Case Managers, and receive 12 hours a week of support from Harm Reduction Therapy Center, without dedicated onsite clinicians, we are not providing our guests the best level of care and their best shot at success.

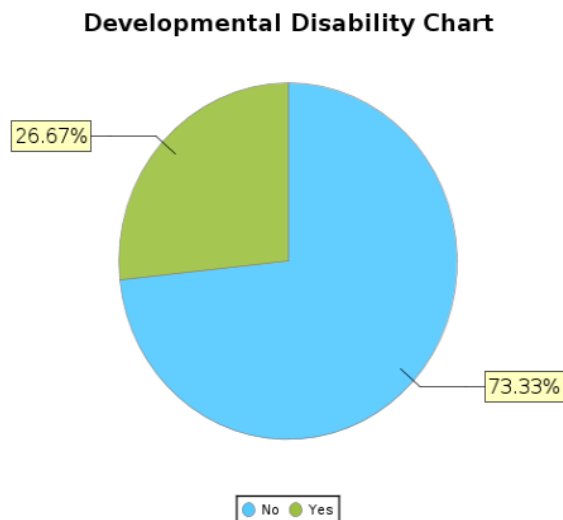
With the current COVID-19 restrictions, we maintain a capacity of 43 guests at any time. As restrictions lift, the Nav Center will increase its capacity to 75 guests. With that in mind, 3rd Street needs 7 FTE Master's level clinicians and 1 FTE Behavioral Health Director:

- 6 FTE Clinicians; Maintain caseloads of 12-13 clients each, run weekly psycho-educational groups like Seeking Safety, Dialectic Behavior Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing, and provide mental health crisis interventions.
- 1 FTE Clinician: A group of clinicians (.15FTE-.25FTE each) to provide on-call and crisis support and to serve as a floater to maintain full clinical capacity when staff is out on PTO.
- 1 FTE Behavioral Health Director: Provide weekly individual and group supervision to all Clinicians and assist with design Nav Center programming that is responsive to the unique mental health needs of our guests.

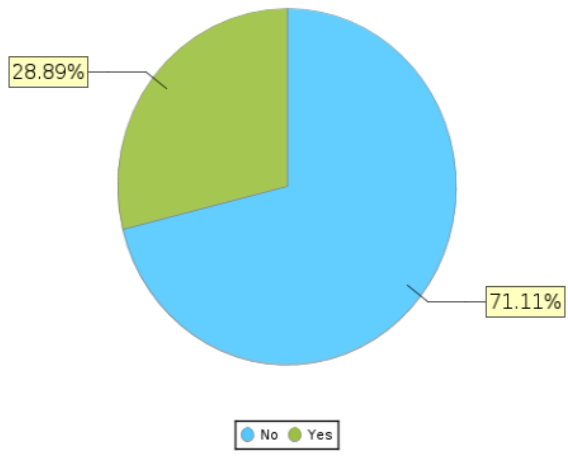
While a full clinical team would greatly benefit the daily operations at the Nav Center, space will continue to be an issue if left unaddressed. The second floor of the Nav Center is currently being underutilized, with a large space, unfinished and closed off to guests, not being used at all. Access to this space would enhance 3rd Street's ability to provide programming that responds to the trauma, mental health, and substance abuse needs of our guests. With extra space 3rd Street would:

- Create two private rooms for individuals with spiking mental health symptoms and who may be high, drunk, or otherwise impaired to stay and ground as they stabilize and can safely return to the community.
- Recreation space for TAY where they can socialize, play games, and practice social-emotional skills that will help them succeed in future personal and professional relationships.
- Computer lab for job search, applying to jobs, drafting resumes, email, and other tech-related activities.
- Create therapy spaces where clinicians can provide 1:1 and group therapy.

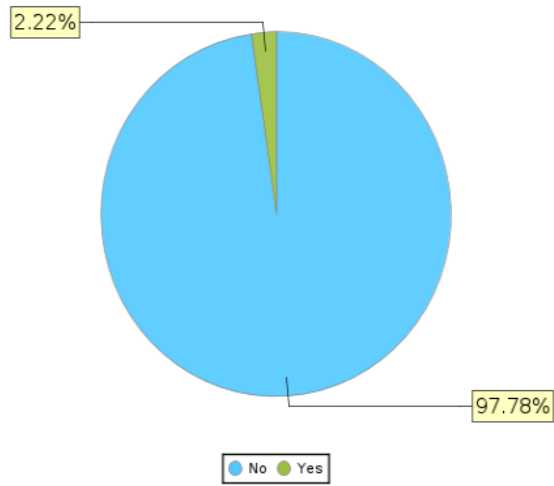
Lower Power TAY Navigation Center Health Data (as of May 3rd, 2021--43 Clients):



