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Berkeley City Council
2180 Milvia Street
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Re: Support for the Berkeley Youth Commission's Request to Establish an Instagram Account

Dear Members of the Berkeley City Council,

On behalf of the San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to express our support for the Berkeley Youth Commission's request to establish an official Instagram account to promote its work, increase public awareness of the Commission, and strengthen its engagement with young people in Berkeley.

The Youth Commission is a body of 17 youth from San Francisco between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comments and recommendations on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board of Supervisors takes final action.

The San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes that accessible communication is essential to ensuring that young people are aware of opportunities to participate in local government and have the chance to make their voices heard. Social media platforms, including Instagram, serve as valuable tools for publicizing the Commission's work. Our Instagram account has allowed us to promote events where students can share their input on local policies, publish legislative digests that make government actions easier to understand, and share opportunities for young people to get involved in their communities. An official account would allow the Berkeley Youth Commission to reach young people through a platform they already use and help bridge the gap between youth and their local government.

As youth advisory bodies, Youth Commissions play an important role in ensuring that young people are represented in municipal decision-making. Supporting the Berkeley Youth Commission’s request would help strengthen its ability to fulfill this role by expanding its public outreach capabilities. We recognize the importance of complying with the Berkeley Commissioners’ and Board Members’ Manual and support the Berkeley Youth Commission in seeking the City Council’s approval to establish an official Instagram account in accordance with applicable city policies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for supporting youth engagement in local government. We encourage the Berkeley City Council to approve the Berkeley Youth Commission’s request to establish an official Instagram account.

Sincerely,

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