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Hello, my name is Shoon, and I'm proud to be part of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee. I serve on Seat 6, the youth seat of the committee.

I applied for the SDDTAC because I am passionate about advocating for my community and raising awareness for persistent issues affecting youth. Overconsumption of sugary beverages and the lack of awareness of healthier alternatives is a significant issue we face in the United States, and even more significantly in diverse communities in San Francisco. On a personal level, I have witnessed the impacts of diabetes and dental health firsthand from my family.

This committee was created because San Francisco voters wanted a say in how soda tax dollars are spent. And the committee has delivered—meeting every month, listening to the community, and making sure the money goes where it's needed most. I've seen firsthand how SDDT-funded programs are making a difference—for example, the blue reusable water bottles that were distributed in all SFUSD public high schools which I see being utilized by multiple students at my school these days. The committee members put in hundreds of hours collectively every year to review data, hear from residents, and make thoughtful, community-centered decisions. And people care—this year, more people than ever applied to join the committee. This isn't just a government body—it's a bridge between the city and the people. Please keep it strong!