**Chronic Health Condition Chart**

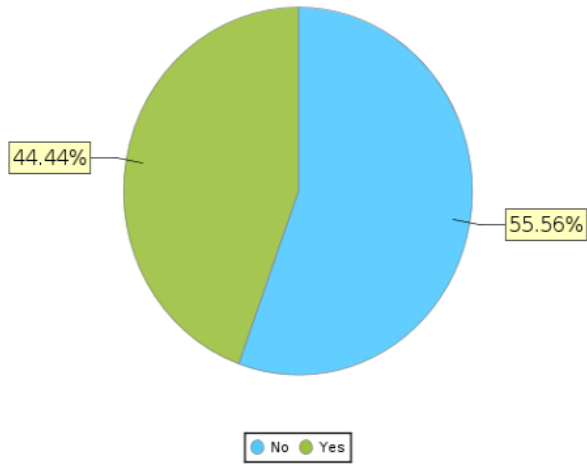


**HIV/AIDS Chart**

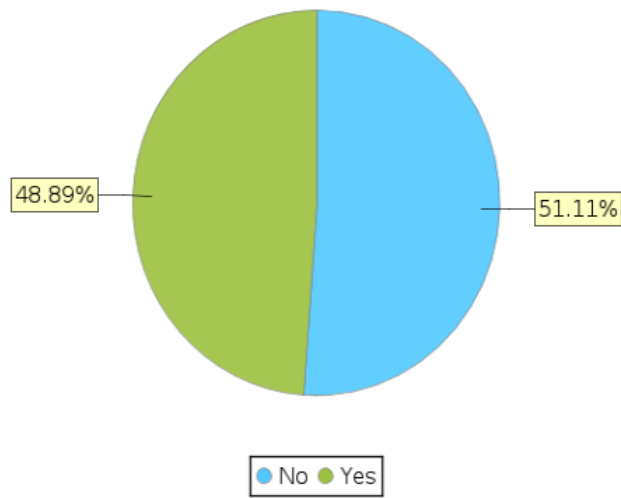




**Mental Health Problem Chart**



**Chronic Homeless (Adults & HoH) Chart**



# 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic

Lower Polk TAY Navigation Center

*Behavioral Health Services*

**Budget FY 2021-2022**

Staff		FTE	Cost
Behavioral Health Clinicians @ \$70,000 each		7	\$490,000
Behavioral Health Director-Nav Center		1	\$140,000
<b>Total Salaries</b>			<b>\$630,000</b>
<b>Fringe 26%</b>			<b>\$163,800</b>
<b>Total Salaries + Fringe</b>			<b>\$793,800</b>

1 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]

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3 **Resolution urging the allocation of funding for various youth-related programs in the**  
4 **Mayor’s Proposed Budget of the City and County of San Francisco for FY 2021-2022**  
5 **and FY 2022-2023, and urging the Department of Elections, the Board of Supervisors,**  
6 **the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families, the Adult Probation Department,**  
7 **the Department of Police Accountability, the Department of Public Health, the**  
8 **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the Department of Juvenile**  
9 **Probation, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the San Francisco**  
10 **District Attorney’s Office, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco**  
11 **Municipal Transportation Agency, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority,**  
12 **and various other departments to request funding for such programs in the submission**  
13 **of their department budgets.**

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15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (“the City”) operates on a two-year  
16 budget cycle, with the elaboration of department budgets beginning every year in December  
17 with the issuance of budget directions to departments by the Mayor’s Office and the  
18 Controller’s Office, and the final budget being signed in August; and

19 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission is charged by the Charter to report on its Budget  
20 and Policy Priorities (“BPPs”) for youth to the Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) every year for  
21 consideration during the budget process, usually at a date in the months of April or May; and

22 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission’s BPPs consist of recommendations for  
23 consideration by the BOS during the budget process, detailing the policy merits of a wide  
24 range of programs and policies and making sophisticated recommendations for action by the  
25 BOS, both budget-related and policy-oriented; and

