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Dear San Francisco City Leaders,

I was dismayed to hear that there is a discussion about cutting the San Francisco Youth Commission. While there is certainly a need to streamline City Hall, the SF Youth Commission is the only way that the youth of San Francisco are represented in debates about City Hall policy. This is particularly essential given the documented exodus of twenty-somethings from San Francisco. The Youth Commission plays a central role in pointing towards policies and practices that will make the city more accessible to the youth. They are, after all, the future! A city that embraces experimentation and change most certainly must make space for the voices of youth at the table. We already have the fewest children per capita of any large city. Cutting the Youth Commission would have the unfortunate effect of telegraphing that San Francisco is only interested in being a space for older, and wealthier residents.

Keeping the Youth Commission is a vote for the vibrant future of the city, one open and accessible to people at all stages of life.

Sincerely,
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