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Hello,

I hope you are all well. Thanks for all of the great work you are doing on behalf of San Francisco.

I was sorry that I wasn't about to make the Task Force meeting in person yesterday and wanted to send my thoughts on the Youth Commission to the leaders who are considering commission changes.

I was lucky enough to work as the staff Youth Empowerment Coordinator for the San Francisco Youth Commission from 2001-2004, and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The Youth Commission makes such an enormous impact on San Francisco's youth- both in terms of the positive policies brought forth and in terms of the impact that it makes on these young people's lives.

Since leaving the Youth Commission, I have spent more than 20 years working in or around San Francisco government and politics, and I can say with confidence that the Youth Commission is one of the most valuable entities in city government, and for a fraction of the cost of other agencies and commissions. Please do not make any cuts to the Youth Commission. I understand that there are budget concerns for San Francisco, but I can assure you that the benefit of the San Francisco Youth Commission FAR exceeds the cost.

I am available if you would like to talk further about this at all. Thanks for your service.

Best,
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