1           WHEREAS, However, in order to represent the interests of youth during the elaboration  
2 of department budgets and the Mayor’s Proposed Budget, the Youth Commission has  
3 prepared this Omnibus Preliminary Resolution enumerating the youth-related programs that  
4 the Youth Commission recommends to be funded in FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023; and

5           WHEREAS, This Resolution has been considered by the three policy committees of the  
6 Youth Commission which, in conjunction with the Youth Commission’s Executive Committee,  
7 have heard from community members and organizations, as well as City departments, and  
8 have ensuingly formulated recommendations for various youth-related programs that they  
9 wish to see funded in the upcoming budget season; now, therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Civic Engagement Committee,  
11 the Youth Commission urges the Department of Elections to continue to include funding in its  
12 budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for youth voter outreach and voter pre-  
13 registration of 16- and 17-year-olds; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following recommendation of its Civic Engagement  
15 Committee, the Youth Commission urges the BOS to support a potential Charter Amendment  
16 to expand the voting population to citizen and/or non-citizen 16- and 17-year-olds in San  
17 Francisco Board of Education and/or municipal elections while ensuring confidentiality and  
18 their safety; and, be it

19           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following recommendation of its Civic Engagement  
20 Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Children, Youth, and their  
21 Families (“DCYF”) to include funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to  
22 implement fee waivers for California ID and Driver’s License applications at the California  
23 Department of Motor Vehicles; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
25 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Adult Probation Department (“APD”) to

1 increase funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for re-entry programs and  
2 services that support youths' basic physical, mental, social-emotional, and educational needs,  
3 such as the Interrupt, Predict, and Organize program for young adults, with a focus on  
4 employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation  
5 services, and educational resources; and, be it,

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
7 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges APD to propose funding in its budget for FY  
8 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to maintain and expand the Young Adult Court and  
9 compensate the Transitional-Aged Youth ("TAY") seat on the Re-entry Council; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
11 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to propose funding in its budget for  
12 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for socially distanced food and Personal Protective  
13 Equipment ("PPE") distribution, programming and educational services for COVID-19  
14 community pods, health and mental health care, substance use support, and other wrap-  
15 around services, particularly targeting youth, caregivers, and families who have had contact  
16 with the justice system; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
18 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to increase funding in its budget for  
19 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for justice programs that support leadership skill-building  
20 and workforce development, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families  
21 who have had contact with the justice system; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
23 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Police Accountability to  
24 increase funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for programs to increase  
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1 community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings for youth and youth service  
2 providers; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
4 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) to  
5 propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for COVID-19 pandemic  
6 relief and programming for food insecurity and PPE distribution particularly targeting youth,  
7 caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system and frontline essential  
8 and agricultural workers; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
10 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DPH to eliminate all funding for the Sheriff’s  
11 Department in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 and reallocate all funds that  
12 are saved by such cuts to expanded nurse staffing, trauma-informed security, Behavioral  
13 Emergency Response Team expansion, patient advocates, DPH Community Leadership  
14 Board (“CLB”) projects, community-based de-escalation and trauma-informed care training,  
15 additional discharge needs, and CLB salaries, as specified in the DPH Must Divest Coalition’s  
16 Alternatives to Sheriffs Proposal, along with funding for language access in respect to patient  
17 care and navigation of services; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
19 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges DPH to include funding in its budget for FY  
20 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to add a compensated seat for youth and TAY patients on the  
21 CLB and ensure that undocumented patients receiving care are included and compensated  
22 on the CLB; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
24 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Department of Homelessness and  
25 Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-

1 2023 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive  
2 housing for girl shelters to avoid out of county placements after contact with the juvenile  
3 justice system; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
5 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
6 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for permanent supportive housing options and wrap-around  
7 services for unhoused community members and youth with experiences in the criminal and  
8 juvenile justice system; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
10 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Juvenile Probation Department (“JPD”)  
11 to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding in  
12 its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for COVID-19 testing and screening  
13 measures, gender-specific programming, employment resources, rehabilitative and  
14 educational programs, mental health and counseling, after-detention rehabilitation and healing  
15 support and services, and community-based programs for youth and families; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
17 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges JPD to collaborate with other agencies and  
18 community-based organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY  
19 2022-2023 for alternatives to incarceration and the release of young people to local  
20 jurisdictions and/or community support hubs due to current COVID-19 conditions, given that  
21 California’s state youth correctional system, the Division of Juvenile Justice, has failed to  
22 respond sufficiently to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on youths’ safety; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
24 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Office of Economic and Workforce  
25 Development (“OEWD”) to collaborate with other agencies and community-based

1 organizations to propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for  
2 business entrepreneurship investment funds and mentorship resources for youth previously  
3 involved in the criminal and juvenile justice system; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
5 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office  
6 to propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for alternatives to  
7 incarceration that center community health and safety, such as language capacity advocates,  
8 advanced legal support for undocumented individuals and TAY, victims’ rights advocates,  
9 wrap-around services including but not limited to safety planning, relocation assistance, and  
10 restorative justice support, and decarceration and early release initiatives, especially in light of  
11 COVID-19; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
13 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Police Department  
14 (“SFPD”) to propose funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for mandatory  
15 in-depth youth and TAY rights training that incorporates youth brain development through an  
16 equity and trauma-informed lens; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
18 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFPD to propose funding in its budget for  
19 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for Know Your Rights trainings and community advisory  
20 workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback, in the interest of fostering  
21 more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties  
22 are aware of their rights and responsibilities; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
24 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges SFPD to propose funding in its budget for  
25 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for redistribution to youth who have experienced harm from



1 contact with the justice system, and for community advisory workgroups to have in-depth  
2 community engagement and feedback on the reinvestment of funds; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
4 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and BOS to cut the SFPD budget  
5 for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 by a minimum of 50% relative to the SFPD budget for  
6 FY 2020-2021 and reallocate funds to programs outside of the SFPD that provide public  
7 safety in a non-carceral, care-centered manner, including, but not limited to additional mental  
8 health first responders and unarmed de-escalation specialists; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
10 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and BOS to allocate 50% of all  
11 funds cut from the SFPD budget in FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to a “Community and  
12 People’s Budget” in which a percentage is set aside for social and community-centered  
13 services such as mental health services, community and City programs for youth employment  
14 including undocumented and previously incarcerated youth, and housing for the communities  
15 most impacted by violence and incarceration; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
17 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and BOS to allocate 20% of all  
18 funds cut from the SFPD budget in FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to hire social workers  
19 and trauma-informed counselors to aid victims of sexual misconduct; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Transformative  
21 Justice Committee, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and BOS to allocate 30% of all  
22 funds cut from the SFPD budget in FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to San Francisco  
23 Unified School District (“SFUSD”) schools and Wellness Centers to hire mental health  
24 professionals, with an equitable focus for schools with a high percentage of Black and Latinx  
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1 youth in order to ensure they are equipped with the physical, mental, emotional and  
2 communal tools to thrive beyond their education; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
4 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
5 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 sufficient to create and maintain a minimum of 400 units of  
6 permanent supportive housing for TAY; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
8 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
9 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to ensure that TAY-specific services are being provided at Safe  
10 Sleeping Sites and Shelter-In-Place hotels; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
12 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH, OEWD, DCYF, and DPH to propose  
13 funding in their budgets for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for mental health and substance  
14 use treatment and counseling programs, particularly targeting TAY experiencing  
15 homelessness or living in supportive housing; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
17 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to continue funding in its budget for FY  
18 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid  
19 survival resources, and for increased support services for nutritional food, laundry, and  
20 transportation for that population; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
22 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH, DCYF, and other relevant departments to  
23 propose funding in their budgets for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for increased  
24 technological support for TAY, including, but not limited to, access to adequate technology  
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1 and internet access and/or resources for internet saving-programs for TAY experiencing  
2 homelessness in permanent supportive housing and Transitional Living Programs; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
4 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and  
5 community-based organizations to continue increasing funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022  
6 and FY 2022-2023 for employment training for TAY, programs for life training and job  
7 readiness for TAY, financial support for education resources for TAY, and employment  
8 programs for TAY during the pandemic-induced economic downturn; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
10 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges DCYF to include funding in its budget for FY  
11 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for support for General Educational Development (GED) and  
12 college matriculation for TAY experiencing homelessness and/or youth who have challenges  
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14 attending virtual classes; and, be it

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16 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to propose funding in its budget for FY  
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19 concerns about the confusing and non-transparent Coordinated Entry for Youth triage system;  
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22 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to include funding in its budget for FY  
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24 through Youth Access Points in the Coordinated Entry system; and, be it

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4 Navigation Center, in districts where there are many youth experiencing homelessness; and,  
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7 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to include funding in its budget for FY  
8 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to provide TAY-specific mental health and other supportive  
9 services at all TAY-specific Navigation Centers; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
11 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges HSH to include funding in its budget for FY  
12 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for hazard pay for employees of service providers during  
13 COVID-19, given current working situations; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
15 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation  
16 Agency (“SFMTA”) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to propose funding  
17 in their budgets for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to establish a strategy to build an  
18 effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco youth and  
19 students; and, be it

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21 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to propose funding in its budget for  
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23 SFMTA Youth Transportation Advisory Board (“YTAB”) and support youth serving on the  
24 YTAB; and, be it

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2 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to propose funding in its budget for  
3 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to work collaboratively with SFUSD and City College of San  
4 Francisco to enroll all students and youth in the Free Muni for Youth program; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
6 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to propose funding in its budget for  
7 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to implement Free Muni for All Youth by eliminating the  
8 nominal youth fare up to age 23; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, following the recommendation of its Housing and Land  
10 Use Committee, the Youth Commission urges the SFMTA to increase funding in its budget for  
11 FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of  
12 developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges HSH and DPH to apportion  
14 funding from the Our City Our Home Fund to services and housing for youth and families  
15 experiencing homelessness according to the proportions set out in Section 2810(b) of the  
16 Business and Tax Regulations Code, as approved by the voters, and as upheld by the Our  
17 City Our Home Oversight Committee in its Immediate Needs Initial Recommendations report  
18 from December 15, 2020; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges all departments that  
20 contain Boards, Commissions, and other advisory bodies with one or more youth and/or TAY  
21 seat(s) to request funding in their budgets for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to provide  
22 compensatory stipends for all youth and TAY serving on such Boards, Commissions, and  
23 other advisory bodies, within the limits of the law; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to maintain  
2 current levels of funding in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 for community  
3 outreach by the Youth Commission; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the BOS to include funding  
5 in its budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 to raise the salary of all Youth Commission  
6 staff over 100% AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable  
7 institutional memory; and, be it

8 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission commits to advocating for the  
9 passage of a budget for FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 that reflects the needs of the youth  
10 population in San Francisco.

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Nora Hylton, Chair  
Adopted on January 4, 2021  
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## Memorandum

**TO:** Nora Hylton, Chair (SFYC)  
**cc:** Youth Commission Staff

**FROM:** Calvin Quick, LAO  
(SFYC)

**RE:** Summary of Preliminary Budget  
Recommendations (2021 Season)

**DATE:** January 4, 2021

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED     PLEASE REVIEW     FYI

Dear Chair and Staff,

Please find attached an updated and finalized summary detailing all preliminary budget-related recommendations adopted by the Youth Commission in YC File No. 2021-AL-02 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs] at the full Youth Commission meeting of January 4, 2021. This summary reflects all the information contained in the resolution itself, as recommended by the Youth Commission's policy committees and by myself, with emphasis added for clarity.

This summary does not include costings for recommendations, although Youth Commission committees and staff continue to work on preparing those where we are able, and will include them in future communications as available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

I remain respectfully yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin Quick", written over a horizontal line.

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*Note: all recommendations relate to Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.*

### **Recommendations of the Civic Engagement Committee (1-3)**

The Civic Engagement Committee recommends the following amendments to the Omnibus Resolution, reflecting that the Youth Commission:

1. urges the Department of Elections to continue to include funding for **youth voter outreach and voter pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds**;
2. urges the BOS to support a potential Charter Amendment to **expand the voting population to citizen and/or non-citizen 16- and 17-year-olds** in San Francisco Board of Education and/or municipal elections while ensuring confidentiality and their safety; and
3. urges DCYF to including funding to implement **fee waivers for California ID and Driver’s License applications** at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

### **Recommendations of the Transformative Justice Committee (4-24)**

The Transformative Justice Committee recommends the following amendments to the Omnibus Resolution, reflecting that the Youth Commission:

4. urges APD to increase funding for **re-entry programs and services** that support youths’ basic physical, mental, social-emotional, and educational needs, such as the Interrupt, Predict, and Organize program for young adults, with a focus on employment resources, daycare, mental health and counseling support, housing navigation services, and educational resources;
5. urges APD to propose funding to **maintain and expand the Young Adult Court and compensate the TAY seat on the Re-entry Council**;
6. urges DCYF to propose funding for **socially distanced food and PPE distribution, programming and educational services** for COVID-19 community pods, **health and mental health care, substance use support**, and other wrap-around services, particularly targeting youth, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system;
7. urges DCYF to increase funding for justice programs that support **leadership skill-building and workforce development**, particularly targeting children, women, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system;



8. urges DPA to increase funding for programs to increase **community visibility and outreach on Know Your Rights trainings** for youth and youth service providers;
9. urges DPH to propose funding for **COVID-19 pandemic relief and programming for food insecurity and PPE distribution** particularly targeting youth, caregivers, and families who have had contact with the justice system and frontline essential and agricultural workers;
10. urges **DPH to eliminate all funding for the Sheriff's Department** and reallocate all funds that are saved by such cuts to expanded nurse staffing, trauma-informed security, Behavioral Emergency Response Team expansion, patient advocates, DPH CLB projects, community-based de-escalation and trauma-informed care training, additional discharge needs, and CLB salaries, as specified in the DPH Must Divest Coalition's Alternatives to Sheriffs Proposal, along with funding for language access in respect to patient care and navigation of services;
11. urges DPH to include funding to add a **compensated seat for youth and TAY patients on the CLB** and ensure that undocumented patients receiving care are included and compensated on the CLB;
12. urges HSH to propose funding sufficient to create and maintain a **minimum of 100 units of permanent supportive housing for girl shelters** to avoid out of county placements after contact with the juvenile justice system;
13. urges HSH to propose funding for **permanent supportive housing options and wrap-around services** for unhoused community members and youth with experiences in the criminal and juvenile justice system;
14. urges JPD to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding for COVID-19 testing and screening measures, gender-specific programming, employment resources, rehabilitative and educational programs, mental health and counseling, after-detention rehabilitation and healing support and services, and community-based programs for youth and families;
15. urges JPD to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding for **alternatives to incarceration and the release of young people to local jurisdictions and/or community support hubs** due to current COVID-19 conditions, given that California's state youth correctional system, the Division of Juvenile Justice, has failed to respond sufficiently to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on youths' safety;
16. urges OEWD to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to propose funding for **business entrepreneurship investment funds and mentorship resources** for youth previously involved in the criminal and juvenile justice system;
17. urges the District Attorney's Office to propose funds for **alternatives to incarceration that center community health and safety**, such as language capacity advocates, advanced legal support for undocumented individuals and TAY, victims' rights advocates, wrap-around services including but not limited to safety planning, relocation assistance, and restorative justice support, and decarceration and early release initiatives, especially in light of COVID-19;

18. urges SFPD to propose funds for **mandatory in-depth youth and TAY rights training** that incorporates youth brain development through an equity and trauma-informed lens;
19. urges SFPD to propose funds for **Know Your Rights trainings and community advisory workgroups** to have in-depth community engagement and feedback, in the interest of fostering more positive and fair interactions between law enforcement and youth, in which both parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities;
20. urges SFPD to propose funds for **redistribution to youth who have experienced harm** from contact with the justice system, and for community advisory workgroups to have in-depth community engagement and feedback on the reinvestment of funds;
21. urges the Mayor and BOS to **cut the SFPD budget by a minimum of 50%** relative to the SFPD budget for FY 2020-2021 and reallocate funds to programs outside of the SFPD that provide public safety in a non-carceral, care-centered manner, including, but not limited to additional mental health first responders and unarmed de-escalation specialists;
22. urges the Mayor and BOS to **allocate 50% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget to a “Community and People’s Budget”** in which a percentage is set aside for social and community-centered services such as mental health services, community and City programs for youth employment including undocumented and previously incarcerated youth, and housing for the communities most impacted by violence and incarceration;
23. urges the Mayor and BOS to **allocate 20% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget** to hire social workers and trauma-informed counselors **to aid victims of sexual misconduct**; and
24. urges the Mayor and BOS to **allocate 30% of all funds cut from the SFPD budget to SFUSD schools and Wellness Centers** to hire mental health professionals, with an equitable focus for schools with a high percentage of Black and Latinx youth in order to ensure they are equipped with the physical, mental, emotional and communal tools to thrive beyond their education.

### **Recommendations of the Housing and Land Use Committee (25-41)**

The Housing and Land Use Committee recommends the following amendments (relative to youth homelessness) to the Omnibus Resolution, reflecting that the Youth Commission:

25. urges HSH to propose funding sufficient to create and maintain a **minimum of 400 units of permanent supportive housing** for TAY;
26. urges HSH to propose funding to ensure that **TAY-specific services** are being provided **at Safe Sleeping Sites and Shelter-In-Place hotels**;
27. urges HSH, OEWD, DCYF, and DPH to propose funding for **mental health and substance use treatment and counseling programs**, particularly targeting TAY experiencing homelessness or living in supportive housing;
28. urges HSH to continue funding for equipping TAY experiencing homelessness with first-aid survival resources, and for increased support services for nutritional food, laundry, and transportation for that population;

29. urges HSH, DCYF, and other relevant departments to propose funding for **increased technological support** for TAY, including, but not limited to, access to adequate technology and internet access and/or resources for internet saving-programs for TAY experiencing homelessness in permanent supportive housing and Transitional Living Programs;
30. urges HSH to collaborate with other agencies and community-based organizations to continue increasing funding for **employment training** for TAY, programs for **life training and job readiness** for TAY, financial support for **education resources** for TAY, and **employment programs** for TAY during the pandemic-induced economic downturn;
31. urges DCYF to include funding for **support for General Educational Development (GED) and college matriculation** for TAY experiencing homelessness and/or youth who have challenges with remote learning, as well as **tutoring services** for TAY accessing higher education and attending virtual classes;
32. urges HSH to propose funding for **more accessible drop-in centers** for TAY experiencing homelessness to enter a supportive system, including listening and responding to community concerns about the confusing and non-transparent Coordinated Entry for Youth triage system;
33. urges HSH to include funding for **greater flexibility with Problem Solving** dollars administered through Youth Access Points in the Coordinated Entry system;
34. urges HSH to include funding to maintain and operate **more than one TAY-specific Navigation Center**, in districts where there are many youth experiencing homelessness;
35. urges HSH to include funding to provide TAY-specific **mental health and other supportive services** at all TAY-specific Navigation Centers; and
36. urges HSH to include funding for **hazard pay** for employees of service providers during COVID-19, given current working situations.

The Housing and Land Use Committee also recommends the following amendments (relative to transportation) to the Omnibus Resolution, reflecting that the Youth Commission:

37. urges the SFMTA and SFCTA to propose funding to **establish a strategy to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system** for San Francisco youth and students;
38. urges the SFMTA to propose funding for a full-time **youth development position** to staff the SFMTA Youth Transportation Advisory Board (YTAB) and support youth serving on the YTAB;
39. urges the SFMTA to propose funding to work collaboratively with SFUSD and CCSF to **enroll all students and youth in the Free Muni for Youth** program;
40. urges the SFMTA to propose funding to **implement Free Muni for All Youth** by eliminating the nominal youth fare up to age 23; and
41. urges the SFMTA to increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line.

## **Additional (Author) Recommendations (42-45)**

The author recommends the following additional amendments to the Omnibus Resolution, which were prepared outside of the committee process, reflecting that the Youth Commission:

42. urges HSH and DPH to **apportion funding from the Our City Our Home Fund** (established by Proposition C from November 2018) **to services and housing for youth and families experiencing homelessness according to the proportions set out by the voters** in the Proposition that established the aforementioned fund, and as upheld by the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee in its Immediate Needs Initial Recommendations report from December 15, 2020;
43. urges all departments that contain Boards, Commissions, and other advisory bodies with one or more youth and/or TAY seat(s) to request funding to provide **compensatory stipends for all youth and TAY serving on such Boards, Commissions, and other advisory bodies**, within the limits of the law;
44. urges the BOS to maintain current levels of funding for **community outreach by the Youth Commission**; and
45. urges the Board of Supervisors to include funding to **raise the salary of all Youth Commission staff** over 100% AMI to enable the commission to retain long-standing staff with valuable institutional memory.

## **Next Steps**

Having adopted the above recommendations at the January 4, 2021 full Youth Commission meeting, the Youth Commission, its staff, officers, and individual commissioners will advocate for the recommendations to be reflected in the final budget by intervening with stakeholders and decisions-makers at the various stages of the budget cycle.

## **Index of Acronyms**

### Acronym

### Reference

APD	Adult Probation Department
BOS	Board of Supervisors
CCSF	City College of San Francisco
CLB	Community Leadership Board
DCYF	Department of Children, Youth, and their Families
DPA	Department of Police Accountability
DPH	Department of Public Health
HSH	Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
JPD	Juvenile Probation Department
OEWD	Office of Economic and Workforce Development
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
SFCTA	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
SFMTA	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
SFPD	San Francisco Police Department
SFUSD	San Francisco Unified School District
TAY	Transitional-Aged Youth